

A portrait of Adel Darwish, a man with a grey beard and mustache, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a light blue with a network of glowing white dots and lines, suggesting a digital or telecommunications theme.

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Candidate for Deputy Secretary-General
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#Adel4ITU

REAL CHANGE. REAL IMPACT. REAL CONNECTIVITY

“The path to a more connected world depends on shared responsibility, sustainable resource mobilization, and a results-oriented approach.

I will focus on turning ITU's global ambitions into measurable outcomes that benefit all Member States, ensuring that our commitments translate into real, on-the-ground impact. I will prioritize optimizing internal processes, strengthening financial sustainability, and mobilizing resources to ensure ITU delivers effectively for all regions.

I will ensure that every Member State's voice is represented especially those from emerging and developing markets, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS. Recognizing that one approach cannot fit all, I will promote flexibility and inclusivity in ITU's strategies, ensuring that every initiative is well-resourced, efficiently executed, and contributes to building a digital future that benefits everyone under the leadership of the Secretary-General.”

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VISION

To strengthen coordinated approaches towards an alignment between all sectors to work seamlessly as “One-ITU” By optimizing our internal capabilities, we will strengthen the Union's ability to deliver on its global mission and better serve our Member States and membership.

MISSION

To ensure that the ITU's strategic goals are delivered efficiently through operational alignment and cross-functional collaboration. As Deputy Secretary-General, I will focus on bridging leadership tiers and execution, optimizing internal processes, and striving to support mobilization and utilization of new resources for ITU's initiatives.

MY PRIORITIES FOR THE ITU

PUTTING MEMBER STATES FIRST

- Membership is at the heart of the work of ITU. I will work to ensure that all countries, regardless of size or economic status, have an equal opportunity to voice their suggestions and shape ITU's agenda.
- True Digital Inclusion requires strong consultation, wide engagement and decisions that reflect the diversity of our global membership.
- ITU must continue to evolve to meet today's challenges. I will focus on creating processes that demonstrate a more effective and result-oriented organization, ensuring that the priorities of all Member States are truly reflected and celebrated in our work.

STRENGTHENING ITU FROM WITHIN

- Member States expect an ITU that is efficient, responsive and is aligned with the constant-changes needs in the digital age.
- I will work to streamline processes, reduce bureaucratic hurdles, and ensure that resources are allocated to where they can make the most impact.
- Clear Communication and open decision-making will guide our efforts, ensuring that Member States have the information they need to engage effectively.
- Building internal capacity will be key to ensuring ITU's processes and staff are well-equipped to meet the evolving demands of our global membership.

DELIVERING ON ITU'S GLOBAL MISSION

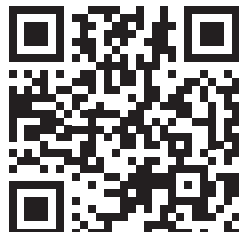
- As Deputy Secretary-General, I will support and strive to better equip the three ITU bureaus in uniting policymakers and all relevant stakeholders to drive concrete actions for meaningful connectivity.
- I will focus on initiatives that directly advances the SDGs, WSIS Action Plans, and Global Digital Compact, ensuring that the ITU's efforts are strategically aligned with global priorities and requirements of Member States.
- Enhanced collaboration in the prevailing digital environment will focus on delivering results and helping Member States implement digital strategies, scale innovation, and extend connectivity to underserved communities.

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