



CSTD Open Consultation in the Latin America and Caribbean region
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WSIS AT 20: SUCCESSES, FAILURES AND EXPECTATIONS

11:00-13:00, Thursday 5 December 2024 (Santiago, Chile, UTC-3h), **Virtual**

Moderator: Mr Alejandro Patiño, Economic Affairs Officer, ECLAC

11:00 - 11:15 **Opening session**

- **Opening Remarks: H.E. Mr Muhammadou M.O. Kah**, Chair of the CSTD
- **Welcome Remarks: Mr Marco Llinás**, Director of Production, Productivity and Management, ECLAC

11:15 – 11:25 **Introduction of the WSIS**

- **Ms Gitanjali Sah**, Strategy and Policy Coordinator, ITU

11:25 - 12:00 **Session 1: Special Speakers' Perspectives on WSIS Successes, Failures, and Expectations in the Latin America and Caribbean Region**

- **Mr Juan Pablo Vial**, Head of Digital Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile
- **Ms Valeria Betancourt**, Manager Advocacy Engagement, Association for Progressive Communications (APC)
- **Mr Raúl Echeberría**, Executive director, Latin American Internet Association (ALAI)
- **Mr Miguel Ignacio Estrada**, Strategic Relations Manager at LACNIC Latin American and Caribbean Internet Address Registry (LACNIC)

12:00 – 12:50 **Session 2: Participants' perspectives on**

- Latin America and Caribbean Region's performance in establishing a "people-centred, inclusive and development-oriented Information Society".
- Impact of emerging technologies (especially AI) on human development and the SDGs.
- Measures to advance international cooperation and leverage technology for sustainable development.

12:50 – 13:00 **Closing session**

- **Mr Sebastián Rovira**, Officer in Charge, Digital Transformation Unit, ECLAC
- **Closing Remarks: Mr Angel Gonzalez Sanz**, Head, Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Development Branch, DTL, UNCTAD

