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STI Forum Side Event: “Building Bridges with Technology: The Role of Enhanced Equitable Connectivity in Achieving the 2030 Agenda”

Date: Thursday May 4, 2023, 1:15 - 2:30 PM (EST)

Location: Conference Room 11, General Assembly Building, 405 E 42nd St, New York, NY 10017 and live streamed on UN Web TV. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Agenda:

Remarks from

- H.E. Ambassador Olivier Maes, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg
- Mr. Bram Krieps, Head of Emergency.lu Operations, Luxembourg
- H.E. Ambassador Joan Cedano, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic
- Mr. Ibrahima Guimba Saidou, Director General of the National Agency for the Information Society in Niger (ANSI)
- Ms. Gabriela Alvarado, Representative and Country Director of the Dominican Republic, World Food Programme

Featuring

- Pre-recorded videos of field operations from World Food Programme and local partners in the Dominican Republic and Niger
- Open Question and Answer session

Background

This side event, sponsored by the governments of the Dominican Republic, Luxembourg, and Niger and the World Food Programme will discuss real world experiences in bridging the digital divide in the Dominican Republic and in Niger, highlighting (i) connectivity as a form of aid, (ii) technology in increasing the efficacy of aid delivery, and (iii) access to information as a human right. Panelists will share their experiences establishing digital connectivity services in Niger, creating a more equitable world through universal connectivity and digital inclusion, in partnership with the World Food Programme-led Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC). From the Dominican Republic, panelists will discuss experiences using drone technology to increase efficiency and precision in humanitarian preparedness and response to natural disasters, highlight recent achievements from WFP and local partners and the future potential of this technology.

As the United Nations moves forward in pursuit of the Secretary General’s vision for the future of multilateral cooperation, through [Our Common Agenda](#), this event will create important links between humanitarian responses, the Global Digital Compact, gender equality, and technology. The [STI forum](#) is a platform to identify and examine technology needs and gaps in the areas of scientific cooperation, innovation, and capacity-building, to help facilitate development, transfer and dissemination of relevant technologies for the Sustainable Development Goals.