Role models: what does it mean to be involved in international negotiations?
Powered by the Network of Women (NoW4WTDC) for the Americas Region

18 March 2022, Virtual,
16:00 – 17:00 (CET) - Central European Time
11:00hs – 12:00hs (EST) - Eastern Standard Time

Scope
The Network of Women (NoW4WTDC) encourages gender balance in the activities leading up to the World Telecommunication Development Conference, WTDC. In order to encourage the active participation of women in ITU-D events and promote their equal participation in ITU, six fireside discussions have been scheduled to enable women delegates to get inspiration from ITU’s work and understand key processes, as well as learn from other delegates and role models. The previous three fireside discussions were hosted by the Europe region, the Arab states and the African region since October 2021.

This fourth fireside discussion has been organized by the Network of Women (NoW4WTDC) for the Americas Region. The conversation will centre around international negotiations from all levels of experience with particular emphasis on WTDC and opportunities for female delegates in the Americas and around the world.

Draft Agenda
16:00 – 16:05 (CET)
Welcome Remarks: Kim I. Mallalieu and Elisa Vieira Leonel - Americas Vice Chair and Alternate Vice Chair, for the Advisory Board of the Network of Women for the (WTDC)
Presentation of a short video related to AMS NoW

16:05 – 16:10 (CET)
Special address
Doreen Bogdan-Martin (BDT Director, International Telecommunication Union)

16:10 – 16:12 (CET)
Group photo

16:12 – 16:45 (CET)
Chatting with friends: What does it mean being involved in international negotiations
**Moderator:** Andrea Grippa (Specialist in Regulation, International Affairs, Anatel, Brazil)

**Guests:**
Roxanne McElvane Webber (International Bureau, FCC, USA) – Experience on WTDC activities as a senior delegate.
Mavis Johnson-Collie (URCA, Bahamas) - Experience on WTDC activities as a new comer.
Maria Celeste Fuenmayor, (CITEL, OAS) – Mentorship programme
Camila Baello – Digital Youth Envoy

**16:45 – 16:50**

Open floor

**16:50 – 16:55**

Summary and Closing session

**Registration**

Please complete the online registration here to attend the event:
https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00011019

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**Target audiences**

ITU-D Women delegates and members of Network of Women for WTDC

**More information on ITU-D events and conferences**

**The Mentorship Programme**

The mentorship programme aims to foster interdisciplinary cooperation and teamwork in preparation for the WTDC, expand the professional networks, facilitate sharing of knowledge and skills as well as encourage learning from experiences. The programme was opened at the TDAG-21 meeting, May 28, 2021. In this edition, the focus will be on the WTDC topics and processes. This programme will cover all events in preparation for WTDC, and will continue afterward during the WTDC.

If you are interested in participating in the mentorship programme and want to:

- **Be informed:** a brochure with more information is available [HERE](#)
- **Register:** if you are not already part of the Mentorship Programme, you can now register via the [online registration form “Call for mentees and mentors”](#). **Contact us:** for questions, comments, or suggestions, please contact the ITU facilitators (Dr. Hanane Naciri, Ms Rachel Alwala and Ms Carla Licciardello) at this email address [now4wtdc@itu.int](mailto:now4wtdc@itu.int)
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