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Draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan 2016-2019

The following draft ITU-D Contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan 2016-2019 is submitted to the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) for further consideration, in accordance with Art. 17A (Provision 215E) of the ITU Convention.

This draft contribution is based on the results of the Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs), while subsequent contributions will be considered at the meeting of the Correspondence Group on 10 December 2013, in particular as regards submissions by Members and Delegates to the Correspondence Group.

1 Introduction

At its 2013 Session, Council adopted Resolution [1358](#) on the establishment of the Council Working Group for the elaboration of the draft Strategic Plan and draft Financial Plan for the Union for 2016–2019 (CWG SP-FP). During the second meeting of the CWG SP-FP held at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva from 13 to 14 November 2013, a draft structure of the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan (see [document](#)) and terminology were discussed, taking into account Member States' and Chairman's contributions and Secretariat's inputs.

Portraying appropriately the specific attributions of the *Sectors* and ensuring that the Strategic Plan is a useful guide to implement the Union's strategy were raised as pressing issues. The importance of giving the opportunity to all sectors to comment and contribute via their *Sector Advisory Groups* to the draft Strategic Plan was also highlighted. It was understood that documents produced and discussed would serve as inputs to the Sector Advisory Groups and the Council Working Group on Human and Financial Resources.

2 Structure of the Strategic Plan for the Union for 2016-19

The core of the proposed Strategic Plan 2016-19 is contained in *Annex 2 to Resolution 71* and consists of the following main elements:

- ITU *Vision, Mission* [and Values]
- Strategic *Goals* and Targets of the Union
- Strategic Risk Management and Mitigation
- Sector and Inter-Sectoral *Objectives* / Processes / Outcomes
- Implementation and evaluation

While the *Vision, Mission and Goals* are defined at the level of the Union (see Sections 3, 4 and 5 respectively hereafter), the Sectors have been called upon to contribute their *Objectives* to the Strategic Plan (see Sections 6 to 8).

3 Vision (ITU)

The ITU-wide vision proposed to the Council Working Group on the Strategic Plan 2016-19 is "*An interconnected world, where information and communication technologies enable and accelerate social, economic and environmentally sustainable development for all.*"

4 Mission (ITU)

The ITU-wide mission proposed to the Council Working Group on the Strategic Plan 2016-19 is "*To enable, facilitate and foster sustainable development through affordable and universal access to telecommunication / Information and Communication Technology networks, services and applications.*"

5 Goals (ITU)

The ITU-wide goals proposed to the Council Working Group on the Strategic Plan 2016-19 are to

1. *Enable and foster access to and increased use of ICTs.*
2. *Bridge the digital divide and provide broadband for all.*
3. *Manage challenges resulting from ICT development.*
4. *Shape and adapt to the changing ICT environment.*

6 Objectives and Outputs (D-Sector)

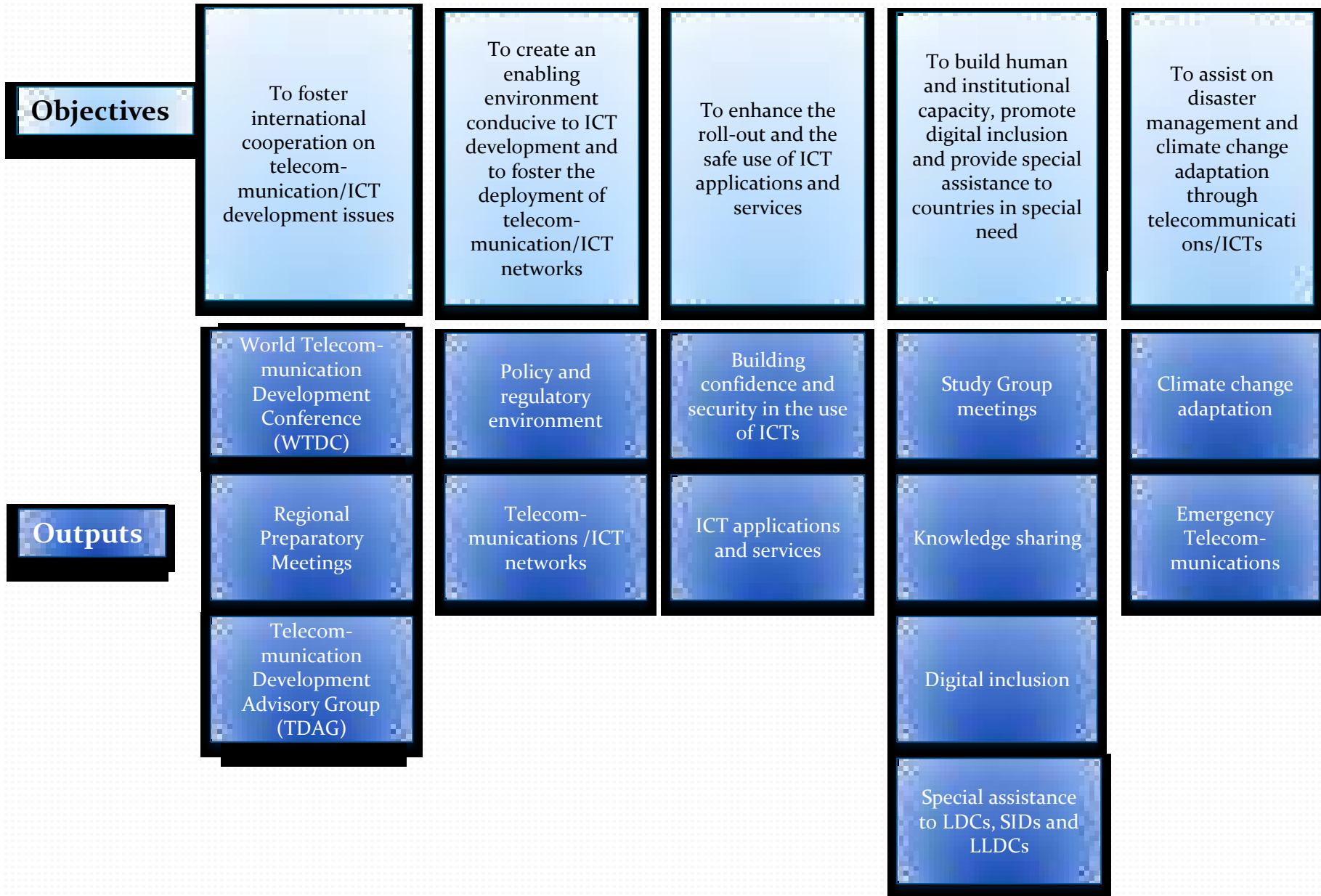
Based on the 6 current ITU-D Objectives, and reflecting the outcomes of the 6 Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) 2013, the TDAG Correspondence Group on the Elaboration of ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan 2016-19 proposes the following Objectives, with their respective outputs, for the Telecommunication Development Sector for the 2016-2019 timeframe:

1. *To foster international cooperation on telecom-munication/ICT development issues.*
 1. World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).
 2. Regional Preparatory Meetings.
 3. Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG).
2. *To create an enabling environment conducive to ICT development and to foster the deployment of telecommunication/ICT networks.*
 4. Policy and regulatory environment.
 5. Telecom-munications /ICT networks.
3. *To enhance the roll-out and the safe use of ICT applications and services.*
 6. Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs.
 7. ICT applications and services.
4. *To build human and institutional capacity, promote digital inclusion and provide special assistance to countries in special need.*
 8. Study Group meetings.
 9. Knowledge sharing.
 10. Digital inclusion.
 11. Special assistance to LDCs, SIDs and LLDCs
5. *To assist on disaster management and climate change adaptation through telecommunications / ICTs.*
 12. Climate change adaptation.
 13. Emergency Telecommunications.

7 Linkage between Objectives and Outputs – Illustrative chart

The chart set out below provides an overview of the linkage between the 5 proposed ITU-D Objectives and the 13 proposed outputs for the Development Sector for the 2016-2019 timeframe:

Input to the Draft Strategic Plan 2016-2019



8 Topics for future work

During the preparatory process leading to the World Telecommunication Development Conference WTDC-14 (Regional Preparatory Meetings), Membership has identified the following topics for future work to be treated under the different ITU-D Objectives:

	OBJECTIVE 1	OBJECTIVE 2	OBJECTIVE 3	OBJECTIVE 4	OBJECTIVE 5
	To foster international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues	To create an enabling environment conducive to ICT development and to foster the deployment of telecommunication/ICT networks	To enhance the roll-out and the safe use of ICT applications and services	To build human and institutional capacity, promote digital inclusion and provide concentrated assistance to countries in special need	To strengthen climate change adaptation and disaster management efforts through telecommunication / ICTs
CIS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broadband access - Transition from IPv4 to IPv6 - Internet of things - Energy efficiency - Affordability of equipment - Bridging the standardization gap - Creation of database with access to the ITU publications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs - Child online protection - e-health - e-education - e-libraries and cultural heritage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harmonization of Centres of Excellence and ITU Academy - Development of training programmes with certification - Creation of training materials to be publicly available - Assistance to people with disabilities - Assistance to LLDCs in developing their broadband infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaster forecasting and monitoring mechanisms - E-waste

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| ASP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional connectivity - International roaming - Establishing accreditation of test labs meeting specified criteria in the region - Accelerating ICT infrastructure development - Protecting consumers' rights and interest - Submarine fiber optical cable network (Marshall Islands) - Assistance and interface with regional policy and regulatory bodies - Facilitation of interactions between financial sectors and telecommunication sector - Alignment of regulatory frameworks and practices at the regional level | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridging the "digital gap" - Protection of, children, vulnerable societies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building in cybersecurity - Capacity building based on opportunities and challenges in the new data world | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Combating natural disasters |
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| AMS | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Broadband access and uptake in urban and rural areas - Development of a videoconference communication network - International Internet connectivity - Strengthening or establishing national and subregional IXPs - Development of a road map for implementing the results of the Summit in coordination with subregional organizations - Promotion of partnerships for implementing common infrastructure projects in the Americas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building confidence and maintaining trust in the use of telecommunications/ICTs - development of ICT applications - e-health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Access to international fibre optic networks for landlocked developing countries and small island developing States - Emphasis on persons with disabilities and people living in rural and deprived urban areas - National and regional plans to fight cybercrime in the Americas Region (Regional Centre) - Capacity building and improved delivery of healthcare services, particularly in rural and remote areas - Improvement of quality of education in schools through the use of ICTs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Disaster preparedness including early warning - Disaster response/ relief - Rehabilitation of telecommunication networks. |
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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Universal access in terms of high-speed Internet- Definition of appropriate policies and regulations in line with the evolution of ICTs- Development of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and access- Harmonization of ICT policies and regulations related to cybersecurity, infrastructure, network and development of services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Development of ICT applications/services- Safer cyberspace for children- Implementation of a national Computer Incident Response Team (CIRT) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Human and Institutional capacity building- Localizing and contextualizing access to knowledge- Human resources development- digital inclusion | |
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ARB		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formulation of policies for consumer protection and information sharing - Regional guidelines for cloud adoption - Implementation and development of broadband infrastructure in urban and rural areas - National Backbone Network 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arab Cloud pilot project serving 2 local SMEs from each Arab Country - Free and open source software (FOSS) - EduConnect (Connection for Education) - Establishment of IXP in Djibouti - Development of a national cybersecurity strategy and establishment of a national computer incident and emergency response centre in Palestine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conformance and interoperability of telecommunication/ICT equipment and systems in the developing countries - Empowering young people to promote safe internet awareness among peers and the community - Sharing of experience from SMEs concerned - Promotion of Research and Development (R&D) in the field of cloud computing - Strengthening cybersecurity and building confidence and security - Smart learning - Accessibility to telecommunications/ICTs for persons with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use of telecommunications/ICTs for Smart and sustainable development and protection of the environment
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EUR*		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Broadcasting and spectrum management- Broadband ubiquity- Creation of data protection laws and policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- e-accessibility in the ICT ecosystem- Smart grids- Digital literacy and digital innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Child online protection- Partnerships between governments, private sector- Entrepreneurship in the field of ICTs at the global and regional levels	
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*EUR is proposing 3 Objectives as set out in Annex 3 to the [Report by the Chairman from the Regional Preparatory Meeting](#)

9 Outcomes

Outcomes provide an indication as to whether an Objective is being achieved. Outcomes are usually partly, but not entirely, within the control of the organization. The following outcomes have been identified for each of the 5 Objectives proposed in Section 6 above:

Objective 1: High-level discussion of telecommunication/ICT development issues, enhanced cooperation, including new partnerships, on telecommunication/ICT development issues.

Objective 2: Improved policy and regulatory frameworks and affordable access to services.

Objective 3: Enhanced deployment of ICT applications and services and improved confidence and security in the use of ICTs and services.

Objective 4: Increased knowledge and skills and enhanced digital inclusion.

Objective 5: Enhanced capacity of countries in preparing for and responding to disasters and climate change adaptation.