

SECTION I

Cooperation among the members in the Telecommunication Development Sector

World telecommunication development conferences

It is assumed that, in accordance with the Convention, the Council will convene a world telecommunication development conference in 2006.

Regional telecommunication development conferences

With regard to regional preparations for future world telecommunication development conferences, the conference noted the preparatory process, consisting of five regional preparatory meetings. In assessing the outcome of these regional preparatory meetings, the Director of BDT recalled that the Council had decided, on a trial basis, to allow informal preparatory meetings in order to save on the costs associated with use of all six official languages in formal meetings. ITU-D could revert to regional development conferences if they were held in the spirit of regional preparatory meetings, using only the languages relevant to each region.

The conference consequently adopted a resolution instructing the Director of BDT to organize, within the financial limitations established by the Plenipotentiary Conference, one regional preparatory meeting per region, as close as possible in time to the next WTDC, followed by an informal meeting of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the regional preparatory meetings to be held not earlier than six months from the WTDC.

Study groups

In accordance with Resolution 3(Rev.Istanbul,2002), the conference sets up two study groups and determines the Questions to be studied by them and their working methods. The following Questions were adopted by the conference for study by Study Groups 1 and 2:

Study Group 1

- Universal access/service
- Tariff policies, tariff models and methods of determining the costs of national telecommunication services, including spectrum aspects
- Interconnection
- Satellite regulation in developing countries
- Domestic enforcement of laws, rules and regulations on telecommunications by national telecommunication regulatory authorities
- Implementation of IP telephony in developing countries
- Impact of the convergence of telecommunication, broadcasting and information technologies

Study Group 2

- Identification of study topics in the ITU-T and ITU-R study groups which are of particular interest to developing countries
- Progress on ITU activities for e-commerce
- Strategy for migration of mobile networks to IMT-2000 and beyond
- Communications for rural and remote areas
- Examination of digital broadcasting technologies and systems, including cost/benefit analyses, interoperability of digital terrestrial systems with existing analogue networks, and methods of migration from analogue terrestrial techniques to digital techniques

- Examination of broadband communications over traditional copper wires, taking into account certain aspects of technologies, systems and applications
- Application of telecommunications in health care
- Strategy for migration from circuit-switched networks to packet-switched networks
- Examination of access technologies for broadband communications
- Calculation of frequency fees

The definition of the Questions can be found in WTDC-02 Document 290 on ITU-D website at the following address: http://web.itu.ch/ITU-D/study_groups/.

Telecommunication Development Advisory Group

The conference adopted a resolution inviting the next plenipotentiary conference to endorse the assignment to TDAG of a number of specific matters within the competence of WTDCs, such as evaluating the efficiency of ITU-D study groups and approving changes to their working methods, and approving the programme of work arising from the review of existing and new ITU-D study group Questions.

The decided also to renew the TDAG bureau for the 2003-2006 development period as follows:

Function	Member State / Sector member
Chair	Canada
Vice-Chair	Gabon
Vice-Chair	Ethiopia
Vice-Chair	Malawi
Vice-Chair	Russia
Vice-Chair	United Kingdom
Vice-Chair	Brazil
Vice-Chair	Mexico
Vice-Chair	USA
Vice-Chair	Saudi Arabia
Vice-Chair	Morocco
Vice-Chair	2 Countries from Asia Region
Chairman of Study Group 1	Argentina
Chairman of Study Group 2	Syria
Chairman of W.G. –Private Sector	CompassRose International
