

**Dear participants!**  
**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!**

Welcome to the XVII International Conference “Turkmentel-2024” on Telecommunications, Telemetry, Information Technology and Broadcasting Equipment.

Under the wise leadership of our **Esteemed President**, with the support of the **National Leader of the Turkmen people, our Hero Arkadag**, our country's information and communication technologies are developing rapidly and confidently advancing along the development path into the world's global information space.

Today, we are gathered here to discuss Digital Transformation: Promoting International Dialogue and Cooperation. Digital transformation creates opportunities for international dialogue and cooperation with development of digital technologies and communication tools. It provides broad opportunity for faster and more efficient exchange of knowledge, information, and resources between organizations, individuals, and governments.

Today, information technology is one of the main driving forces behind the development of country's economy and society. In this regard, under the leadership of our Esteemed President, digital development in Turkmenistan has become an integral part of state policy.

In November 2018, Turkmenistan adopted the Concept for the development of the digital economy for

2019-2025. It is aimed at introduction of digital transformation framework in all fields of the economy and governance.

In order to successfully implement the objectives of the Concept for the development of the digital economy in Turkmenistan, the State Program for the development of the digital economy in Turkmenistan for 2021-2025 and the plan for implementation of the state program was signed by the by Decree of the President of Turkmenistan.

This program is aimed at improving modern legislation on digitalization, training specialists, increasing the salaries of ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) specialists working in government sectors, creating e-government, developing e-commerce, digital medicine and education, using modern innovative technologies in green energy and agriculture, creating DATA centers and developing cloud technologies, supporting startups and entrepreneurship in ICT sector, developing cybersecurity, using artificial intelligence, as well as creating and developing smart cities.

By undertaking several important tasks in the field of Digital Transformation, Turkmenistan can provide the best opportunities to create sustainable, effective and innovative policies that contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals and solving local and regional problems. Government agencies equipped with the necessary digital skills will be able to take advantage

of the opportunities offered by new technologies and overcome many risks and challenges by implementing digital transformations within their institutions.

With the increase in global digitalization, the need for data protection and international cooperation in this field increases. Countries are joining efforts to develop security standards and protocols that promote creation of secure digital environment.

Currently, several projects have been implemented in our country to expand and modernize the networks of communication operators, as a result of which 100% of settlements have been provided with high-speed Internet. Special attention is paid to increasing data throughput.

In addition, in respect of the country's banking system, the digitization of the national economy means not only development of online banking, but also its interaction with other sectors. In the FinTech (financial technology) sector, digital products and online services such as plastic cards, internet and mobile banking, QR codes, and e-commerce are being actively introduced into the banking industry. The number of mobile banking, plastic card and internet banking users has increased. These improvements indicate positive results in development of digital banking and multi-sector digital solutions in Turkmenistan.

The launch of the first national communications satellite "TurkmenAlem 52 ° E" gave a powerful impetus to development of telecommunication technologies and

expansion of the range of modern services in the broadcasting, communications and Internet systems.

We are actively developing international cooperation with the United Nations Development Program. As part of the cooperation, the project "Assistance in the implementation of a pilot electronic data interchange system in Turkmenistan" is being implemented.

The Turkmen land has been known for millennia as a transport hub between East and West, South and North, due to its location along the Great Silk Road. Currently, Turkmenistan has eight international transit routes.

I am confident that this specialized Conference will be of great importance in exchanging experience between our country's specialists and our foreign partners, establishing large-scale relations in the future, discussing and implementing mutually beneficial projects.

I wish great success to all the participants of the "Turkmentel 2024" Conference!

Thank you for your attention!