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Arab Group Preparations for WTDC 2021

The Arab preparatory group for (WTDC-21) was established by the Council of the Arab Ministers of Communications and Information (December 2019)

Missions:

- Preparing and initiating Arab proposals that will be submitted to the WTDC-21
- Coordinate with other regions and countries participating in the WTDC-21, and study their proposals
- Coordinate among Arab countries on the nominations of the WTDC-21
- Follow up on relative work and progress during WTDC-21 activities, and coordinate/update Arab positions towards them

Meetings held up to date:

- August 25th – 27th , 2020
- February 17th -18th , 2021
- September 1st -2nd , 2021

Group Structure

Arab Preparatory Group For WTDC 21

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Under Progress MOD Resolutions



Resolution No	Title	Summary
8	Collection and dissemination of information and statistics	By Adding relevant PP and WTSA Resolutions and to take into account the needed measures to ensure the ITU rights for the data collected through ITU database. In addition to number of minor and important amendments to the Resolution in order to add more effectiveness to the content.
9	Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management	Reconsidering the adopted methodology and drawing out the pros and cons. As well as updating the Resolution to allow for the development of all available means to meet the special needs of developing countries with regard to spectrum management. Also considering re-shaping the Joint Rapporteur Group (JRG) as emphasized in Section 3 of Resolution 1 Point 3.2
22	Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks and identification of origin in providing international telecommunication services	Update the resolution to include OTT as an alternative calling procedure

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Resolution No	Title	Summary
34	The role of telecommunications/information and communication technology in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response	By Adding relevant PP and WTSA resolutions, Also Inclusion of the role of emerging technologies in the process of early preparedness and warning of disasters, as well as the role of emerging technologies in rescue and relief operations
45	Mechanisms for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity, including countering and combating spam	By Adding relevant PP and WTSA resolutions and updating the Resolution to include the latest international developments in the field of cybersecurity taking into consideration the report of the Chairman of the High Level Expert Group (HLEG) on the Global Cybersecurity Program (GCA) presented at the ITU Council 2019. Also strengthening the role of the International Telecommunication Union in international cooperation in the field of cybersecurity, especially in the technical field and human capabilities.
67	The role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in child online protection	Update to provide more support for the protection of children online and added a paragraph to assist developing countries in developing national strategies for the protection of children and some other formal additions.
71	Strengthening cooperation between Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and the evolving role of the private sector in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector	It is proposed that small and medium companies be added to this Resolution, especially after the Plenipotentiary Conference adopted Resolution No. 208 (Dubai, 2018), which encourages small and medium companies to participate in the work of the Union.

New Resolutions



Resolution No	Title	Summary
New	The role of Telecommunication/ Information and communication in pandemics situations, especially in developing countries.	The Resolution aims to focus on the role of communications and information technology in epidemiological situations of exceptional urgent nature, especially in developing countries
New	Digital transformation for sustainable development including establishing data and cloud computing centers in developing countries	The Resolution emphasizing that digital transformation is inevitable in the short and medium term for developed countries, especially developing countries. Also emphasize on deployment of emerging technologies, including data centers and cloud computing of all kinds in developing countries, is a very important driver for digital transformation, as these structures will allow the spread of the digital economy

SUP Resolutions



Resolution No.	Title
27	Admission of entities or organizations to participate as Associates in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector
61	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

Thematic Priorities and Addis- Ababa Declaration



With Regards to the Thematic Priorities, Arab Preparatory Group For WTDC 21 suggested to have five Priority instead of four as followings:

- Connectivity;
- Digital Transformation;
- Enabling Environment;
- Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation;
- Building confidence, trust and security in the use of ICTs.

For the Addis -Ababa Declaration:

Arab Preparatory Group believes that the draft document may serve as the basis for further proposals and refinement by ITU Member States in preparation for the WTDC, where it will be finalized.

Arab Regional Initiatives



Arab Preparatory Group For WTDC 21 introduced five initiatives as following:

- **Promoting digital transformation for a rapid transition to the digital economy and enabling to enable digital inclusion, especially for rapid response in the face of epidemics and emergencies;** to enable digital transformation and developing digital services using telecommunications/information and communication technologies and by establishing an advanced infrastructure to support digital transformation,
- **Enhancing trust, security and privacy in the use of telecommunications/ICTs in the era of new and emerging digital technologies;** to Enhance confidence, security and privacy in the use of telecommunications/ICTs by supporting the deployment of resilient infrastructure and secure and reliable services that ensure the protection of privacy and personal data for all segments of society
- **Develop digital infrastructure, promote universal access, and support smart cities and communities;** Enhancing universal access to high-speed connectivity through the development of resilient and synergistic infrastructure and creating an enabling environment that ensures coverage everywhere and in a manner that ensures dealing with the requirements of new and emerging technologies
- **Building capabilities, encouraging digital innovation, entrepreneurship and foreseeing the future;** goal to raise awareness on a culture of digital innovation, future foresight and entrepreneurship for all segments of society
- **Developing digital and collaborative regulation and harmonizing ICT policy and regulatory frameworks;** To strengthening cooperation between regulators, policy makers in various sectors and other stakeholders in telecommunications/ICTs

Nominations of the Arab Group



Group	Position	Country
TDAG	Vice-Chairman	Saudi Arabia
Study Group 2	Chairman	Egypt
Study Group 2	Vice-Chairman	UAE
WTDC-Editorial Committee	Vic-Chairman	Kuwait

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