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* WTDC-14 agreed on ITU-D’s contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan which will be approved by the Plenipotentiary Conference 2014, as part of a comprehensive ITU Strategic plan.
* ITU-D Objective 4 (as approved by WTDC-14) is to: “Build human and institutional capacity, provide data and statistics, promote digital inclusion and provide concentrated assistance to countries in special need”
* Objective 4 includes 4 Outputs.  Output 4.3 is “Digital inclusion of people with specific needs”
* WTDC-14 agreed that instead of referring to people with “special needs” going forward the term “specific needs” would be used.
* Countries in special need will continue, but people will have specific needs
* ITU-D to use a Results Based Management approach, all related Regional Initiatives, Study Group Questions, Resolutions and WSIS action lines related to each Output are identified in the Dubai Action Plan.
* In the case of Output 4.3, Digital inclusion of people with specific needs, there are three Regional Initiatives on persons with disabilities: in the ARB, EUR and CIS regions.
* Former Question 20-1/1 will continue as Question 7/1 with the title “Access to telecommunication/ICT services by persons with disabilities and with specific needs”.
* This question will address policies and strategies for promoting and implementing services and solutions which provide access to telecommunications/ICTs by persons with disabilities and with special needs, and for people with difficulties mastering reading and writing.  This recognizes that people who are illiterate can often benefit from ICT solutions for persons with disabilities.
* WTDC-14 Res. 58 on persons with disabilities was also approved by WTDC-14, combining contributions from RCC and CITEL

The Final Report of WTDC-14 is being prepared by BDT and is planned to be published on the ITU website by early July 2014.  In the meanwhile, the draft Final Report is available as documents 118 to all those with TIES access.  The draft report does not include the new numbering for Study Group Questions and the use of “people with specific needs” instead of “special needs” may not be fully consistent.  These edits are being taken into account as the document is finalized.

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