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The world has entered a new phase of the digital transformation amid a global pandemic, making the need for information and communication technologies more necessary than ever.

One of ITU's first measures was the launch of the Global Network Resiliency Platform, a multi-stakeholder effort to ensure that Telecommunication/ICT networks are kept resilient and their services are available to all.

In all our actions, ITU is committed to bringing the benefits of ICT to everyone, and using innovative ways, both through terrestrial and space-based communication technologies.

This year's World Telecommunication and Information Society Day, held fully virtually under the theme "Connect 2030: ICTs for the Sustainable Development Goals". We reaffirmed ITU's commitment of enhancing collaboration and cooperation to strengthen the role of ICTs as we embark on the UN Secretary General's 'Decade of Action' to deliver the SDGs.

We must also recognize the importance of the World Summit on the Information Society Action Lines as a key framework for progress on the achievement of SDGs. The WSIS Forum 2020 has been held virtually from the 22nd of June culminating with a final week from 7 to 10 September.

We will bring the benefits of ICTs to everyone, everywhere and reaffirming the values of international cooperation.