This is the Chairman’s proposal on revising the study topics for the next study cycle by ITU-D Study Groups pertaining to the revision of WTDC Resolution 2. The objective is to trigger discussions on the topics, guided by the objective of aligning this resolution with the draft Thematic Priorities that have been developed within the mandate of the TDAG WG-RDTP. As decided by TDAG, the extra-ordinary meetings of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2 to be held in October will also discuss the revision of WTDC Resolution 2, and may consider the discussions arising at this meeting. The outcome of the extraordinary meetings of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2 will also be submitted to the next TDAG meeting by the respective Study Groups as this WG-RDTP would have completed its work before October.

The following topics are proposed as study topics by ITU-D Study Groups in the next study cycle. Each topic can be considered as a study question, and five topics/questions are assigned to each Study Group.

* 1. Deployment of broadband networks and services in urban, rural, and remote areas
  2. Broadcasting networks and services
  3. Access to telecommunications/ICTs networks and services by persons with specific needs
  4. Consumer protection, including conformance, interoperability, device authenticity, safeguarding user privacy and data, and cost of services
  5. Emergency communications for mitigating pandemics and other disasters
  6. Emerging technologies, applications, platforms and use cases (e.g., IoT, machine learning, OTTs, etc.)
  7. E-health
  8. Cybersecurity
  9. Protecting the environment (e-waste, ICT-enabled applications and services in other sectors, e.g., agriculture, etc.)
  10. Human exposure to electromagnetic fields with emphasis on bands above 2.5 GHz (5G/6G networks and services)

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