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| **Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications** |
| Revision of Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) Establishment of study groups |
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| **Priority area:** - Resolutions**Summary:**By this contribution RCC proposes to revise Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) Establishment of study groups. The objective of this revision is to update the text of WTDC Resolution 2 in accordance with the discussions on the list of BDT Thematic Priorities, the revision of ITU-D Study Questions terms of reference for new study period, as well as to implement relevant TDAG decisions, which were made during its meeting in November, 2021.In this revision it is proposed to create ITU-D Study Groups’ terms of reference according to the following Thematic Priorities: * Connectivity
* Digital transformation

**Expected results:**Participants are invited to consider RCC proposals on revision of WTDC Resolution 2. **References:**- |

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RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Establishment of study groups

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017),

*considering*

*a)* that the mandate for each study group needs to be clearly defined, in order to avoid duplication *between* study groups and other groups of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU‑D) established pursuant to No. 209A of the ITU Convention and to ensure the coherence of the overall work programme of the Sector as provided for in Article 16 of the Convention;

*b)* that, for carrying out the studies entrusted to ITU‑D, it is appropriate to set up study groups, as provided for in Article 17 of the Convention, to deal with specific task-oriented telecommunication questions of priority to developing countries, taking into consideration the ITU strategic plan and goals, and prepare relevant outputs in the form of reports, guidelines and/or Recommendations for the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies (ICTs);

*c)* the need as far as possible to avoid duplication between studies undertaken by ITU‑D and those carried out by the other two Sectors of the Union,

resolves

1 to continue within the Sector activities of two study groups, with a clear responsibility and terms of reference as set out in Annex 1 to this Resolution;

2 that each study group and their relevant groups will conduct the studies under the scope of the ITU-D Questions adopted by this Conference and assigned to it in accordance with the structure shown in Annex 2 to this Resolution, and those adopted or revised between two World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDCs) in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of this conference;

3 that the organization of the study groups should lead to increased synergy, transparency and efficiency with minimal overlap between study ITU-D Questions;

4 that the ITU-D Questions should be linked with implementation of WTDC and Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) Resolutions as well as with Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) programs provided in ITU-D Action Plan, so that the study groups and the BDT programmes benefit from each other's activities, resources and expertise, and jointly contribute to the achievement of ITU-D objectives;

5 that the study groups should make use of the relevant outputs and materials of the other two Sectors and the General Secretariat relevant to their terms of reference and collaborate actively with study groups of two Sectors on issues of mutual interest;

6 that the study groups will be managed by the chairmen and vice-chairmen as shown in Annex 3 to this Resolution.

Annex 1 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Scope of ITU‑D study groups

# 1 Study Group 1

**National aspects of connectivity** – National policy and regulatory aspects of broadband development.

– Economic policies related to national telecommunications/ICTs, including facilitating the implementation of the digital economy and provision of telecommunications/ICT services.

– National aspects of provision of access to modern telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas, as well as for SIDS, LLDC and LDC.

– Human exposure to electromagnetic fields.

– Telecommunication/ICT consumers’ protection.

– National aspects of provision of access to digital broadcasting.

– National aspects of utilizing telecommunication/ICTs in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response.

# 2 Study Group 2

**Digital transformation** National aspects of implementation of new and emerging telecommunication/ICT technologies.

* The use of telecommunications/ICTs to create "smart cities" and the information society.
* Using the telecommunications/ICT for e-health purposes.
* Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs.

– The use of telecommunications/ICTs in monitoring and mitigating the impact of climate change and safe disposal of electronic waste, particularly on developing countries.

− Combating counterfeit telecommunication/ICT devices and combating theft of mobile telecommunication devices.

− Implementation of conformance and interoperability testing for telecommunication/ICT devices and equipment.

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Annex 2 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

Questions assigned by the World Telecommunication
Development Conference to ITU‑D study groups

# Study Group 1

– **Question 1/1**: Strategies and policies for the deployment of broadband in developing countries

– **Question 2/1**: Strategies, policies, regulations and methods of migration to and adoption of digital broadcasting including to provide new services for various environments

– **Question 3/1**: Utilizing telecommunications/information and communication technologies for disaster risk reduction and management

– **Question 4/1**: Economic aspects of the national telecommunication/ICT technologies and networks

– **Question 5/1**: Telecommunications/information and communication technologies for rural and remote areas

– **Question 6/1**: Consumer information, protection and rights: Laws, regulation, economic bases, consumer networks

– **Question 7/1**: Strategies and policies concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields

# Study Group 2

– **Question 1/2**: Creating smart cities and society: Employing information and communication technologies for sustainable social and economic development

– **Question 2/2**: Telecommunications/information and communication technologies for e-health

– **Question 3/2**: Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity

– **Question 4/2**: Assistance to developing countries for implementing conformance and interoperability programmes and combating counterfeit information and communication technology equipment and theft of mobile devices

– **Question 5/2**: Emerging technologies, including cloud computing, m-services and OTTs: Challenges and opportunities, economic and policy impact for developing countries

– **Question 6/2**: information and communication technologies and the environment

– **Question 7/2**: Telecommunications/ICT accessibility to enable inclusive communication

Annex 3 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

List of chairmen and vice-chairmen

# Study Group 1

**Chairman**: Ms Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou (Côte d’Ivoire)

**Vice-chairmen**:

Mr Peter Ngwan Mbengie (Cameroon)

Mr Amah Vinyo Capo (Togo)

Mr Roberto Mitsuake Hirayama (Brazil)

Mr Víctor Antonio Martínez Sánchez (Paraguay)

Mr Ahmed Abdel Aziz Gad (Egypt)

Ms Sameera Belal Momen Mohammad (Kuwait)

Mr Yasuhiko Kawasumi (Japan)

Mr Sangwon Ko (Republic of Korea)

Mr Almaz Tilenbaev (Kyrgyzstan)

Mr Vadym Kaptur (Ukraine)

Ms Amela Odobasic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Mr Krisztián Stefanics (Hungary)

# Study Group 2

**Chairman**: Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Republic of Iran)

**Vice-chairmen**:

Mr Roland Yaw Kudozia (Ghana)

Mr Henry Chukwudumeme Nkemadu (Nigeria)

Ms Celina Delgado Castellón (Nicaragua)

Ms Nora Abdalla Hassan Basher (Sudan)

Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi (United Arab Emirates)

Ms Ke Wang (China)

Mr Ananda Raj Khanal (Republic of Nepal)

Mr Yakov Gass (Russian Federation)

Mr Tolibjon Oltinovich Mirzakulov (Uzbekistan)

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