

Mohamed Ba - Bio



Mr. Ba, is Head of the Innovation Service for the Development Sector of the International Telecommunication Union, a UN specialized agencies for ICT for Development and telecommunication.

His role is to help strengthen ITU Members states capacity to accelerate digital transformation. His passion is to help communities unlock their potentials via empowerment and connecting opportunities owners to resources.

His initiatives help build global digital innovation champions and programs to accelerate development through innovation and growth, and mobilizing startup ecosystems key stakeholders such as policy makers, academia, private sector, entrepreneurial support organizations, etc.

Mr. Ba led a team of Innovation researchers that conducted global innovation ecosystem assessments in several countries and has shown that there is “a growing digital innovation divide among countries”. This research concluded that “while many countries enjoy flourishing digital innovation ecosystems and visionary ICT policies, others are challenged to reach sustainable growth that can create jobs and ensure inclusion for all”.

He is the champion of a newly released ITU publication, [Bridging the Digital Innovation Divide](#), a toolkit to help countries develop a Digital Innovation Framework, a set of policies and projects that foster national innovation.

Prior to joining ITU, Mr. Ba spent several years in the private sector such as Silicon Valley and others working on technology development for ICT and Telecommunication.

Mr. Ba has an MBA in Entrepreneurship from Babson College, and a Master degree in Electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota. Mr Ba also has bachelor’s degrees in manufacturing engineering and computer science, all from USA.