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# Introduction

The Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific (RPM-ASP) was organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT), in Bali, Republic of Indonesia, from 21-23 March 2017, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia. The Regional Preparatory Meeting was preceded by the Regional Development Forum (RDF-ASP) which was held on 20 March 2017. The summary of discussions of RDF-ASP can be found [here](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0012/en).

The objective of RPM-ASP was to identify priorities at the regional level, for the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs), taking into account contributions submitted by Member States and ITU‑D Sector Members from the region. The meeting arrived at a set of proposals on priority issues that will serve as basis for the formulation of contributions to the World Telecommunication Development Conference to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017 (WTDC‑17). WTDC-17 will consider the ITU‑D activities to be carried out over the next four-year period (2018-2021).

This report gives an account of the work and results of the RPM-ASP.

# Participation

The meeting was attended by 225 participants representing 27 Member States, 13 Sector Members and 2 Academia Members from the region, 5 Observer Member States and 6 Observer Sector Members, and 5 United Nations and its specialized agencies. The list of participants can be found [here](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-ADM-0001/en).

# Meeting of heads of delegation

The meeting of heads of delegation was held on 20 March 2017 and, following ITU's long-standing practice, recommended that the host country, the Republic of Indonesia, would nominate Ms Farida Dwi Cahyarini, Secretary General, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Indonesia (Republic of), as the Chairman of RPM-ASP for WTDC-17.

The meeting also recommended the appointment of three vice-chairmen:

* Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Information & Communication Technology (MICT), Iran (Islamic Republic of);
* Mr Mutsuharu Nakajima, Director for International Policy Coordination International Policy Division, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan;
* Ms Renga Teannaki, ICT Policy Analyst, Ministry of Information, Communication, Transport and Tourism Development (MCTTD), Kiribati (Republic of).

The draft agenda, time management plan and allocation of documents were also informally agreed upon, pending adoption on the first day of the RPM-ASP.

# Opening ceremony

**Eng. Nyoman Sujaya, Head of ICT Office, Bali** delivered the welcoming remarks on behalf of the Governor of Bali province. Eng. Nyoman Sujaya noted that the rapid and comprehensive growth of ICTs makes this forum a strategic platform for regulators, industries, Academia and other stakeholders to identify and map challenges and opportunities in fostering ICT development at the national and regional level. He added that ITU will always strive to share best practices on regulation and technological developments to ensure the use of ICT for the benefit of all people.

**Ms Areewan Haorangsi, Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity** expressed appreciation to the ITU, the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of Bali for the kind invitation to the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) and welcomed all the participants. She emphasized the importance of this meeting, where the Members can discuss matters that would assist in forming the regional inputs to be contributed to WTDC-17.

The Secretary General highlighted the work of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17. She further stated that the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 had already met twice (Singapore, August 2016, and Papua New Guinea, February 2017). The Group approved the document “APT view on Draft Regional Initiatives for the Asia and the Pacific region”, which will be discussed in this meeting. She hoped that the discussions and consultations at the RPM-ASP would facilitate the process of establishing APT common proposals to WTDC-17, andnoted that APT remains at the disposal of the Membership to facilitate the process as the region prepares for WTDC-17.

**Mr Brahima Sanou, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau** **(BDT)** welcomed the participants to RPM-ASP, the fifth Regional Preparatory Meeting towards the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) which will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017 under the theme of “ICT for Sustainable Development Goals”- ICT④SDGs.

The BDT Director explained that the WTDC‑17 theme reaffirms the tremendous potential of telecommunications/ICTs and that e-applications (e.g. e-education, e‑health, e-agriculture) and emerging technologies such as big data, cloud computing, Internet of Things, and artificial intelligence offer huge opportunities for achieving sustainable development. In this regard, Mr Sanou reflected on BDT's contributions not just on assisting Members in providing broadband and universal access to telecommunication/ICT services at affordable prices. He emphasized the importance of making telecommunications/ICTs play a catalytic role in the wider telecommunication/ICT ecosystem. Supporting the ecosystem will result in national cohesion, inclusiveness, and economic growth. He emphasized that telecommunications/ICTs are about people.

The BDT Director stated that in the preparations for WTDC-17 significant efforts were under way to continue to engage the membership. He noted that preliminary drafts of the ITU-D Contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 (Document [7](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0007/en)), the ITU-D Action Plan for 2018-2021 (Document [8](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0008/en)) and the WTDC-17 Declaration (Document [9](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0009/en)) have already been prepared by Correspondence Group and discussed at the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG). All three preliminary drafts were submitted to this RPM, as done for other RPMs. This will also be the case for the last RPM yet to be held for Europe. He also drew the Meeting’s attention to the ongoing work of the Correspondence Group on Streamlining Resolutions, the aim being to streamline priorities and simplify processes while ensuring that important elements contained in Resolutions either merged or supressed should not be lost. The work of the Correspondence Group would be reviewed and discussed at this RPM.

The BDT Director noted that the year 2017 marks the 25th anniversary of the ITU Development Sector and invited all to join forces to mark this special milestone. He commended the Membership from the region for their commitment and dedication which led to the successful implementation of several activities and projects.

In closing, Mr Sanou thanked the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the ITU Area Office in Jakarta and thanked the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology for the hospitality and perfect organization of the RDF and RPM. He also recognized the good work of the ITU Regional Office in Asia and the Pacific, as well as that of the Area Office and his entire team.

**H.E. Mr Hasan Kleib, Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia and Ambassador and Permanent Representative-Designate of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations, WTO, and other international organizations in Geneva, Switzerland** delivered the opening address on behalf of the Minister, MCIT.

H.E. Mr Hasan Kleib noted great progress in telecommunication/ICT development and highlighted the importance of a holistic ecosystem that is necessary to develop digital economies to deliver new opportunities. These digital economies would help address income inequalities, empower SMEs, and raise the standard of living for all Indonesians. He stressed the importance of creating the right regulatory environment and building capacity for stakeholders, noting that the Government of Indonesia has made the digital economy a key priority. In that respect, Indonesia is implementing a number of projects including the country’s e-commerce roadmap and a new fibre optic backbone infrastructure project to provide intra-island connectivity. Indonesia further plans to create 1’000 technopreneurs by the year of 2020; provide 1 million free dot.id domain names to SMEs, schools, and villages; provide Internet literacy capacity building for 350’000 fishermen and farmers and to one million SMEs; and to develop a national digital signature system to support online identity for e-transactions. It will also deliver a large set of e-government cross-sectoral services and applications, including in the area of national defence and education.

While recognizing the immense benefits of the Internet and the digital economy in delivering development opportunities, H.E. Mr Hasan Kleib also stressed the need to build a secure and ethical cyber space for all, to manage and regulate online content, and to strengthen the country’s information resilience needs.

The Ambassador concluded his speech by wishing all participants a successful meeting that will develop a set of recommendations for the WTDC, and guide the Telecommunication Development Bureau in its work. He thanked the MCIT organizing committee and the ITU team for their contributions, and declared the RPM-ASP open.

All speeches are posted on the [**RPM-ASP website**](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC17/RPM-ASP/Pages/default.aspx).

After the opening ceremony, a short video on the ITU-D Events application was presented.

# Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen

Following the recommendations from the heads of delegation meeting, Ms Farida Dwi Cahyarini Secretary General, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Indonesia (Republic of), was unanimously elected as the Chairman of RPM-ASP.

The meeting also endorsed the recommendation from the heads of delegation meeting for the following to be elected as Vice-Chairmen of RPM-ASP:

* Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat, Adviser to the Minister, Ministry of Information & Communication Technology (MICT), Iran (Islamic Republic of);
* Mr Mutsuharu Nakajima, Director for International Policy Coordination International Policy Division, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan; and
* Ms Renga Teannaki, ICT Policy Analyst, Ministry of Information, Communication, Transport and Tourism Development, Kiribati (Republic of).

Mr Ioane Koroivuki, Regional Director, ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, was introduced by the Chairman as the Secretary of RPM-ASP.

# Approval of the Agenda

The meeting approved the agenda as presented in [Document 1](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0001/en).

# Consideration of the Time Management Plan

The Secretariat noted that RPM-ASP had received 35 contributions: 22 from ITU Member States, 1 from ITU‑D Sector Members and 12 from the Secretariat. Having examined all the inputs in relation to ITU‑D action areas, the meeting adopted the proposed Time Management Plan in [Document DT/1](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-170321-TD-0001/en). All the meeting documents are available on the [RPM website](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC17/RPM-ASP/Pages/default.aspx).

# Report on the implementation of the Dubai Action Plan (WTDC‑14), and contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

[**Document 2**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0002/en) The document, entitled “***Report on the implementation of the Dubai Action Plan”***, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

The Dubai Action Plan (DuAP) implementation framework encompasses programmes, regional initiatives, study group Questions, resolutions and recommendations, and facilitation of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) action lines (<http://www.itu.int/net/wsis/>). The DuAP structure follows the structure of the ITU strategic plan, so as to ensure a consistent planning hierarchy and linkage across the different planning tools and instruments within ITU (strategic, financial and operational planning).

In keeping with results-based management principles, this report provides an overview of the main outcomes of BDT activities since the beginning of DuAP implementation from 2015 until the present time and emphasizes the link between expected results and achievements. The report also details the implementation of the Regional Initiatives (Appendix 1) and of the 2015 budget implementation for the Operational Plan and projects, by region (Annex 1).

The presenter highlighted the implementation of the Dubai Action Plan in Asia and the Pacific region, which includes Operational Plan Actions, Regional Initiatives, Projects and the Centres of Excellence as well as their links to the SDGs and WSIS Action Lines.

The Chairman thanked BDT and ITU RO-ASP for support to countries that had resulted in the excellent implementation of the WTDC‑14 Dubai Action Plan.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document 6**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0006/en) The document, entitled “***ICT Trends and Developments in Asia and the Pacific”***, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

Document 6 provides an overview of ICT trends and developments in Asia and the Pacific.

The presentation of the document highlighted how the ICT sector in Asia and the Pacific had continued its remarkable transformation, in particular on mobile broadband and its impact on society and economic and social growth since the last World Telecommunication Development Conference in 2014 (WTDC‑14).

The presenter informed Member States on the recent exercise undertaken by BDT in reviewing the ICT development index (IDI) during the recently held Extraordinary Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunications Indicators and Group of Household Indicators that adopted 14 new indicators, which will impact the IDI. The new indicators reflect recent trends in ICT development, adding that the upcoming Measuring the Information Society Report is taking an innovative approach focusing on more analysis. The presenter also noted that the region was making great efforts in the area of creating enabling environments for ICTs.

He called upon Member States to support the work of BDT in data collection and processing by establishing a viable cooperation mechanism between ITU, Telecommunication Regulatory Authorities as well as with the National Statistical Offices, which are the main national bodies that provide valuable data to ITU for further analysis.

He also encouraged the membership to attend the World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS), the main ITU platform for dialogue on ICT-related statistics and the Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR), which provides a platform to exchange experiences amongst regulators.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document 3**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0003/en) The document, entitled “***ITU‑D contribution to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”***, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

This document provides an update on the contribution of ITU‑D to the implementation of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It takes into account the outcomes of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) Summit on Sustainable Development (September 2015) and the UNGA Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (December 2015) that called for a close alignment between WSIS and SDG processes.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

# Report on the implementation of outcomes of other ITU Conferences, Assemblies and meetings related to ITU‑D work: Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14), Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-15)/World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15), and World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-16)

[**Document 4**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0004/en) The document, entitled “***Implementation of outcomes of RA-15 and WRC-15 related to ITU‑D”***,was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

Document 4 and its Annex summarize the results of the Radiocommunication Assembly 2015 (RA 15), the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15) and the first meeting of the Conference Preparatory Meeting 2019 (CPM19-1) and highlight the relevant decisions which are important, particularly for developing countries.

In addition, Document 4 lists the Resolutions which request actions from ITU‑D and the BDT.

The presenter emphasized the importance of the Radiocommunication Assembly and World Radiocommunication Conference outcomes as we prepare for the next WTDC, particularly by taking into account the adopted resolutions.

He noted the need to establish coherence and consistency between RA-15, WRC-15 and WTDC-14 Resolutions, as well as cooperation and coordination among ITU-D, ITU-T and ITU-R study groups.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document 5**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0005/en) The document, entitled “**Report on the results** ***of WTSA-16 that related to the work of ITU‑D”***, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

Document 5 and its Annex provide a summary of the outcomes of WTSA which have an impact on the work of ITU‑D and BDT, noting that out of the total number of WTSA-16 Resolutions relevant to ITU‑D and BDT, ten new resolutions had been agreed on, 14 resolutions had been amended and one resolution was kept unchanged. There were many topics of interest to ITU‑D that were adopted including, among others, climate change, cybersecurity, accessibility and WSIS implementation and follow-up.

It was noted that Document 4 and Document 5 were linked to Document 11 on streamlining WTDC Resolutions as that document will discuss the actions to be taken towards the streamlining of resolutions.

To this end, the presenter encouraged Member States to take into account the outcomes of WTSA-16 with respect to resolutions adopted by that conference as they prepare for WTDC-17.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

# Preparation for WTDC‑17

# Member Contributions

[**Document 14**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0014/en): The document, entitled ***“Draft revision of Resolution 52: Strengthening the executing role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector***", was introduced by the Republic of Indonesia.

The contribution reflects Indonesia's proposed modification (additions) to Resolution 52 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) to monitor and evaluate activities/and or programs of the Dubai Action Plan on a regular basis (annually/semi-annually), even after the conclusion of such activities/programs, to ensure the sustainability of such activities and or programs and facilitate that benefits can contribute to bridging the digital divide, building an inclusive information society and access to the most remote areas of Member States.

In the intervention by the Secretariat, it was stated that the BDT Director had taken several steps to improve monitoring and evaluation mechanisms by introducing and making available quarterly assessment reports of both Operational Plan activities and projects. In so doing, this strengthens BDT’s project execution role and full application of the Results based Management.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and concluded that the idea of monitoring and evaluation is important and that it should be incorporated into the next Action Plan.

[**Document 17**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0017/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Draft new Resolution-‘Capacity building for Member States on cyber security strategy planning, policy and leadership’****"*, was introduced by the Republic of Indonesia.

The contribution requests approval of a new resolution on "Capacity Building for Member States on cyber security strategy planning, policy, and leadership", and its proper implementation.

A number of Member States supported the proposal, highlighting the importance of cybersecurity, while some also recognized the challenge of creating a new resolution in the context of work underway to streamline the number of resolutions. The Secretariat indicated that the proposed activities could be included in the implementation of its annual Operational Plans.

The Chairman invited Indonesia and other Member States to find ways to include the elements of the proposed new resolution into existing resolutions. Alternatively, they could also request the BDT Director to find ways to include the contents of the proposal into the Operational Plans of the BDT without adopting a new resolution.

[**Document 20**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0020/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Promoting the adoption of Internet of Things applications and services***", was introduced by Singapore.

The contribution requests approval of a new resolution that would call for delivery of assistance to countries seeking support in the adoption of IoT applications and services; facilitate discussions and exchange of best practices; and seek partnerships and collaboration opportunities with relevant organizations and entities. It also calls for close collaboration among the three Sectors.

The proposal was supported by other Members. RPM-ASP concluded that the proposal is very important for the achievement of the SDGs and suggested that it be one of the common proposals from Asia and the Pacific region to WTDC-17.

Report from previous RPMs

A summary of Information Documents INF/1, 2, 3 and 4 was presented.

[**Document INF/1**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0001/en): The document, entitled “***Report by the Chairman of RPM-CIS***”, was contributed by the BDT Director. This information document provides the report of the Chairman of the RPM-CIS. RPM-CIS was organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, from 9 to 11 November 2016, at the invitation of the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic. The meeting was attended by 104 delegates representing 9 Member States from the CIS region and two Member States from other regions.

The objective of RPM-CIS was to identify priorities, at the regional level, for the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs), taking into account contributions submitted by Member States and ITU‑D Sector Members from the region. The meeting arrived at a set of proposals on the priority issues for the region that will serve as a basis for the formulation of contributions to WTDC-17 which will consider ITU‑D activities to be carried out over the next four-year period (2018-2021).

[**Document INF/2**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0002/en): The document, entitled “***Report by the Chairman of RPM-AFR***”, was contributed by the BDT Director. This information document provides the report of the Chairman of the RPM-AFR.

RPM-AFR was organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in Kigali, Republic of Rwanda, from 6 to 8 December 2016, in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and ICT (MYICT), at the invitation of the Government of Rwanda. The meeting was attended by around 170 participants representing 24 Member States and 3 Observer Member States, 5 ITU-D Sector Members and 9 Observer Sector Members from other regions.

The objective of RPM-AFR was to identify priorities, at the regional level, for the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs), taking into account contributions submitted by Member States and ITU‑D Sector Members from the region. The meeting arrived at a set of proposals on priority issues that will serve as basis for the formulation of contributions to the World Telecommunication Development Conference to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017 (WTDC‑17).

[**Document INF/3**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0003/en): The document, entitled **"*Report by the Chairman of RPM-ARB"***, was contributed by the BDT Director. This information document provides the report of the Chairman of the RPM-ARB. RPM-ARB was organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in Khartoum, Sudan, from 30 January to 1 February 2017, at the invitation of the Ministry of Communication and Information Technology and the National Telecommunications Corporation of Sudan (NTC). The meeting was attended by 195 participants representing 19 Member States and 1 Observer according to Resolution 99, 10 ITU‑D Sector Members, 6 international organizations and 1 ITU‑D Sector Member from another region.

The objective of RPM-ARB was to identify priorities, at the regional level, for the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs), taking into account contributions submitted by Member States and ITU‑D Sector Members from the region. The meeting arrived at a set of proposals on priority issues for the region that will serve as a basis for the formulation of contributions to the World Telecommunication Development Conference. WTDC-17, which will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017 (WTDC‑17), will consider the ITU‑D activities to be carried out over the next four-year period (2018-2021).

[**Document INF/4**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0004/en): The document, entitled “***Report by the Chairman of RPM-AMS***”, was contributed by the BDT Director. This information document provides the report of the Chairman of the RPM-AMS. The ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Americas region (RPM-AMS) was organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Asunción, Paraguay, from 22 to 24 February 2017, at the invitation of the Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CONATEL) of Paraguay.

The objective of RPM-AMS was to identify priorities, at the regional level, for the development of telecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs), taking into account contributions submitted by Member States and ITU‑D Sector Members from the region. The meeting arrived at a set of proposals on priority issues for the region that will serve as a basis for the formulation of contributions to the World Telecommunication Development Conference to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October 2017 (WTDC‑17).

The meeting was attended by 166 participants representing 19 Member States and 2 observer Member States, 7 ITU‑D Sector Members and, 4 observer Sector Members.

[**Document INF/10**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0010/en): The document, entitled **"*Status of RCC preparations for WTDC‑17*"**, was contributed by the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (RCC). Its annex contains a presentation on the status of RCC preparations for WTDC‑17, including a summary of the outcomes of the RPM-CIS held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, from 9 to 11 November 2016.

The Russian Federation, an Observer Member State to the RPM-ASP, made an intervention to share the ongoing preparations in the CIS region for WTDC-17.

# Preliminary draft ITU‑D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023

[**Document 7**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0007/en) The document, entitled “**Preliminary draft ITU‑D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023**”, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

The document is a revised version of the draft zero ITU‑D contribution to the draft Strategic Plan of ITU for the period 2020-2023 that was developed by the TDAG Correspondence Group on the Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Declaration (CG-SPOPD) which was presented to TDAG-15 in April 2015 as a progress report. The revisions reflect the guidance provided by CG-SPOPD on 15 March 2016 as reported in Document [TDAG16-21/10](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0010/en). TDAG adopted the document at its meeting on 16-18 March 2016 and decided that it should be posted on the website for online consultation by the ITU‑D membership by 30 June 2016. No modifications were proposed by this deadline.

The draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan is being submitted to all the RPMs in the lead up to WTDC-17. The draft WTDC-17 Action Plan is based on the structure of the ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan.

This draft ITU‑D contribution to the draft ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 includes four objectives in line with the following three points:

1. It is more results-focused than the current 2016-2019 Strategic Plan in keeping with a results-based management approach.
2. It retains all content of the 2016-2019 ITU‑D Strategic Plan that has been streamlined, and references to the corresponding Outcomes and Outputs of the current Strategic Plan have been provided in the contribution. In addition, the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan is included as Annex E for ease of reference.
3. The current five Objectives of the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan are presented in four Objectives which use language that can be recognized by ITU members and stakeholders and speak to the broader public so that people not currently involved in ITU‑D can associate themselves with our important work. The contribution aims to simplify the language of the current Strategic Plan, including eliminating any duplications.

As requested by TDAG-15 the document presents, in Annex A, the draft objectives and outcomes of the ITU‑D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 along with references to the 2016-2019 ITU‑D Strategic Plan, as well as to the SDGs approved by the United Nations General Assembly on 25 September 2015, the WSIS Action Lines of the Geneva Plan of Action, taking into account the WSIS+10 Vision for WSIS beyond 2015, and also the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The presenter noted that this document has been submitted to all the previous RPMs in the CIS, AFR, ARB and AMS regions and will also be submitted to the upcoming RPM in the Europe region. She added that this document is considered a living document subject to comments and inputs from Member States through RPMs as well as TDAG-17, which will aggregate inputs received from all the RPMs and submit the consolidated version to WTDC-17. She further clarified that while each region could submit common proposals to TDAG-17 and WTDC-17, individual Member States could also submit their own proposals directly to WTDC-17.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document 18**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0018/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Proposal to ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan 2020-2023****"*, was introduced by *the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.*

This contribution proposes some updates and modifications to the outcomes and outputs in Objectives D.2, D.3, and D.4 in ITU-D’s contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023. The additional modifications are included in: Outcome D.2-1) *enhanced capacity of radio monitoring and testing labs and numbering resources management, sharing information of and find solution for cyber threats to foster the development of infrastructure and services*; Outcome D.3-1) *strengthened capacity of forecasting the development of telecom/ICT technologies and the demand of spectrum usage*; Outcome D.4-2) *improved capacity to use ICT applications safely and Output* D.2-1) addition of *numbering resources*.

Some Member States noted that they would welcome more time to consider the proposal and suggest some modifications. The Secretariat thanked Viet Nam for the proposal and Member States for their comments, suggesting that the technical adjustments proposed would be best placed in the Action Plan.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and suggested that the ideas be reflected in the Action Plan.

# 7.2 Preliminary draft ITU‑D Action Plan 2018-2021 (including Study Group Questions),

[**Document 8**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0008/en) The document, entitled “***Preliminary draft ITU‑D Action Plan 2018-2021***”, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

The presenter highlighted that this document is a living document subject to comments and inputs from regional groups and Member States through RPMs as well as TDAG-17, which will aggregate all inputs received and submit the consolidated version to WTDC-17.  It was further clarified that countries and regions may also submit contributions on the draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 to WTDC-17.

The document was developed by the TDAG Correspondence Group on the Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Declaration (CG-SPOPD). It has been reviewed to take into account some of the revisions agreed at the meeting of the Correspondence Group on 15 March 2016, notably the change of the title and the reference to Plenipotentiary Conference Resolutions, as reported in Document [TDAG16-21/30](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0030/). The Draft Action Plan was furthermore submitted to TDAG-16 for consideration. TDAG provided inputs that have been integrated into the document. TDAG-16, under the indications of the CG-SPOPD, instructed BDT to make the document available for online consultation by the ITU‑D membership until 30 June 2016. The document was made available and no further comments or request for changes were received.

Overall, the Draft Action Plan builds upon the WTDC -14 Action Plan to operationalize the mandate of BDT, in accordance with results-based management (RBM), articulating the agreed Objectives, Outcomes, and Outputs in structured streams of activities that will be measured according to well-defined indicators, so as to assess the impact of the work of BDT on Member States.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document 19**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0019/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Proposal to the Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021***", was introduced by *the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.*

This contribution proposes two additions to the outputs under Objective 2 of the action plan: The issue of management of numbering resources for emerging technologies like IoT (Output 2.1), M2M and the security challenges caused by deployment of IoT (Output 2.2). It also proposes to include building capacity on forecasting the development of telecommunication/ICT technologies and the demand of spectrum usage under the first Outcome of Objective 3 in addition to minor changes to the second Outcome of Objective 4.

RPM-ASP welcomed the contribution, noting that the issue of numbering resources is important and should be added in the Action Plan. It also agreed to include the other proposals contained in this document in the existing formulation of the Outcomes and Outputs, and further requested the Secretariat to ensure that the rest of the comments are taken into account during the development and implementation of the Operational Plan.

[**Document 23**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0023/en)**:** The document, entitled “***Input from Bangladesh to the Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021***", was introduced by the People’s Republic of Bangladesh.

This contribution proposes additions to the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 in Objective 1 Output 1.5, Objective 2 Outcome, and Objective 3 Outcome to emphasize on the need to enhance the mutual cooperation among the member states to exchange the implications on regulatory regime to get the optimum outcome that the ITU can facilitate.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and noted the contribution. The meeting also recognized that the current framework provides for these important issues and requested the BDT to ensure that these issues are properly taken into account when developing and implementing the Operation Plans.

[**Document 27**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0027/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Suggested corrections/inputs to the Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021-Objective-2 Output 2.1***", was introduced by the Republic of India.

The contribution proposes edits in the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 Objective 2 Output 2.1 to add the issue of spectrum trading under spectrum management.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and concluded that the issues raised in this document are very important and requested that they be taken into account in the development and implementation of the Operational Plan by the BDT.

[**Document 31**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0031/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Suggested corrections/inputs to the Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021-Objective-2 Output 2.3***", was introduced by the Republic of India.

The contribution proposes additions in Output 2.3 of the Draft ITU-D Action Plan to include M2M- and IOT- based solutions as products and services in disaster management. The contribution also adds a sub-part under the study group Questions.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and concluded that the proposals made were very important and had also been made in other documents particularly on Internet of Things and Machine to Machine communication. The meeting agreed that the region would continue to coordinate work in this area as preparations for WTDC-17 continue.

[**Document 32**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0032/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Suggested corrections/inputs to the Preliminary Draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021-Objective-4 Output 4.2***", was introduced by the Republic of India.

The contribution proposes additions in Output 4.2 of the Draft ITU-D Action Plan to include conducting studies and facilitating the sharing of knowledge and best practices on various financial inclusion techniques/technologies using mobile phones/devices for all people particularly those at bottom of the development pyramid.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document INF/11**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0011/en): The document, entitled “***Strengthening cooperation between ITU and Academia***” was contributed by Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications (NUPT).

# This contribution highlights the need to strengthen the cooperation between ITU and Academia by allowing ITU Academia Members to participate more in ITU professional training activities. It also shares NUPT’s willingness to cooperate with ITU for providing related professional training and education, and proposes to strength the cooperation among ITU Academia Members by developing joint academic programs of interest e.g. joint education of undergraduate and graduate students, exchange of faculty, researchers and students, joint research on mutually agreed fields, organization of joint conferences, workshops and seminars, etc.

# 7.3 Preliminary draft WTDC‑17 Declaration

Documents 9, 16, 25, 26 and 28 were considered together.

[**Document 9**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0009/en) The document, entitled “***Preliminary Draft WTDC‑17 Declaration***”,was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

The document was developed by the TDAG Correspondence Group on the Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Declaration(CG-SPOPD) and presented to TDAG-15 in April 2015. It was revised by CG-SPOPD on 15 March 2016 as reported in Document [TDAG16-21/31 (Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0031/). TDAG 2016 adopted the document and decided that it should be posted on the website for online consultation by the ITU‑D membership by 30 June 2016. Comments were received from three countries and reflected in this current version. The BDT Director indicated during TDAG 2016 that he planned to submit the preliminary draft WTDC‑17 Declaration to all the RPMs in the run-up to WTDC‑17. This document also contains, for reference, the Dubai Declaration, which was adopted during the World Telecommunication Development Conference held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 March to 10 April 2014.

The preliminary draft WTDC‑17 Declaration was prepared using language that reflects a broader vision that will be easily captured by people outside of ITU, in addition to Member States and Sector Members. It focuses on the essential role that telecommunications/ICTs will play in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets and their transformative role in fostering sustainable development.

The presenter noted that this document has been submitted to the previous RPMs in the CIS, AFR, ARB and AMS regions and will also be submitted to the upcoming RPM in the Europe region. She added that this document is considered a living document subject to comments and inputs from Member States through RPMs as well as TDAG-17, which will aggregate inputs received from all the RPMs and submit the consolidated version to WTDC-17. She further clarified that while each region could submit common proposals to TDAG-17 and WTDC-17, individual Member States can also submit their own proposals directly to WTDC-17.

[**Document 16**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0016/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Inputs from Indonesia to the Preliminary Draft WTDC-17 Declaration****"*, was introduced by the Republic of Indonesia.

The contribution proposes a number of modifications and editorial changes to the draft WTDC‑17 Declaration, including adding transportation and energy to the list of areas where telecommunications/ICTs play a crucial role; adding references on bridging the standardization gap, guidelines on cyber norms, rules and principles for the responsible behaviour of States; and deleting references to trade.

[**Document 25**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0025/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Proposal for updating the Declaration****"*, was introduced by *the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.*

This contribution proposes some additions to the draft WTDC-17 Declarations in particular under *recognizes* add a new paragraph h) on the role of the telecommunication/ICT sector in prediction, prevention and mitigation of damage caused by disaster and climate change; editorial changes to move under *therefore declares* text on *the need for integrating innovation into national policies, initiatives and programmes* from (11) to (2) and to include cybersecurity measures and the word ‘sustainable’ in (4).

[**Document 26**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0026/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Suggested corrections/modifications in WTDC-17 Declaration***", was introduced by the Republic of India.

The contribution proposes modification to the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration, in particular under *therefore declares that* (1) to recognize the critical role that ICTs play toward the achievement of the SDGs and further under (6) proposes to include creating awareness about ICT solutions among relevant person(s) / organization (s).

[**Document 28**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0028/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Revision of the Declaration relating aging and artificial intelligence issues***", was introduced by Japan.

This contribution proposes revision of the Declaration in particular under *recognizes that* (g) add the word “elderly” (g), and under *therefore declares that (4)* add “artificial intelligence”.

RPM-ASP took note of Documents 9, 16, 25, 26 and 28. It was further proposed and agreed that an Ad-Hoc Group on the Declaration led by RPM-ASP Vice-Chairman, Ms Renga Teannaki, be convened to work on a consolidated contribution on the Preliminary Draft WTDC-17 Declaration from RPM-ASP.

The report of the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Group on the Declaration, available in DT/4 and Annex 1 to this report, was presented to the Plenary which noted the report and agreed to use it as the basis for continuing work towards developing a consolidated contribution from the region.

# 7.4 Rules of procedure of ITU‑D (WTDC Resolution 1)

[**Document 10**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0010/en) The document, entitled **“*Rules of procedure of ITU-D (WTDC Resolution 1)”,*** was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

Building upon the extensive work undertaken during WTDC-14, the TDAG Correspondence Group on Rules of Procedure of ITU-D (WTDC Resolution 1) is reviewing the existing text in Resolution 1 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) to give practical interpretation of the working methods and prepare proposals for further consideration. The Group first met on 27 April 2015 and reviewed the contribution by the Chairman and agreed most of the substantive changes, while modifying some of the text. Further modifications have been made by Correspondence Group members by correspondence. During its meeting held on 15 March 2016, a number of additional changes were made and items requiring further work identified. It was noted that the Correspondence Group would appreciate receiving further input for consideration so that it can conclude its work to present recommendations on the ITU-D Rules of Procedure for consideration by the next TDAG meeting in May 2017.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

[**Document 13**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0013/en)**:** The document, entitled “***ITU-D Study groups, Questions and Working Methods****"*, was introduced by the Nepal Telecommunications Authority.

This contribution proposes the number of study groups and their titles, questions and how they should be chosen and the working methods of the study groups. It proposes two study groups: study group 1: Policy and Regulation and study group 2: ICT for SDGs and emphasizes the need to avoid repetition of study questions and suggests certain criteria in this regard. It also suggests a modular approach that produces independent modules at the end of each year.

A number of Member States expressed their support for the contribution while highlighting the need to have a deeper discussion on the actual topics to be considered in the next study period as well as the working methods of the ITU-D study groups.

RPM-ASP took note of the document and invited further discussions on this matter in APT Working Group 1.

[**Document 29**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0029/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Proposals for questions to be continued from the viewpoint of Asia Pacific region***", was introduced by Japan.

This contribution proposes the Questions in the current study periodwhich should be continued to the next study period, in order to align them with the Regional Initiatives agreed at the APT WTDC17-2 preparatory meeting.

RPM-ASP took note of the document and invited further discussions on this matter in the Ad-Hoc Group on RIs and APT Working Group 1.

[**Document 30**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0030/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Importance of continuous discussion on e-Health***", was introduced by Japan.

This contribution emphasizes the importance of continued discussion on e-Health, e-Health Master Plans, Q2/2 and proposes continued work on this area for developing countries in ITU-D and suggests a work plan. It also proposes areas of work for BDT WHO-ITU collaboration, piloting projects in collaboration with Q2/2, creating policy and e-Health guidelines, sharing experiences from projects and best practices, and enhancing collaboration with ITU-T and ITU-R to promote e-Health in developing countries with a focus on e-Health standardization and technical issues.

RPM-ASP took note of the document and invited further discussions on this matter in APT Working Group 1.

[**Document 33**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0033/en)**:** The document, entitled “***Importance of continuous discussion on cybersecurity***", was introduced by Japan.

This contribution proposes that the activities of Q3/2 should be continued with the current mandate recognizing that Q3/2 has played a key role for cybersecurity discussion and its role will grow in importance as requested by ITU-D members.

It also mentions that Q3/2 recognized the need to study evolving and emerging cyber threats. It also recognized the need to explore new capacity building opportunities and practical implementation of the topics in line with discussions in the workshops into the new study period.

RPM-ASP took note of the document and invited further discussions on this matter in APT Working Group 1.

# Report of the Correspondence Group on Streamlining WTDC resolutions

[**Document 11**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0011/en) The document, entitled “***Report of the Correspondence Group on Streamlining WTDC resolutions***”, was introduced on behalf of the BDT Director.

The document provides information on the work of the TDAG Correspondence Group on Streamlining WTDC Resolutions (CG-SR) and the way forward. Based on members' contributions, a set of guiding principles attached as Annex 1 of the document had been elaborated, which was submitted for discussion during the second meeting of the group in September 2016. Depending on the work carried out and taking due consideration of the discussions during Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs), a report will be developed in time for TDAG-17, for consideration. The final report of CG-SR will be submitted to WTDC‑17 for appropriate action.

The Correspondence Group continues its work through electronic means. Contributions and concrete proposals are encouraged in order to advance the task of the Correspondence Group. The third meeting of CG-SR was held on 25 January 2017, and the next meeting of the group will take place in April 2017 at ITU headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Member States were invited to put forward concrete proposals for combining, integrating, merging and revising existing WTDC Resolutions based on the document and mapping tool. This tool maps WTDC resolutions with other ITU conferences' resolutions, the WSIS Action Lines, and the SDGs.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and expressed its support for the streamlining exercise. The meeting noted that the exercise of streamlining resolutions should not lead to the loss of substance of existing resolutions. Clarifications were sought on the submission of new resolutions, as well as on references in the WTDC-17 Action Plan to PP and WTDC resolutions, and to resolutions from other Sectors. It was noted that the draft WTDC Action Plan (document 8), includes reference to PP and WTDC resolutions and recommendations. The meeting also recommended that during the streamlining exercise, countries should take into account the need to avoid proposing too many resolutions. However, issues dealing with new developments could be considered.

[**Document 21**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0021/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Proposal to streamline Resolution 37 and 50***", was introduced by Singapore.

The contribution proposes the merger of Resolution 37 and 50, with the latter to be abrogated considering the broad scope of Resolution 37 that sets the context for bridging the digital divide, and the aim of Resolution 50 to narrow the digital gap through ICT integration.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution. The meeting suggested that if the two resolutions are merged, important elements in both the Resolutions should not be lost.

[**Document 22**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0022/en)**:** The document, entitled *“****Proposal to streamline Resolution 17 and 32***", was introduced by Singapore.

The contribution proposes edits to streamline Resolution 17 and suppression of Resolution 32, noting that both Resolution 17 on implementation of regionally approved initiatives at the national, regional inter-regional and global levels and Resolution 32 on international and regional cooperation on regional initiatives cover the implementation of regional initiatives at the international and regional levels.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution. The meeting suggested that if the two resolutions are merged, important elements in both the Resolutions should not be lost.

# Preliminary draft Structure of the Conference

[**Document 12**:](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0012/en) The document presents a draft structure for WTDC, terms of reference for the meeting of Heads of delegation and terms of reference for the five proposed committees (Steering Committee, Budget Control, Objectives, ITU-D Working Methods and Editorial Committee) and for the Working Group to the Plenary on the ITU-D Strategic Plan, WTDC Declaration and resolutions.

The presenter noted that the draft WTDC‑17 structure is similar to the structure of the previous WTDC.

RPM-ASP welcomed the document and took note of the contribution.

# Priority setting for Regional Initiatives, related projects and financing mechanisms

Documents 15, 24, 34 and 35 as well as INF/9, 6, 7, 12, and 8 were considered together.

[**Document 15**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0015/en): The document, entitled ***“APT view on Draft Regional Initiatives for the Asia and the Pacific region***", was introduced by Australia on behalf of the APT.

This contribution provides the APT view as adopted by 17 Member Administrations who attended the Second Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 (APT WTD17-2) held from 20 to 22 February 2017 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The Member Administrations who attended the Second Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 proposed five draft Regional Initiatives and their respective draft Objectives for consideration at the Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific.

[**Document 24**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0024/en)**:** The document, entitled ***“Priority setting for Regional initiatives"***, was introduced by *the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.*

This contribution refers to the contribution from APT ([Document 15](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0015/en) entitled ***“APT view on Draft Regional Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific region***") that has proposed the five (5) draft Regional Initiatives and their respective draft Objectives as adopted by 17 Member Administrations who attended the Second Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-17 (APT WTD17-2) held from 20 to 22 February 2017 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea for consideration at the ITU’s Regional Preparatory Meeting for Asia and the Pacific. The contribution proposes some issues to be inserted under the proposed ASP 2 (Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society), ASP 3 (Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity) and ASP 5 (Contributing to secure and resilient environment) of the above proposed draft Regional Initiatives.

[**Document 34**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0034/en)**:** The document, entitled **“*Proposal for priority areas and key issues in ICT development for further discussion and contribution* ",** was introduced by Cambodia.

This contribution reflects Cambodia’s view on the key priorities area on the ICT development for LDCs and developing countries. It proposes that the regional initiatives for the upcoming WTDC should consider including the Promoting research and development in ICT in developing countries, Regulatory framework for OTT, Next Generation USO for upcoming 5G, new spectrum management model and the expansion of the technical assistance and promoting the adoption of the IoT in developing countries.

[**Document 35**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0035/en)**:** The document, entitled **“*Implementation of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway Initiative* ",** was introduced by the Peoples’ Republic of China.

The contribution mentions that the current interconnectivity based on terrestrial and maritime cable networks is not adequate in the Asia and the Pacific countries, which creates difficulties in accessing international internet and hinders efforts of countries to develop the ICT sector as well as society and the economy.

Noting the work initiated by UNESCAP in relation to the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS), the contribution calls upon ITU and Member countries from the Asia and the Pacific region to actively participate in the AP-IS initiative. It proposes ITU through its regional office to strengthen cooperation and synergy with UNESCAP, APT and other international/regional organizations and enhance interconnectivity of the Asia and the Pacific countries. It also suggests additions to the list of regional initiatives proposed by APT in the RPM- ASP document, entitled “***APT view on Draft Regional Initiatives for the Asia and the Pacific region (***[Document 15](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0015/en)***).***

[**Document INF/9**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0009/en): The document, entitled “***Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway***”, was contributed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

The contribution highlights the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS) framework and potential area of cooperation with ITU identified in the AP-IS Master Plan. These areas include update of Asia-Pacific information superhighway transmission maps, financial inclusion for empowerment of women entrepreneurs, terrestrial fibre links to international connectivity, institutional and individual capacity-building, formulation of an Asia-Pacific information superhighway funding platform, and regional review of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) in Asia and the Pacific.

UNESCAP informed RPM-ASP on the developments related to the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway.

RPM-ASP took note of the information document.

[**Document INF/6**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0006/en)**:** The document, entitled **"*Brainstorming for the preparation of the Regional Initiatives 2018-2021*"**,was contributed by the BDT Director. The document presents some suggestions of the BDT Director to Regional Telecommunication Organizations based on the experience of BDT in the implementation of regional initiatives. It has been submitted to Regional Telecommunication Organizations for their consideration as they deem appropriate when considering regional initiatives for the period 2018-2021.

[**Document INF/7**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0007/en)**:** The document, entitled **"*Regional initiatives for the Asia and the Pacific Region as adopted by WTDC‑14*"**,was contributed by the BDT Director. This document presents the Regional Initiatives for the Americas region as adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014.

[**Document INF/12**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0012/en): The document, entitled **"*Summary of discussions of the ASP Regional Development Forum*"**,was contributed by the BDT Director. The document presents the summary of discussions of the Regional Development Forum for the Asia and the Pacific Region held on 20 March 2017.

[**Document INF/8**](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-INF-0008/en): The document, entitled "Asia-Pacific Regional Initiative proposal on IOT and 5G", was contributed by INTEL Corporation for information.

The contribution highlights the importance of 5G and Internet of Things (IoT) for the Asia and the Pacific region in areas such as Smart Cities, Smart Transportation, Smart Health, Smart Education, Smart Water Management and Agriculture. The contribution advocates the establishment of a regional initiative on Seizing the Benefits of IoT and 5G.

RPM-ASP took note of **Documents 15, 24, 34 and 35 as well as INF/9, 6, 7, 12, and 8**. It was further proposed and agreed that an Ad-Hoc Group on the Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives led by RPM-ASP Vice Chairman, Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat, be convened to work on a consolidated contribution on the Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives to the RPM-ASP.

The Ad-Hoc Group on the Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives chaired by Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat, Vice-Chairman, RPM-ASP discussed the contributions made to the RPM-ASP on regional initiatives. The Group also developed further details on the Expected Results of the five Regional Initiatives (Annex 1) proposed by APT ([Document 15](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-RPMASP-C-0015/en)) and decided to continue its work through the APT preparatory process for submission to WTDC-17.

The report of the Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Group on the Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives, available in DT/3 and Annex 2 to this report, was presented to the Plenary which approved the report and agreed to use it as the basis for continuing work towards developing a consolidated contribution from the region. The proposed ASP Regional Initiatives 2018-2021 are:

1. Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries
2. Harnessing telecommunications/ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society
3. Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity
4. Enabling policy and regulatory environments
5. Contributing to secure and resilient environment

# Any other business

**Main Outcomes**

RPM-ASP, after considering 51 input documents and discussions, came to the following conclusions:

* RPM-ASP welcomed the preliminary draft ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2020-2023, and decided to continue its work through the APT preparatory process for submission to WTDC-17.
* RPM-ASP welcomed the preliminary draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021 (including study group Questions), considered proposals to be added to the draft ITU-D Action Plan 2018-2021, and decided to continue its work through the APT preparatory process for submission to WTDC-17.
* RPM-ASP considered the preliminary draft WTDC-17 Declaration recognizing ITU-D’s contribution to implementation of the WSIS outcomes and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the preliminary draft structure of WTDC-17, considered proposals to be added to the draft WTDC-17 Declaration, and decided to continue its work through the APT preparatory process for submission to WTDC-17.
* RPM-ASP recognized that the ITU-D regional initiatives constitute an effective mechanism for fostering implementation of the WSIS outcomes and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
* RPM-ASP proposed five Regional Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific focused on the following areas and priorities:
  + Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries
  + Harnessing telecommunications/ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society
  + Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity
  + Enabling policy and regulatory environments
  + Contributing to secure and resilient environment

RPM-ASP decided to continue its work through the APT preparatory process for submission to WTDC-17.

* RPM-ASP welcomed and supported the rules of procedure of ITU-D (WTDC Resolution 1), as well as the report of the Correspondence Group on Streamlining WTDC Resolutions.
* RPM-ASP also examined proposals for the revision by WTDC-17 of one existing WTDC resolution (Resolution 52).
* It also examined proposals for two new resolutions.
* It also examined two proposals to streamline 4 resolutions (Resolutions 37 and 50, and 17 and 32).

Closing ceremony

The BDT Director, Mr Brahima Sanou, thanked the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for having hosted the regional preparatory meeting and for its support to the successful organization of the RPM. He noted the important outcomes reflected in the Chairman’s report, which would serve as the basis for the preparation of contributions to WTDC‑17. He also thanked the Chairman, Mrs Farida Dwi Cahyarini, Secretary-General, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, and the vice-chairs for their excellent leadership of the meeting, as well as all MCIT staff. He also expressed his gratitude to Mr Ioane Koroivuki, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific and the BDT team for a successful RPM. Finally, he expressed his gratitude to Ms Aurora Rubio, ITU Area Representative of the Jakarta office, who will be retiring shortly.

Closing the meeting, Mrs Farida Dwi Cahyarini, Secretary-General, Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, speaking on behalf of the Government of Indonesia/MCIT expressed her gratitude to all ITU members having participated in the work of RPM-ASP. She also expressed her particular gratitude to Mr Brahima Sanou, BDT Director, to Mr Ioane Koroivuki, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific. She also thanked the ITU staff for their assistance in the organization and running of the meeting.

The RPM-ASP participants thanked the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the meeting for their effective leadership, as well as for their excellent organization of the meeting and for the technical facilities and working conditions provided, highlighting in particular the spirit of collaboration among Membership and with ITU.

Ms Farida Dwi Cahyarini,

Chairman, RPM-ASP for WTDC‑17

23 March 2017, Bali, Republic of Indonesia

Annex 1

**Preliminary Draft WTDC-17 Declaration**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017), which took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, under the theme of "ICT for Sustainable Development Goals” (ICT④SDGs),

*recognizes that*

1. Telecommunications/ICTs are a key enabler for social and economic development; and consequently for accelerating the timely attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets set out in the **Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**;

b) Telecommunications/ICTs also play a crucial role in various areas such as health, education, agriculture, governance, finance, commerce, disaster risk reduction and management, climate change mitigation and adaptation; particularly in least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing States (SIDS), landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) and countries with economies in transition;

c) Access to modern, secure and affordable Telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, applications and services offers opportunities for improving peoples' lives and ensuring that sustainable development across the world becomes a reality;

d)Widespread conformance and interoperability of telecommunication/ICT equipment and systems through the implementation of relevant programmes, policies and decisions can increase market opportunities and reliability and encourage global integration and trade;

e) Telecommunication/ICT applications can be life-changing for individuals, communities and societies at large, but they canalso increase the challenge of building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs;

f) Broadband access technologies, broadband-enabled services and ICT applications offer new opportunities for interaction among people, for sharing the world's knowledge resources and expertise, for transforming peoples' lives and for contributing to inclusive and sustainable development across the world;

g) Despite all the progress made during past years, the digital divide still remains, and is compounded by disparities in access, use and skills between and within countries, in particular between urban and rural areas, as well as in the availability of accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs, particularly for women, elderly, youth, children, indigenous people and persons with disabilities and specific needs;

h) ITU is committed to improving people’s lives and making the world a better place throughtelecommunications and information and communication technologies (ICTs);

*therefore declares that*

1. Universally accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs are a fundamental contribution towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030;

2. Innovation is essential in ushering high-speed, high-quality ICT infrastructure and services;

3. With convergence, policy-makers and regulators should continue to promote widespread, affordable access to telecommunications/ICTs, including Internet access, through fair, transparent, stable, predictable and non-discriminatory enabling policy, legal and regulatory environments, including common approaches to conformance and interoperability that promote competition, increase consumer choices, foster continued technological and service innovation and provide investment incentives at national, regional and international levels;

4. New and emerging technologies such as big data , the Internet of Things and Artificial Intelligence should be harnessed for purposes of supporting global efforts aimed at further development of the information society;

5. Digital literacy and ICT skills, as well as human, institutional and country capacity in the development and use of telecommunications/ICT networks, applications and services including emerging technologies should be enhanced to enable people to contribute to ideas, knowledge and human development;

6. Measuring the Information Society and providing the proper indicators/statistics are important for both Member States and the private sector with the former being able to identify gaps that need public policy intervention, and the latter, in identifying and finding investment opportunities;

7. An inclusive information society should take into account the needs of persons with disabilities and specific needs;

8. Building trust, confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs requires further international cooperation and coordination between governments, relevant organizations, private companies and other stakeholders.

9. Cooperation between developed and developing countries as well as among developing countries are encouraged as this paves way for technical cooperation, technological transfer, and joint research activities;

10. Public-private partnerships need to be further strengthened in order to identify and apply innovative technological solutions and financing mechanisms for inclusive and sustainable development;

11. Innovation should be integrated into national policies, initiatives and programmes to promote sustainable development and economic growth through multi-stakeholder partnerships, between developing countries and between developed and developing countries to facilitate technology and knowledge transfer;

12. International cooperation should be continuously enhanced amongst ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Academia, and other partners and stakeholders to pursue sustainable development, through the use of telecommunications/ICTs;

13. ITU membership and other interested parties should cooperate in implementation of Connect 2020 global telecommunication/information and communication technology goals and targets.

Accordingly, we, the delegates to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17), declare our commitment to accelerate the expansion and use of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure, applications and services for the timely attainment of the **Sustainable Development Goals and Targets set out in the Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**.

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) calls upon ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Academia and all other partners and stakeholders to contribute towards the successful implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan.

Annex 2

**Draft Regional Initiatives for the Asia and the Pacific Region**

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| **ASP1: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries** |
| **Objective**: To provide special assistance to least developed countries (LDCs), small island developing states (SIDS), including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries (LLDCs) in order to meet their priority telecommunication/ICT requirements.  **Expected results**:   1. Assistance in the development of broadband infrastructure, telecommunication /ICT applications and cybersecurity, policy and regulatory frameworks and human capacity building taking into account the special needs of LDCs, SIDS, and LLDCs; 2. Promotion of an inclusive universal access to telecommunications/ICTs to LDCs, SIDS, and LLDCs; 3. Assistance in disaster prediction, preparedness, adaptation, monitoring and mitigation to LDCs, SIDS, and LLDCs based on their priority needs; 4. Assistance in achieving internationally agreed goals, such as the Agenda 2030 of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Istanbul plan of action for LDCs, the Samoa Pathway for SIDS and the Vienna programme of action for LLDCs. |
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| **ASP2: Harnessing ICTs to support the digital economy and an inclusive digital society** |
| **Objective**: To assist ITU Member States in utilizing telecommunications/ICTs to reap the benefits of the digital economy and to address the human and technical capacity challenges to bridging the digital divide.  **Expected results**:   1. Assistance in elaborating national strategic planning frameworks and associated toolkits for selected telecommunication/ICT applications and services; 2. Assistance in the deployment of telecommunication/ICT/mobile applications to improve the delivery of value added services in high-potential sectors, such as health, education, agriculture, governance, energy, mobile payment, etc.; 3. Information sharing of knowledge and best practices on various telecommunication/ICT applications; 4. Assistance in development of national digital skills development programmes for the inclusiveness; 5. Assistance to develop digital inclusion policies, strategies and guidelines; 6. Assistance in facilitating the adoption and deployment of Internet of Things (IoT) and the development of Smart Cities; |
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| **ASP3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity** |
| **Objective**: To assist Member States in the development of infrastructure in order to facilitate services /applications on that infrastructure.  **Expected results**:   1. Digitization of analogue networks and in applying affordable wired and wireless technologies, including interoperability of telecommunication/ICT infrastructure; 2. Maximized the use of appropriate new technologies for the development of the appropriate telecommunication/ICT networks including Smart Grids infrastructure and services; 3. Medium- to long-term planning for the implementation and development of national ICT broadband network plans; 4. Information and analyses on the current status of broadband backbone and submarine cables; 5. Assistance in promoting Internet exchange points (IXPs) as a long-term solution to advance connectivity, and deployment of/transition to IPv6-based networks and applications; 6. Assistance in suitable technologies for access, backhaul and source of power supply to bring telecommunications to rural, unserved and underserved areas; 7. Projects on public/community broadband access points focusing on the provision of telecommunication/ICT services and applications through suitable technologies, including satellite, and business models which achieve financial and operational sustainability; 8. Implementation of the relevant standards tailored to the needs of developing country; 9. Capacity building on the importance of C&I procedures and testing, mobilizing the resources required to implement regional and national C&I programmes; 10. Assistance in the establishment of national, regional or subregional C&I programmes, and assessment studies for facilitating the establishment of common conformance and interoperability regimes at national, regional and subregional level through the implementation of Mutual recognition agreements/arrangements (MRAs); 11. Assistance on policy and regulatory frameworks for digital terrestrial broadcasting, including frequency planning and optimization of spectrum use; digital broadcasting guidelines and master plans for the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting and new broadcasting services and technologies; 12. Assistance in spectrum-management assessments, master plans and recommended action plans for the further development of spectrum-management structures, procedures and toolsincluding new spectrum-sharing approaches; 13. Assistance in spectrum fee regimes, including direct assistance in the establishment of such regimes; in the harmonization of regional spectrum allocations, including coordination procedures in border areas; and in the optimization and cost-effective use of spectrum-monitoring systems and networks; 14. Assistance to developing countries in building human skills for the development and use of satellite telecommunications; 15. Cooperation with international/regional organizations to enhance the regional telecommunication/ICT interconnectivity such as Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS). |
| **ASP4: Enabling policy and regulatory environments** |
| **Objective**: To assist Member States in developing appropriate policy and regulatory frameworks, fostering innovation (e.g. especially SMEs), enhancing skills, increasing information sharing and strengthening regulatory cooperation which contribute to a supportive regulatory environment for the industry (including public – private partnership) and take into account consumer interests.  **Expected results**:   1. Information sharing on the current developments with regard to the policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks as well as market developments in the telecommunication/ICT sector and the digital economies it enables; 2. Assistance in defining, elaborating, implementing and reviewing transparent, coherent and forward looking strategies, policy, legal and regulatory frameworks as well as in moving towards evidence-based decision-making at the national and regional level; 3. Provision of tools and platforms for an inclusive dialogue and enhanced cooperation among national and regional regulators, policy-makers and other telecommunication/ICT stakeholders as well as with other sectors of the economy on topical policy, legal, regulatory and market issues; 4. Provision of institutional and human capacity building and technical assistance on topical policy, legal, regulatory, as well as on economic and financial issues and market developments, , including through Centres of Excellence; 5. Assistance in updating telecommunication/ICT policies on innovation and entrepreneurship; 6. Assistance in developing the strategic framework in supporting the Research and Development Activities in telecommunication/ICTs in developing countries; |
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| **ASP5: Contributing to secure and resilient environment** |
| **Objective**: To assist Member States to develop and maintain secure, trusted and resilient networks/services, to address challenges related to climate change and also to facilitate disaster preparedness, risk reduction and mitigation.  **Expected results**:   1. Assistance in the development of their national and/or regional cybersecurity strategies; 2. Assistance in establishing national cybersecurity capabilities such as Computer Incident Response Team (CIRTs) to identify, manage and respond to cyber threats, and participate in cooperation mechanisms at the regional and international level; 3. Strengthened institutional cooperation and coordination among the key actors and stakeholder through organizing cyberdrills at national and regional level; 4. Established a culture of cybersecurity by sharing good practices collected through the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI); 5. Capacity building to improve and maintain the coherence of worldwide efforts in cybersecurity; 6. Assistance in the development of national emergency telecommunication plans; 7. Telecommunication/ICT-based initiatives for providing medical (e-health) and humanitarian assistance in disasters and emergencies; 8. Assistance in incorporating disaster-resilient features in telecommunication networks and infrastructure; 9. Assistance in developing telecommunication/ICT-based solutions, including wireless and satellite-based technologies; 10. Assistance in the use of active and passive space-based sensing systems for the purpose of disaster prediction, detection and mitigation; 11. Assistance in formulating comprehensive strategies and measures to help mitigate and respond to the devastating effects of climate change; 12. Assistance in development of e-waste policy; 13. Assistance in developing standards-based monitoring and early-warning systems linked to national and regional networks; |

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