



**Telecommunication
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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Resolution 99 (Rev. Busan, 2014)
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen for ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2
- Rapporteurs and Vice-Rapporteurs for ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2 Questions

Subject: Outcomes of the first meetings of ITU-D Study Group 1 and Study Group 2

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the first meetings of ITU-D Study Group 1 (30 April – 4 May 2018) and Study Group 2 (7 – 11 May 2018) for the 2018-2021 study cycle were successfully held in Geneva.

During these meetings, the following key outcomes were achieved:

- 21 Rapporteurs/co-Rapporteurs and 118 Vice-Rapporteurs were appointed to join the management team for the ITU-D Study Groups. I am confident that they will lead successfully all the Questions under study and I invite you to join me in congratulating them. The list of the appointed members from the management team is available at <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/sg/rapporteurs.asp?lg=1&sp=2018>.
- Draft work plans, tables of contents and other output documents were approved in order to set the right base and direction for our future work. The approved outcomes are available in the annexes of the Rapporteur Group meeting reports for Study Group 1 and for Study Group 2, which can be found at <https://www.itu.int/md/D18-SG01-R> (for SG1) and <https://www.itu.int/md/D18-SG02-R> (for SG2) respectively.
- In order to ensure an efficient sharing and collaboration on key topics, a panel session on Early Warning Systems (EWS) was held successfully during the first Study Group 2 meeting. Several workshops are also planned during the next SG1 and SG2 Rapporteur Group meetings (SG1: 17 – 29 Sep. 2018; SG2: 1 – 12 Oct. 2018).
- Significant updates were made to the mapping of Questions under study in ITU-D and ITU-T received from the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG), while similar mapping between ITU-D and ITU-R is to follow, in order to reach a new level of coordination between the three ITU Sectors.

The above represents only a subset of many more outcomes, which is thanks to the strong expertise, experience and dedication put by all the delegates under the leadership of SG1 and SG2 Chairpersons. In order to keep this momentum and to help assist members to meet their future targets and milestones

between meetings, the ITU-D Study Groups Secretariat has prepared a set of online collaboration tools so as to easily and effectively share documents or exchange conversations online. These tools can be accessed at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/2018-2021/Pages/collaborative-tools.aspx>.

Upon the request from the membership to enhance synergies between ITU-D programmes, Regional Initiatives and Study Group Questions, the ITU-D Study Groups Secretariat also initiated a mapping between the Study Group Questions and Regional Initiatives, which is available for further refinement.

The ITU-D Study Groups Secretariat is at your disposal should you require further information.

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I thank all members for their strong support to the progress of the work of the Study Groups and look forward to welcoming you back at the next Rapporteur Group meetings.

Yours faithfully,

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