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# Conference Programme

## Tuesday 24 November 2026

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| **10:00 – 12:00** | **Official Opening of TurkmenTEL & ITTC Exhibitions and VIP tour** |
| **11.00** | **Ceremony for the formal cancellation of a postage stamp issued by Turkmen Post to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications**<br>*Location: Exhibition stand of the Ministry of Communications of Turkmenistan* |
| **12:00** | **Conference Registration** — **Sponsored by:** HUAWEI |
| **13:00** | Welcome Coffee Break — **Sponsored by:** delta telecom |
| **14:00** | **Plenary session \| Opening Ceremony \| TurkmenTEL & ITTC 2026 Conferences** |
| **Moderator:** | **Vadim Zakharenko,** General Delegate Permanent Delegation to Eurasia, International Road Transport Union (IRU) |
| **Welcome:** | Welcome Address from the President of Turkmenistan **Serdar Berdymukhamedov**<br>read by: **Mammet Akmammedov**, Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan |
| **Speakers:** | **Alexander Terekhov,** Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus<br>**Davit Khudatyan,** Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure of the Republic of Armenia<br>**Video address: Doreen Bogdan-Martin**, Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union<br>**Jasurbek Choriyev,** Secretary General of the Permanent Secretariat, TRACECA Intergovernmental Commission<br>**Narine Sahakyan,** Resident Representative in Turkmenistan, UNDP<br>**Alexey Borodin**, Director General, RCC<br>**Radu Dinescu,** President, International Road Union |
| **15:30** | Networking Coffee Break — **Sponsored by:** THALES Building a future we can all trust |
| **16:00** | **Expert Exchange 1 \| Transforming Turkmenistan's Digital Future through AI and Innovation.** |
| **Moderator:** | **Alexander Hradecky,** Global Lead, AI Programme, UNDP |
| **Welcome:** | **Hajymyrat Hudaygulyyev,** Minister, Ministry of Communications of Turkmenistan<br>**Thomas Zhang,** Country Board Chair of Central Asia Multi-Country, Huawei Technologies<br>**Erensoy Bilgin,** Vice President Central Europe, Türkiye, Caucasus, Ukraine and Central Asia, Nokia |
| **Featured presentation:** | **The National AI Strategy of Turkmenistan (2026–2030): Strategic Priorities and Pathways to Implementation.**<br>**Alexander Hradecky,** Global Lead, AI Programme, UNDP |
| **Panellists:** | **Doszhan Musaliev,** Vice-Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan<br>**Nino Gozalishvili,** Deputy Chairman, Digital Governance Agency of Georgia<br>**Vikash Nagar,** Vice President, Mobile Infrastructure Segment Leader Europe, Nokia<br>**Fabro Steibel,** Executive Director at ITS Rio - Institute of Technology and Society of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)<br>**Dmitry Polpudenko,** Senior Marketing Manager, Huawei Technologies |
| **17:45** | **End of Day 1** |
| **19.30** | **Official Conference Gala Reception** (By Invitation Only) |
| **14.00 – 17.30** | **Meeting Program and Document Signing Ceremony**<br>*A curated programme of one-to-one meetings and a document signing ceremony, bringing together regional government stakeholders and industry leaders to foster focused dialogue, collaboration and strategic partnerships.* |




## Wednesday 25 November 2026

**09.00 – 17.00** **ITU Training – Cybersecurity for IT Engineers: Networks, Infrastructure, and Incident Response**
*Venue: Institute of Telecommunications and Informatics of Turkmenistan*

**09:30** **Expert Exchange 2 | Building Resilient Digital Infrastructure: Connectivity and Secure Digital Transformation.**

**Moderator:** **Dmitry Polpudenko,** Senior Marketing Manager, Huawei Technologies

**Speakers:**
**Bayram Yaylanov,** Deputy director, Turkmen Post
**Anar Abbasov,** Head of International Relations, Sales and Carrier Wholesale, Delta Telecom
**Olivier Guilbert,** VP Export Sales, Thales
**Alexander Shunin,** Director, Central Asia and the Caucasus Region, Nokia
**Dmitry Zavelskiy,** System Engineer, HPE
**Dmitry Polpudenko,** Senior Marketing Manager, Huawei Technologies

**10:45** Networking Coffee Break **Sponsored by:** SOTI

**11:15** **Expert Exchange 3 | Securing Digital Transformation and Building Trust.**

**Moderator:** **Taavi Kotka,** Founder of Proud Engineers, Former Government CIO of Estonia

**Welcome video address:** **H.E. Dr. Mohamed Al Kuwaiti,** Head of Cybersecurity Council, UAE Government

**Keynote:** **Gurbannazar Charyyev,** Deputy Director of the State cybersecurity service at the Ministry of Communication of Turkmenistan

**Speakers:**
**Olimjon Mirzaev,** Director, Cybersecurity Center, Republic of Uzbekistan
**Nino Gozalishvili,** Deputy Chairman, Digital Governance Agency of Georgia
**Timur Derbishaliev,** Cybersecurity Technical Expert, Regional Office for CIS, ITU
**Dmitrii Kuzovlev,** Sales director for Russia and CIS, SOTI Inc.
**Khodzhaniyaz Avganov,** General Director, Turkmentelecom

**12:30 – 14.00** Lunch **Sponsored by:** telegraph

**14:15** **Expert Exchange 4 | Boosting New Businesses through Hubs, Training and Education.**

**Moderator:** **Eric Livny,** Head of EBRD Turkmenistan

**Panellists:**
**Yagmyrly Garowow,** Director, “Sanly Çözgüt IT Meydança” IT Park
**Redjep Mahmudov,** Head of Digital systems and Cybersecurity, Ministry of Education of Turkmenistan
**Chris Shahinian,** Director of TUMO International
**Mahmud Meneshov,** Head Manager, Key Account Management Department, IT-Park Uzbekistan
**Shavkat Karimov,** Head of the IT Community of Uzbekistan
**Daniil Maykovskiy,** CEO, Startup Academy, MCT Agency
**Anna Ambrozevich,** Global Youth Director, Women in Tech Global
**Taavi Kotka,** Founder of Proud Engineers, Former Government CIO of Estonia

**15:30** Networking Coffee Break

**16:00** **Expert Exchange 5 | Resilient Digital Ecosystems: AI-Driven Innovation for a Connected Future.**

**Moderator:** **Dmitry Polpudenko,** Senior Marketing Manager, Huawei Technologies

**Speakers:**
**Shavkat Karimov,** Head of the IT Community of Uzbekistan
**Andrey Shumarev,** Engineer – CA Region, Axis Communications
**Gaziz Abdrassilov,** REL Sales Lead EECA, Lenovo
**Vitali Pastushenko,** Information Technology Director, Altyn Asyr
**Dmitry Zavelskiy**, System Engineer, HPE

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| **17:30** | **Closing Ceremony**<br>**Hajymyrat Hudaygulyyev**, Minister of Communications of Turkmenistan |
| **17:45** | **End of Conference** |

## Thursday 26 November 2026

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| **14.00 – 19.00** | **AI & Innovation Dialogue 2026: From Pilots to Partnerships – UNDP**<br>*Venue: Arkach Business Centre, Iş Nokady Coworking Centre* |
| **09.00 – 17.00** | **ITU Training – Cybersecurity for IT Engineers: Networks, Infrastructure, and Incident Response**<br>*Venue: Institute of Telecommunications and Informatics of Turkmenistan* |