

**Nigeria's Statement at the Closing Ceremony of the World
Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25) on 28th November
2025–Delivered by the EVC/CEO Nigerian Communications Commission**

Your Excellencies,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, I extend our heartfelt congratulations to you, Mr. Chairman, on the successful conclusion of this remarkable World Telecommunications Development Conference.

Nigeria appreciates the efforts of the Management and staff of the International Telecommunication Union, the Director of the BDT and the host country, Azerbaijan for organizing this critical conference at such a pivotal time in global digital development. Azerbaijan has been a warm and exceptionally cordial host, and as Chair of the conference you have guided our deliberations towards impactful and inclusive outcomes.

In the language of our hosts: “təşəkkür edirəm, Azerbaijan.” **[TESHEKUR EDIREM, Azerbaijan]**. Thank you.

We want to specially thank the ITU and the African Telecommunications Union for the opportunity presented to Nigeria to serve on various Committees of this conference. We appreciate the immense support rendered by Member States to us in this regard.

As a nation, Nigeria places Information and Communication Technologies at the core of its national development strategy, driven by the belief that digital transformation is essential for sustainable growth, equity, and shared prosperity.

On the global stage, Nigeria is committed to addressing the challenges affecting the world's digital landscape. Through our role as co-chair of the International Advisory Body for Submarine Cable Resilience, we will continue to push for stronger global systems to safeguard submarine-cable-delivered internet infrastructure.

Most of all, we remain firmly committed to advancing ITU's mission of connecting the world through inclusive digital transformation.

With the continued support of member states, Nigeria seeks re-election to the 2027 – 2030 cycle of ITU Council where we intend to continue advancing the ITU's mission by championing multilateral cooperation on emerging technologies, spectrum management and equitable access to digital opportunities that leaves no one behind.

We look forward to working collaboratively with all Member States, sector members, and stakeholders to realize our shared vision of a connected, inclusive, and sustainable digital future for all.

Thank you.

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