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The Permanent Forum acknowledges the work of the International Telecommunication Union, in collaboration with indigenous peoples' organizations, on digital inclusion training programmes in the Americas region. The Permanent Forum recognizes the need to undertake additional efforts aimed at eliminating the existing digital inequality affecting indigenous peoples and invite s the International Telecommunication Union to expand its programmes globally, with a special emphasis on nomadic and semi-nomadic indigenous peoples.

Comments

On the occasion of International Mother language Day, ITU organized a WSIS&SDG TalkX, in collaboration with ITU, UNESCO and other Stakeholders, to discuss the potential role of technology in advancing multilingual education and support the development of quality learning for all. During the WSIS&SDG TalkX, High-Level panellists shared their countries best practices to ensure multilingualism, such as the creation of an Institute and a museum to preserve languages in Bangladesh or the decision to use Artificial Intelligence to tackle obstacles for digital inclusion and empowerment in India. Session recording and additional information available here <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Agenda/Session/121>

ICTs for Indigenous Languages Hackathon in 2022 The WSIS Forum 2022 co-organized an online hackathon, in collaboration with ITU, UNESCO, Nokia and the Internet Society, under the theme of ICTs for Indigenous Languages. The hackathon generated a lot of excitement worldwide, by gathering more than 690 participants from 67 Countries who ideated in teams of 2 to 5 members, ICT solutions addressing 3 challenges faced by Indigenous peoples, which are knowledge, empowerment, and preservation. 3 winners, one for each challenge area were awarded a 1000 \$ cash prize, alongside a 6-month mentoring programme with Nokia, during a High-Level Dialogue organized as part of the WSIS Forum 2022 Final Week. More information is available here: <https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/Home/Hackathon>

ICTs for Indigenous Languages Special Prize As a continuation of its efforts towards the Decade of Action for Indigenous Languages, the WSIS Forum 2023 and other stakeholders a new special prize on ICTs for Indigenous Languages, inviting all interested stakeholders to submit ICT projects and initiatives that contribute to the preservation, revitalization, and promotion of Indigenous languages. Additional information available on www.wsis.org/forum

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