

MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MULTIMEDIA MALAYSIA

## MALAYSIA FOR ITU COUNCIL

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Malaysia is honoured to present our candidature for the ITU Council 2023 – 2026, having served as an active member of the Union since 1958.

The last 24 months have magnified the indisputable role of telecommunications and ICTs in mitigating the socio-economic impact of the pandemic.

This has become both a catalyst and accelerator in pushing digital connectivity to the forefront of every nation's agenda, upending legacy processes and effecting cultural change towards digitalisation.

Malaysia is a multicultural country



A high school student completing her homework online encapsulates innovation and digitalisation in the Malaysian education system



Malaysia launched the MyDIGITAL (Malaysia Digital Economy Blueprint) during the height of the pandemic in February 2021.

MyDIGITAL will chart the development of Malaysia's digital economy and comprises action plans which will adopt a whole-of-nation approach. It emphasises human-centric values which will benefit the society at large, and counts on cooperation and concerted efforts from society, business, and the Government.

MyDIGITAL includes fit-for-purpose ideas and plans to improve digital literacy, create high-income jobs, make banking and finance business easier and more organized, provide virtual educational access to Malaysian children/ students and to bring medical facilities to rural towns.



A Malay woman calling her loved one from the comfort of a traditional Malay house which is native to various parts of West Malaysia



The Malaysian Government launched the Jalinan Digital Negara (JENDELA) a 5-year plan under the 12th Malaysia Plan to accelerate the country's digital connectivity, narrow the digital divide and provide quality and inclusive telecommunication services to the rakyat, whilst preparing the country for 5G. There are two (2) phases under JENDELA; Phase 1 which is planned for 2020-2022 aims to achieve the following:

**4G** Increase 4G coverage

from 91.8% to 96.9% in

populated areas.

7.5 million premises broadband speed from nationwide will have

access to gigabit speed

fixed broadband.

Increase mobile

25 Mbps to 35 Mbps.

**5G** 

5G planning and implementation for commercial services in phases starting end 2021.

While under Phase 2, which covers 2023 and beyond, JENDELA envisages the use of Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) and fit of purpose technologies to address gaps in the digital divide. Arising from the JENDELA initiatives, rollout of 5G network will be expedited, with commercial 5G services targeted to be available in Kuala Lumpur, Cyberjaya and Putrajaya by end of 2021.

The Malaysian Government will also be adopting a **digital-native and cloud-first strategy** to speed digital transformation in the public sector.

In as early as 2022, this transformation expects to see 80 percent usage of cloud storage in the government. It is envisioned that Cloud technologies will allow the use of Big Data, AI, IoT and other emerging technologies to better manage the delivery of government and public services.

The KL Tower, a communications tower located in the heart of Kuala Lumpur



## Malaysia @ ITU

Malaysia has previously served as a Council member of the Union from 1998 to 2014, and we have been actively involved in the ITU Radio Regulations Board (RRB) as Chair and Vice-Chair, as well as led the ITU Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management. We also chaired the Focus Group on Aviation Applications of Cloud Computing for Flight Data Monitoring, as well as served as the Vice-Chair of the ITU Council Working Group on Child Online Protection. Malaysia successfully chaired the Working Group of the Plenary at the 2018 Plenipotentiary in Dubai, UAE that oversaw the challenging processes involved in securing modifications and formulation of resolutions on new and emerging technologies and ICTs.

Malaysia deeply values knowledge and experience sharing, and in acknowledgment of this, has hosted the Asia-Pacific Centres of Excellence (ASP CoE) at various locations throughout Malaysia, such as the ITU Rural ICT Development which was hosted by the Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), and Wireless and Fixed Broadband hosted by the Wireless Communication Centre of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

## **OUR COMMITMENT**

If elected and given the opportunity to serve in the Council, Malaysia envisions an ITU which will be **sensitive** to the varied development needs of its members, be **responsive** in coming out with fit for purpose strategies and action plans to meet those needs and be **innovative** in offering solutions in addressing future challenges faced by its membership in a dynamic and fast changing sector.

As a fiercely multi-cultural and multi-ethnic society, Malaysia will bring to the Council a spirit of collaboration, consultation, inclusion and multilateralism. If elected, Malaysia pledges to work with all Member States, the Secretariat and all relevant stakeholders in ensuring connectivity for all toward realizing all 17 United Nation Sustainable Development Goals.





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