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| FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE OUTCOMES OF WTSA-16 ON ITU-D |
| **Priority area:**Other proposals**Summary:**Taking into account the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly 2016 and the number of decisions impacting the work of ITU-D, it is requested that prior to Council-17 BDT evaluates financial and human resources impact of the outcomes of WTSA-16 on the Development Sector. So far, the financial impact of the outcomes of WTSA-16 was evaluated only in the context of ITU-T. **Expected results:**It is proposed to request BDT to provide an estimate of the financial and human resources impact of the outcomes of WTSA-16 on ITU-D. This information will allow the membership to better evaluate the following:a) overall financial requirements for the Development Sector work; b) future volume of the BDT work;c) scope of work of ITU-D for the years 2018-2021.This information will also facilitate discussion on Budget and Financial Plan to take place at Council-17 and PP-18. **References:**WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) |

**Background**

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-16) took place in Yasmine Hammamet, Tunisia, from 25 October to 3 November 2016. WTSA-16 concluded with the adoption of 15 new WTSA resolutions, revising 31 resolutions, revising two of the A series ITU-T Recommendations that guide ITU-T's work, approving five ITU standards, while deciding on the scope of work of the ITU-T Study Groups.

A significant number of WTSA-16 resolutions address the needs of developing countries in terms of ICT for development and are therefore related to the work of ITU-D. Most of them include in their operative part, the collaboration and cooperation with ITU-D, its related study groups and the BDT Director. In some resolutions there is a clear mention to support existing efforts undertaken by ITU-D.

Currently there are more than 25 resolutions, including 10 new resolutions, that have direct impact on the work of ITU-D.

WTSA-16 carried out preliminary evaluation of financial impact of the outcomes and estimated that approximately USD 1.5 million would be required to fulfil all new requests reflected in the WTSA-16 outcomes.

Similar evaluation of the financial impact of the WTSA-16 outcomes on ITU-D has not been carried out yet.

**Proposal**

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a) overall financial requirements for the Development Sector work;

b) future volume of the BDT work;

c) scope of work of ITU-D for the years 2018-2021.

This information will also facilitate discussion on the Budget and Financial Plan to take place at Council-17 and PP-18.

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