

Introductory Programme Remarks from Mats Granryd, Director General of GSMA



There has never been a more exciting time to be a part of the mobile industry, as we stand on the cusp of the next industrial revolution.

5G technology will transform the way that everyone lives and works by connecting people and things faster than ever before. When 5G combines with Artificial Intelligence, Big Data and the Internet of Things the opportunities are limitless.

This mobile connected revolution will drive efficiency and productivity but perhaps most importantly it will help us all use finite resources more effectively, which in turn will have a profound and positive impact on Climate change.

In addition to its huge economic benefits, 5G will also bring breakthroughs in the provision of health care, skills and education.

The 5G revolution and resulting growth in the global mobile eco-system will see step changes in the expansion of 4G coverage, ensuring that nobody or no country gets left behind and the GSMA will continue to champion digital inclusivity and opportunity for all.

Our ability as an industry to deliver on these promises for our children's generation and those that follow depends on the decisions made later this year at WRC. Two thirds of the world's population already subscribes to a mobile service. Provide the right harmonised spectrum that the mobile industry needs and both 4G and 5G will become a global reality for everyone including those who live and work in the Pacific Islands.