



AZERBAIJAN

DIGITAL BRIDGE BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA

CANDIDATURE FOR ITU COUNCIL
2023-2026 YEARS (REGION C)

WHY AZERBAIJAN

AZERBAIJAN NOMINATED ITS CANDIDATURE TO THE COUNCIL 4 TIMES SINCE 2006 AND WAS CONSECUTIVELY ELECTED TO THE COUNCIL FROM C REGION AT THE PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCES HELD IN BUSAN AND DUBAI IN 2014 AND 2018 RESPECTIVELY.

As an active member of the ITU for 29 years and having become an ITU Council Member for the next time, Azerbaijan will continue its efforts to the digital transformation and bridging the existing digital gap in order to make its efficient contribution to the overall work of the ITU.

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS INTERNET USERS, MOBILE USERS, E-GOV, E-PARTICIPATION, ETC

81.0 percent of the population is internet users, while 79.1 percent of households have permanent internet connection.

Over the past few years, Azerbaijan has been dynamically developing mobile communications and the number of mobile subscribers increased to 10 344 300. 3G and 4G services are provided in the mobile sector.

Modernization of communication infrastructure is of utmost importance for the Government. As a result of sturdy efforts, almost all telephone networks have already been digitalized.

UN's Global E-Government Survey 2020 ranked Azerbaijan 70th for E-Government Development Index and 73rd for E-Participation Index.

WEF's Global Competitiveness Index 2019 positioned Azerbaijan on 58th place, while the country was ranked 56th in the Technological Readiness Index of the Global Information Technology Report 2017 published by WEF and 66th in the Networked Readiness Index 2020.