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Diversifying economies in a world of accelerated digitalization

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**CSTD 2024-2025 priority theme on
“Diversifying economies in a world of accelerated digitalization”**

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During the CSTD 28TH Annual Session

Ladies and gentlemen,

It is with pleasure to present the ITU’s contribution to the Priority Theme: Diversifying Economies in a World of Accelerated Digitalization.

Building on ITU’s input to this priority theme during the inter-sessional panel in 2024, ITU emphasizes the unprecedented opportunities for economic growth and diversification, the rapid pace of digitalization offers.

ITU is advancing these efforts through strategic collaborations with UN agencies, member states, and multi-stakeholder community.

Key initiatives include expanding broadband access in developing regions, promoting digital skills and literacy, and supporting AI development through the AI for Good platform.

We invite you to work with ITU and its partners, especially during the WSIS+20 High-Level Event from 7-11 July 2025 in Geneva, to address this important topic.

ITU’s work in promoting connectivity, digital skills, AI deployment, and fostering partnerships is essential for economic diversification in this era of accelerated digitalization.

By bridging the digital divide and enabling innovation, ITU is helping to create a more inclusive and sustainable digital future.

Thank you.