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An ITSO Perspective

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Jim Paterson is the Director for Multilateral Relations at the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies in South Africa, having worked in international digital diplomacy for over 20 years. Prior to this, he was stationed as a diplomat at the South African High Commission in London. He has long supported the role of ITSO through his work, and was particularly active in contributing to South Africa's Chairship of ITSO which concluded in 2022. He holds an Masters degree in Urban Economic Development from University College London.