

ETC PLENARY MEETING AND ETC CONNECT DAY

3 – 4 May 2016 | Washington, D.C., USA

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1 ETC PLENARY MEETING

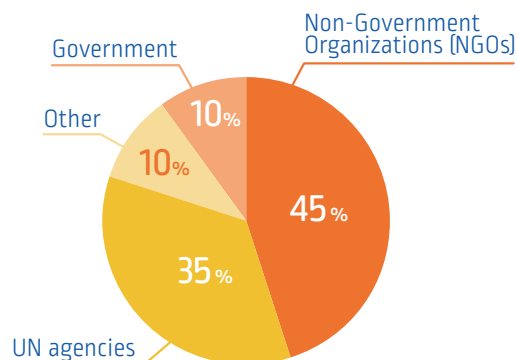
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Held twice each year, **ETC Plenary Meetings** provide a forum for the membership to discuss ongoing operations, key developments and initiatives within the humanitarian ICT sector and other pertinent issues relating to the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster.

KEY INFORMATION

30
PARTICIPANTS

20
ORGANISATIONS



24TH
MEMBER



ACTION CONTRE LA FAIM (ACF)
became the 24th member of the ETC

100%

SATISFACTION WITH THE TOPICS
discussed during the Plenary

85%

SATISFACTION WITH
THE DELIVERY METHODS
during the ETC Plenary

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT PLENARY

- An additional day
- Updates on the changing humanitarian context such as World Humanitarian Summit, Grand Bargain
- More presentations by members
- Graphic representation of ETC's work in emergencies
- Discussion on power and energy

2 ETC CONNECT DAY

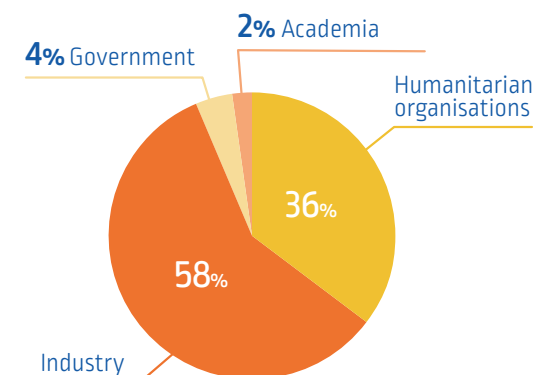
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The **ETC Connect Day**, held for the first time in 2016, brought the ETC membership together with new private sector partners to tackle the cluster's 2020 strategy, developing pilot projects, garnering further commitment and defining the way forward for technology in humanitarian response.

KEY INFORMATION

63
PARTICIPANTS

48
ORGANISATIONS



100%

PARTICIPANTS GOT A GOOD UNDERSTANDING
of the **Emergency Telecommunications Cluster**
and its **ETC2020 strategy**

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ETC CONNECT DAY

- Lessons learnt from operations
- Presentation of innovations / solutions
- Introduction of partners

3 BOTH EVENTS

KEY INFORMATION

100%

ETC Plenary & ETC Connect Day
met expectations of 100% participants

MOST BENEFICIAL OUTCOME OF THE EVENTS

- Networking with members and partners
- Moving the ETC2020 strategy forward
- Engagement of participants
- New participants bringing different perspectives
- Discussions in breakout groups

Enrica Porcari, Chair of the ETC and CIO of the World Food Programme (WFP)

"Our aim is that by 2020, all those responding to humanitarian emergencies have access to communications services – including the affected population. We will leverage our partners and collective expertise to ensure people affected by disaster can communicate, can access information, can have a say in the assistance that they receive, and take charge of the recovery of their own communities.

To have the greatest impact, we must build diverse partnerships that reaffirm core humanitarian principles, support effective humanitarian action, enable first responders to take leadership roles, and harness the power of innovation."

Charles H. Rivkin, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State Opening remarks on ETC Connect Day:

"We are especially proud to cosponsor this day because increasing access to communications worldwide is a priority for the U.S. government. As more and more disasters occur around the world, that access has become even more critical. It enables people to communicate. It allows our responses to become more targeted, more efficient and more effective. Ultimately, access to communications is fundamental to improving lives and dignity, livelihoods and economies.

That is why we are proud to stand in support of ETC's "ETC2020" strategy, which is working to strengthen local communities as first-responders, and enable innovative and more effective humanitarian assistance."

Full remarks: <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/rls/rm/2016/256862.htm>

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