



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:
-Administrations of ITU Member States
-ITU-D Sector Members
-Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of TDAG
-Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-D Study
Groups 1 and 2

Subject: **Candidates for chairmen and vice-chairmen of ITU-D study groups and the
Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) for 2018-2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with World Telecommunications Development Conference Resolution 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014), in order to help WTDC appoint chairmen/vice-chairmen of the study groups and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), Member States and ITU-D Sector Members are encouraged to indicate proposed candidates to the Director of BDT.

Should your administration/organization wish to propose a candidate for a post of chairman or vice-chairman of an ITU-D study group or TDAG, or support a currently serving chairman or vice-chairman, I would very much appreciate your sending me, **preferably by 31 July 2017**, the name and biographical profile highlighting the qualifications of the individual concerned.

The names and CVs of candidates nominated will be posted on the website in the original language at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC14/Pages/candidates.aspx> as soon as they are made available.

Based on clause 4 in Resolution 61, "that the term of office for both chairmen and vice-chairmen **should not exceed two terms of office** between consecutive WTDCs". **Annex 1** lists the current chairmen and vice-chairmen of TDAG and the two study groups.

Your attention is drawn to the procedure for appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen in WTDC Resolution 61 (**Annex 2** to this Circular). Furthermore, clause 2 of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) states that "Appointment of chairmen and vice-chairmen by WTDC shall be primarily based upon proven competence both in matters considered by the study group concerned and the management skills required."

Provision CV242 states: "The ... world telecommunication development conference shall appoint the chairman and one vice-chairman or more for each study group. In appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the requirements of competence and equitable geographical distribution, and to the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries."

I look forward to receiving your proposed candidatures. I would also encourage you to already start thinking about possible nominations for Rapporteurs and Vice-Rapporteurs for future Study Group Questions.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex 1

List of chairmen and vice-chairmen of TDAG and ITU-D study groups

List of chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG

Chairman/ Vice-Chairmen	Name	Country	BDT Region	Eligibility for re- appointment*
Chairman	Mr Vladimir Minkin	Russian Federation	CIS	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Roxanne McElvane Webber	USA	Chairman SG1	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	Chairman SG2	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Elie Djerambete	Chad	AFR	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Ahmadou Traoré	Mali	AFR	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Clarisa Estol	Argentina	AMS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Héctor Edmundo Valdés Moreno	Mexico	AMS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Al-Ansari Al-Mashagbah	Jordan	ARB	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Mohamed Saeed Ali Al Muathen Al Mazrooei	United Arab Emirates	ARB	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Kishore Babu	India	ASP	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Bohyun Seo	Korea (Rep. of)	ASP	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Rufat Taghizadeh	Azerbaijan	CIS	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Nurzat Boljobekova	Kyrgyzstan	CIS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Dominique Würges	France	EUR	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Fabio Bigi	Italy	EUR	Not eligible

***Not eligible:** Reached maximum terms of office for this post according to Res 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014).

Eligible: Can be re-appointed for the second and last term of office for this post.

List of chairmen and vice-chairmen of ITU-D Study Groups

Study Group 1				
Chairman/ Vice-Chairmen	Name	Country	BDT Region	Eligibility for re- appointment*
Chairman	Ms Roxanne McElvane Webber	United States	AMS	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Peter Ngwan Mbengie	Cameroon	AFR	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Regina Fleur Assoumou-Bessou	Côte d'Ivoire	AFR	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Víctor Martínez	Paraguay	AMS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Claymir Carozza Rodríguez	Venezuela	AMS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Ahmed Abdel Aziz Gad	Egypt	ARB	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Wesam Al-Ramadeen	Jordan	ARB	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Yasuhiko Kawasumi	Japan	ASP	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Nguyen Quy Quyen	Viet Nam	ASP	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Almaz Tilenbaev	Kyrgyzstan	CIS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Vadym Kaptur	Ukraine	CIS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Blanca María González González	Spain	EUR	Not eligible

Study Group 2				
Chairman/ Vice-Chairmen	Name	Country	BDT Region	Eligibility for re- appointment*
Chairman	Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	ASP	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Aminata Kaba-Camara	Guinea	AFR	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Christopher Kemei	Kenya	AFR	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Celina Delgado	Nicaragua	AMS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Nadir Ahmed Gaylani	Sudan	ARB	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Nasser Al-Marzouqi	United Arab Emirates	ARB	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Ms Wang Ke	China	ASP	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Ananda Raj Khanal	Nepal (Rep. of)	ASP	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Henadz Asipovich	Belarus	CIS	Eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Evgeny Bondarenko	Russian Federation	CIS	Not eligible
Vice-Chairman	Mr Petko Kantchev	Bulgaria	EUR	Not eligible

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Annex 2

RESOLUTION 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

**Appointment and maximum term of office of chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups in the
ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and of the Telecommunication
Development Advisory Group**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014),

considering

- a) that No. 209 of the ITU Convention provides for the establishment of study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);
- b) that Article 20 of the Convention provides that, in appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, personal competence and equitable geographical distribution should be especially kept in mind, as well as the need to promote more effective participation by developing countries¹;
- c) that No. 214 of the Convention and other related provisions indicate the nature of the work of the study groups;
- d) that provisions for the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) have been incorporated in Article 17A of the Convention;
- e) that No. 242 of the Convention requires the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) to appoint the chairman and one vice-chairman or more for each study group, taking account of competence and equitable geographical distribution, and the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries;
- f) that section 2 of Resolution 1 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of this conference contains guidelines regarding the appointment of study group chairmen and vice-chairmen at WTDCs;
- g) that procedures and qualifications for the chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG should generally follow those for the appointment of study group chairmen and vice-chairmen;
- h) that experience of ITU in general and of ITU-D in particular would be of particular value for the chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG;
- i) that No. 244 of the Convention describes the procedure for replacing a study group chairman or vice-chairman who is unable to carry out his or her duties at some time in the interval between two WTDCs;
- j) that No. 215I of the Convention states that TDAG shall "adopt its own working procedures compatible with those adopted by the world telecommunication development conference";
- k) that a specific time-limit on the term of office would permit the introduction of new ideas on a periodic basis, while at the same time give an opportunity for study group chairmen and vice-chairmen and the chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG to be appointed from different Member States and Sector Members,

noting

- a) Article 19 of the Convention, on the participation of entities and organizations in the Union's activities;
- b) Resolution 166 (Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the number of vice-chairmen of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups;

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

c) Resolution 58 (Rev. Guadalajara, 2010) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strengthening of relations between ITU, regional telecommunication organizations and all Member States without exception, for the regional preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference,

taking into account

a) that a maximum time in office of two terms for study group and TDAG chairmen and vice-chairmen provides for a reasonable amount of stability while providing the opportunity for different individuals to serve in these capacities;

b) that § 10.1 of Resolution 1 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) indicates that the study group management team should be composed, at least, of the chairman and the vice-chairmen of the study group, the chairmen and vice-chairmen of working parties and the rapporteurs and vice-rapporteurs;

c) that the TDAG bureau should include at least the chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG and its working party chairmen and vice-chairmen,

resolves

1 that candidates for the posts of chairmen and vice-chairmen of the ITU-D study groups and candidates for the posts of chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG should be appointed according to the procedures given in Annex 1, the qualifications given in Annex 2 and the guidelines given in Annex 3 to this resolution;

2 that candidates for the posts of study group chairmen and vice-chairmen and candidates for the posts of chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG should be identified, taking into account that, for each study group and for TDAG, WTDC will appoint the chairman and up to two vice-chairmen from each of the six regions² for the efficient and effective management and functioning of the group in question, applying the guidelines given in Annex 3;

3 that nominations for the posts of study group chairmen and vice-chairmen or for the posts of chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG should be accompanied by a biographical profile highlighting the qualifications of the individuals proposed, taking into careful consideration continuity in participation in ITU-D study groups or TDAG, and that the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) will circulate the profiles to the heads of delegation present at WTDC;

4 that the term of office for both chairmen and vice-chairmen should not exceed two terms of office between consecutive WTDCs;

5 that the term of office in one appointment (e.g. as a vice-chairman) does not count towards the term of office for another appointment (e.g. as a chairman) and that steps should be taken to provide some continuity between chairmen and vice-chairmen;

6 that the interval between WTDCs during which a chairman or vice-chairman is elected under No. 244 of the Convention does not count towards the term of office;

7 that the counting of a term of office is effective from WTDC-10 and is not retroactive,

invites Member States and Sector Members

to support their successful candidates for such posts in ITU-D, and support and facilitate their task during their term of office.

² Africa, Americas, Arab States, Asia-Pacific, Commonwealth of Independent States, Europe.

ANNEX 1 TO RESOLUTION 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

**Procedure for the appointment of chairmen and vice-chairmen
of the ITU-D study groups and of TDAG**

- 1 Typically, the positions of chairmen and vice-chairmen to be filled are known in advance of WTDC.
 - a) In order to help WTDC appoint chairmen/vice-chairmen, Member States, ITU-D Sector Members and the study group concerned or TDAG should be encouraged to indicate to the Director of BDT suitable candidates preferably three months, but no later than two weeks before the opening of WTDC.
 - b) In nominating suitable candidates, ITU-D Sector Members should carry out prior consultations with the administration/Member State concerned, in order to avoid any possible disagreement in regard to such nomination.
 - c) On the basis of proposals received, the Director of BDT will circulate to Member States and Sector Members the list of candidates. The list of candidates should be accompanied by an indication of the qualifications of each candidate as given in Annex 2 to this resolution.
 - d) On the basis of this document and any relevant comments received, the heads of delegation, at a suitable time during WTDC, should be invited to prepare, in consultation with the Director of BDT, a consolidated list of designated study group and TDAG chairmen and vice-chairmen to be submitted in a document to WTDC for final approval.
 - e) In drafting the consolidated list, the following should be taken into account: in cases where there are two or more candidates with equal competence for the same chairman position, preference should be given to candidates from Member States and Sector Members having the lowest number of designated study group and TDAG chairmen.
- 2 Situations which cannot be considered within the above will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis at WTDC.

For example, if WTDC decides to set up a completely new study group, discussions will have to be held at WTDC and appointments made.
- 3 These procedures should be applied for appointments made by TDAG under delegated authority (see Resolution 24 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) of this conference).
- 4 Vacant positions of chairmen and vice-chairmen that occur in mid-term between WTDCs are filled in accordance with No. 244 of the Convention.

ANNEX 2 TO RESOLUTION 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

Qualifications of chairmen and vice-chairmen

No. 242 of the Convention states that:

"... In appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen, particular consideration shall be given to the requirements of competence and equitable geographical distribution and to the need to promote more efficient participation by the developing countries."

Whilst giving primary consideration to the qualifications below, there should be an appropriate representation of chairmen and vice-chairmen from developing countries, including the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

As regards competence, the following qualifications, inter alia, appear to be of importance when appointing study group chairmen and vice-chairmen:

- knowledge and experience;
- continuity in participation in the relevant study group;
- managerial skills;
- availability³;
- active in the work of the study group;

and the following qualifications, inter alia, appear to be of importance when appointing the chairman and vice-chairmen of TDAG:

- knowledge and experience;
- continuity in the activities of ITU in general and of ITU-D in particular;
- managerial skills;
- availability³.

Particular reference to the above qualifications should be included in the biographical profile to be circulated by the Director of BDT.

³ A further factor to be considered when appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen to both study groups and TDAG is candidates' availability for the period up to the next WTDC.

ANNEX 3 TO RESOLUTION 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014)

**Guidelines for appointment of the optimum numbers of vice-chairmen
for ITU-D study groups and for TDAG**

- 1 Pursuant to Resolution 166 (Guadalajara, 2010) and No. 242 of the Convention, the requirements of competence, equitable geographical distribution and the need to promote more effective participation by the developing countries should be taken into account to the extent practicable.
- 2 To the extent possible, and taking into account the need for demonstrated competence, appointment or selection to the management team should utilize the resources of as broad a range of Member States and Sector Members as possible, at the same time recognizing the need to appoint only the number of vice-chairmen necessary for the efficient and effective management and functioning of the study groups, consistent with the projected structure and work programme.
- 3 The workload should be a factor in determining the appropriate number of vice-chairmen, up to two vice-chairmen from each region, to ensure that every aspect within the purview of TDAG and the study groups is fully managed.
- 4 The total number of vice-chairmen proposed by any administration should be fairly reasonable, so as to observe the principle of equitable distribution of posts among the Member States concerned.
- 5 Regional representation in the advisory group, study groups and other groups of all three Sectors should be taken into account (as indicated in *resolves* 2), such that no single individual may hold more than one vice-chairmanship position in these groups in any one Sector, and only in exceptional cases hold such a position in more than one Sector⁴.
- 6 Where the re-election of vice-chairmen is concerned, the nomination of candidates who have failed to participate in at least half of all meetings during the previous study period should normally be avoided, taking into account prevailing circumstances.

⁴ The criterion mentioned in this paragraph should not prevent a vice-chairman of a given advisory group or a vice-chairman of a given study group from holding positions of chairman or vice-chairman of a given working party or as rapporteur or associate rapporteur for any group under the mandate of that Sector group.