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| Update on the status of implementation by BDT of the TDAG-20 action points | | | |
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ACTION POINTS BY BDT – TDAG-20 and TDAG-20/2 MEETINGS (Virtual, 2-5 and 16 June 2020)

| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DOC. #** | **Document title** | **MAIN CONCLUSION**: | **ACTION POINTS BY BDT** | **Deadline** | **Status** |
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| **1. Address by the Secretary-General** | -- |  |  | - |  |  |
| **2. Address by the Director of BDT** | -- |  |  | - |  | - |
| **3. Opening remarks by the Chairman of TDAG** | -- |  |  | - |  | - |
| **4. Agenda, Time Management Plan and TDAG appointments** | *1* | Draft agenda | It was agreed to remove two items from the agenda: “Progress report on the ITU Index” and the “Status report on the Regional Presence Review”, as both items would be discussed at the Council and were within its purview for any decision.  The agenda was adopted following modification. The time management plan was adopted without modification. | -- |  | -  - |
|  | *DT/1* | Draft Time Management Plan |
|  | *DT/3* | Guidance for a virtual TDAG | The guidance on a virtual TDAG-20 was noted as an information document for reference, as was DT/4. | -- |  |  |
|  | *DT/4* | TDAG scope and responsibilities, TDAG Web Dialogues and WTDC reform |
| **4.1 Appointment of a new TDAG vice-chairman to a vacant position** | *38* | Appointment of a Vice-Chairman of TDAG | TDAG appointed by acclamation **Mr Nicolás Karavaski** as a TDAG Vice‑Chairman, replacing Mr Hugo Dario Miguel. | * Update TDAG Bureau page; * Update target group in CRM. | 9 July | **Completed** |
| **5. Outcomes of WRC-19 related to the work of ITU-D** | *4* | Outcomes of WRC-19, RA-19 and CPM23-1 related to ITU- | TDAG expressed appreciation for the document and noted the close cooperation between BDT and BR, especially for the continued capacity building efforts and support for developing countries on the implementation of WRC-19 and RA-19 decisions and preparation for WRC-23. TDAG noted that the work on spectrum-related issues continued to be of great interest for developing countries with many regions underlining its importance. In addition, participants noted that careful consideration should be given to EMF issues concerning IMT-2020 (5G). | * Ensure that the work of BDT takes into account the content of the said resolutions. | Ongoing | **Ongoing:**  Continued close collaboration with BR in the area of capacity development, in particular the delivery of spectrum-related training to developing countries.  Study Groups had already progressed on presenting the relevant issues for some questions.  Spectrum management workshops, conferences and trainings are ongoing in cooperation with BR. A workshop will take place in October for Europe on 5G EMF issues, TP Infrastructure and UKE.  The new Global Network Resiliency Platform (#REG4COVID) is a place where regulators, policy makers and other interested stakeholders can share information, and view what initiatives and measures have been introduced around the world, including experiences from countries on spectrum management to respond to the pandemic. |
| **6. ITU draft Operational Plan for 2021-2024** | *6* | ITU Draft Operational Plan 2021-2024 | TDAG noted the draft operational plan for 2021-2024 in its new format and endorsed its contents. BDT agreed to submit information on risk evaluation to be included in the 2021 plan.  BDT took good note of the comments and agreed to include further references and more details in the 2021 plan. | * Include information on risk evaluation in the 2021 OP. * Include further references and more details in the 2021 OP. | 15 December 2020  15 December 2020 | **Completed:**  Risk evaluation exercise integrated in 2021 Work Planning exercise and quarterly review format; KPIs for outcome and impact level provide more focused top-level results |
|  | *17* | Assistance to developing countries | This proposal received support from TDAG participants. TDAG also recognized the need for easily accessible and accurate information from ITU and welcomed innovations by BDT to improve the use and access to that information and preserve its longstanding reputation in the field of telecommunication-related statistics. | * BDT to continue improving the use and access to accurate telecommunication-related statistics. | January 2021 | **Ongoing:**  Development is ongoing to create a new data portal, with many additional features and featuring much more data. Reporting for country groups will be enhanced. Interactive visualizations, topical dashboards are also being designed, with first sets to be released for Facts and Figures 2020 in November. Progressive roll out until December 2021 |
|  | *30* | Increasing the value of ITU'S statistical products through better visibility of the challenges faced by LLDCs and SIDS, from UK |
|  | *31* | Improving access to ITU resources related to the Digital Divide, from UK | TDAG noted the document with interest and appreciation, acknowledging the need to highlight the importance of making information and best practice about bridging the digital divide more accessible, contextual and useful, and underlining the need to foster an enabling environment to bridge the digital divide, bringing together all relevant materials, including material from regional organizations and material on policy and regulation as well as on capacity building. | * Continue compiling and making available to membership all relevant materials, including material from regional organizations and material on policy and regulation as well as on capacity building. | January 2021 | **Ongoing**  BDT has been compiling, producing and publishing leading research and analysis on ICT policy and regulation to guide ICT regulators from their creation through their journey towards digital transformation. These materials are available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/default.aspx).  In 2020, ITU continued its collaboration with the World Bank to present the [Digital Regulation Handbook and online Platform](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/DigiReg20.aspx).  In addition, in response to WTDC Resolution 48 (Strengthening cooperation among telecommunication regulators) BDT has created a [Regional Regulatory Associations Portal](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/RA_Portal/Home.aspx) (RAs sharing information on activities and initiatives implemented by RAs.  ITU-D Study Groups provide an opportunity for the membership to share experiences, present ideas, exchange views, and achieve consensus on appropriate strategies to address telecommunication/ICT priorities. For information on the Study Groups and ongoing work, the link is [here](https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/sg/index.asp?lg=1&sp=2018). |
|  | *32* | Best practices and accessibility of ICTs, from Cuba | TDAG thanked Cuba for bringing this longstanding work improving digital literacy to the attention of membership, an effort without which the promise of connectivity cannot be reached. | -- |  |  |
|  | *39* | Wide dissemination of ITU-D publications through regional and area offices, from Brazil | TDAG underlined the importance of information sharing and welcomed the proposal to disseminate ITU-D publications through ITU regional and area offices, while also noting the importance of distributing material in the ITU languages used the regions. | * BDT publications to be disseminated through field offices. | Ongoing | **Ongoing:**  The BDT communications team meets every month with thematic priorities facilitators and regional offices to plan promotional activities and ensure coordination. Regional Offices are kept abreast of global BDT activities to be promoted and receive communications support from BDT HQ to strengthen their communications activities and tailor them to their regions. The BDT Communications team is in constant contact with the regional offices and provides them with advice and support on communications issues. Social media packages are developed and shared with the regional offices and media trainings are offered. |
| **7. Report on the implementation of the ITU-D Strategic Plan and Operational Plan 2019, including programmes, regional initiatives and major events** | 2 | 2019 Progress Report on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan | TDAG noted with appreciation the wealth of information presented on thematic priorities and regional initiatives, as well as the high-quality products and publications available to members and called for more promotion and more translation into the six ITU official languages. TDAG welcomed I-CoDI as an important project that will help ITU membership integrate innovation into their national development agendas and activities. | * Improve promotion of BDT activities and products; * Increase translation into the six official languages of BDT products. | Ongoing | **Ongoing:**  The BDT communications team meets every month with thematic priorities facilitators and regional offices to plan promotional activities and ensure coordination. Regional Offices are kept abreast of global BDT activities to be promoted and receive communications support from BDT HQ to strengthen their communications activities and tailor them to their regions. Since TDAG-20, all major BDT reports have been translated into the six languages and will continue to be. |
| **8. ITU-D contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** | *3* | ITU-D contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development | TDAG expressed appreciation for the report and encouraged membership to engage actively in BDT activities that contribute to the implementation of the WSIS outcomes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in line with WTDC-17. | -- |  | - |
| **9. ITU-D projects** | *10* | ITU-D Projects | TDAG noted the document with appreciation, with one delegation recommending that more information be provided on the criteria used for project partners and beneficiary countries. In this regard, BDT explained that efforts are under way to develop a projects dashboard and further benchmarking. | * Provide additional criteria used for project partners and beneficiary countries => continue development of projects dashboard and benchmarking. | October 2020 | **Ongoing:**  More robust annual planning for projects integrated in the 2021 work planning exercise (beginning October), including integrated results measurement, risk assessment and milestone tracking; BDT Reporting Dashboard available that integrates project and OP; Revision of ITU-D websites and communication materials to improve available information on partnerships linked to projects. |
| **10. ITU-D Study Group-related matters** | *12* | ITU-D Study Group 1 - Activities and progress | TDAG noted with interest and appreciation the detailed reports on study group activities, and observed that both study groups and all 14 Questions were making good progress towards the WTDC expected outputs under the leadership of the study group chairmen.  TDAG agreed on the proposed dates for the ITU-D study group meetings in 2021. | * Add information on the status of development of the output reports being prepared by the rapporteur groups. * Use information from Annex 8 of the report, which includes initial proposals on future study Questions, as a background document for future-related discussions in TDAG. | January 2021  January 2021 | **Ongoing:**  Status of development of output reports will be reported to TDAG in 2021.  Status on future study Questions were submitted to TDAG-WG-RDTP. Further updates will be reported to TDAG in 2021. |
|  | *13* | ITU-D Study Group 2 - Activities and progress | * Add information on the status of development of output reports, as well as more information on proposals for future study Questions during the next TDAG meeting. | January 2021 | **Ongoing:**  Status of development of output reports will be reported to TDAG in 2021.  Status on future study Questions were submitted to TDAG-WG-RDTP. Further updates will be reported to TDAG in 2021. |
|  | *55* | Appointment of a new Co-Rapporteur in ITU-D Study Group 2 | TDAG appointed Ms Aimee K. Meacham (United States) as a Co-Rapporteur for ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 3/2. | -- |  |  |
| **11. Collaboration with the other Sectors** | *--* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **11.1 Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest** | *5* | Progress Report of the inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest | TDAG noted with appreciation the progress report from the Chairman of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group on issues of mutual interest and welcomed the group’s decision to pursue “climate change” as a pilot theme, where all Sectors could be involved and could collaborate; and “accessibility” as the next suggested pilot theme. | * Coordinate with other Sectors all work on climate change. | January 2021 | **Ongoing:**  ISCG met on 1 June 2020 and ISC-TF Focal Point on “Environment and Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities” presented the new corporate website on Environment and climate change: [www.itu.int/climate](http://www.itu.int/climate).  The item on tools for virtual meetings was added to those that this group will closely monitor in an attempt to standardize practices across ITU. |
| **11.2 Mapping between ITU-D, ITU-T, and ITU-R Study Group Activities** | *18* | Incoming LS - LS/r on ITU inter-Sector coordination (reply to TSAG LS13), from ITU-T SG5 | TDAG noted the liaison statements on inter-Sector coordination. TDAG further noted that the most up-to-date [mapping tables](https://extranet.itu.int/itu-d/ISCG/Mappings/Forms/AllItems.aspx) on inter-Sector coordination are maintained by the ISCG on its website. | * Ensure that any further work on mapping is based on the up-to-date tables available on the ISCG website. | September 2020 | **Completed:**  The latest mappings were reflected in the ISCG mapping tables through a proposal made by BDT.  Future updates on mappings will be continuously maintained through proposals and coordination between the three bureaux. |
|  | *19* | Incoming LS - LS/r on ITU inter-Sector coordination (reply to TSAG LS13), from ITU-T SG11 |
|  | *20* | Incoming LS - LS/r on ITU inter-Sector coordination, from ITU-T SG17 |
|  | *21* | Incoming LS - LS/r on ITU inter-Sector coordination (reply to TSAG LS13), from ITU-T SG20 |
|  | *23* | Incoming LS - LS/r on ITU inter-Sector coordination, from TSAG |
|  | *35* | Incoming LS - LS on ITU inter-Sector coordination, from TSAG |
|  | *56* | Incoming LS - LS/r on ITU inter-Sector coordination (TSAG-LS22R1), from ITU-T SG9 |
|  | *36* | Incoming LS - LS on ITU inter-Sector coordination, from ITU-R SG6 |
| **12. Preparations for WTDC-21** | *8* | Preparations for WTDC-21 |  |  |  |  |
| **12.1. Proposals on improving WTDC** | *40* | ITU-D Study Group and Question deliverables, from Brazil | TDAG thanked all contributors for their constructive proposals, recognizing that all aim to make WTDC more efficient and impactful. TDAG agreed to set up a working group that would review the ITU-D contribution to the ITU strategic plan, to be led by Blanca Gonzalez **(Spain)** and Christopher Kemei (**Kenya**). The terms of reference for this group, found in [DT/7](https://www.itu.int/md/D18-TDAG25.2-200602-TD-0007/en), were approved.  TDAG also agreed to create two working groups to prepare for WTDC-21: a group to work on WTDC preparations and a group to work on administrative outputs such as resolutions and the Declaration.  TDAG discussed using the proposals in the Director’s Document 51 as a basis for a way forward and agreed that an extraordinary session of TDAG would be held on June 16 or 17 to establish high-level terms of reference for both groups.  TDAG agreed that the group on WTDC Preparations would be led by Santiago Reyes-Borda of **Canada**.  The date for the meeting was subsequently fixed as 16 June 2020. | * Follow-up on creation of working group on Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP) to start off its work; * Follow up on creation of working groups on WTDC preparations and organise an extraordinary TDAG meeting on 16 June 2020. | 17 July 2020  16 June 2020 | **Completed:**  The TDAG extraordinary meeting took place on 16 June, during which Terms of Reference for the Working Groups were approved. The three Working Groups have been meeting since July. All three groups will submit a report to the extraordinary TDAG meeting to be held on 23 November. |
|  | *41* | The BDT new cluster-based approach, from Brazil |
|  | *37(Rev2)* | Achieving organizational and operational efficiencies at WTDC-21, from Canada |
|  | *43* | Preparation for the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2021, from Russia |
|  | *44* | Revision of ITU-D Study Group Questions, from Russia |
|  | *51* | Web Dialogues on WTDC reform |
|  | *52* | WTDC reform and innovation, from USA |
|  | *53* | ITU-D Study Group innovation, from USA |
| **12.2. Streamlining resolutions** | *22* | Incoming LS - LS/r on streamlining Resolutions, from TSAG | TDAG noted the documents and recognized the importance of early work on resolutions, which would help free up conference time to discuss ICT development issues. | -- |  |  |
|  | *34* | Incoming LS - LS on Streamlining Resolutions, from TSAG |
|  | *45* |  |
|  | *46* |  |
| **13. Membership, partnership, private sector-related matters** | *7* | ITU-D Partnership and resource mobilization | TDAG noted the document with interest and appreciation, recognizing the importance of partnership and resource mobilization to implement WTDC-17 programmes and regional initiatives. TDAG supported the BDT Director’s plan to hire a consultancy firm and a senior advisor for this purpose, and to provide training and capacity building for BDT staff on resource mobilization. | * Work with consultancy firm to improve resource mobilization; * Provide training and capacity building for BDT staff on resource mobilization. | 15 October 2020  January 2021 | **Completed**  The Resource Mobilization Consultancy concluded its work in November 2020 and delivered a new resource mobilization strategy for the BDT. A Resource Mobilization training Consultancy was subsequently hired and completed training of BDT and staff from the other Bureaux on 26 February 2021**.** |
|  | *11* | ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia | TDAG noted both reports with appreciation and interest. In particular, TDAG noted the strategies that have been taken to increase membership outreach and engagement, such as cross-selling among ITU Sectors, diversification with new industries, digital marketing to reinforce acquisition, and retention of current members by engaging them in ITU-D activities and events. Additional information was provided by the BDT secretariat and the BDT Director on factors influencing the decrease of sector membership such as industry consolidation, economic situation, the inability of some members to pay the annual membership fees, delays in approval from Member States, and decisions by some Sector Members to switch to Associate and Academia membership categories.  More developed countries were encouraged to participate in the Sector’s study group meetings, as earlier in 2020 there were too few participants from these countries. | -- |  | A new strategy was developed and adopted on ITU-D Membership prospecting and retention. |
| **14. Report by the Chairman of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI)** | *27* | Report on the work of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI) to TDAG, from Chairman GCBI | TDAG noted the report with appreciation and congratulated GCBI for the excellent work done. TDAG highlighted the importance of capacity development in the work of BDT as it is a priority for four of the five regions as reflected in their regional initiatives. | -- |  |  |
| **15. ITU-D s Youth Strategy** | *16* | Draft Youth Strategy | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and significant support by its members. Participants suggested that the strategy take into consideration the work with other ITU Sectors to possibly become an ITU wide initiative, and to mainstream the youth strategy in different resolutions of BDT. Participants also noted that the youth strategy should include the existing work of ITU related to girls and young women, as well as aboriginal youth, to include this effort at the national and regional levels, and to coordinate with the UN family in its implementation. The importance of affordable devices, access and connectivity for young people was noted, as well as the necessary digital skills to use technology in a constructive way. TDAG encouraged BDT to work closely with regional offices to ensure coordination and proper implementation. | What has been completed:  A training on meaningful youth engagement for the youth task force and BDT staff was organized for October, November and December 2020.  A plan to implement the ITU youth strategy was developed, by the three Youth Task Force working groups.  The Generation Connect Initiative was launched.  The Generation Connect Visionaries Board was established.  A new ITU youth website was designed and uploaded.  Under the I-CoDI, a youth use case was developed.  Ongoing:  Implementation of the youth strategy has started, based on the three Youth Task Force working groups plans.  Work is being undertaken for the design and format of the WTDC-21 Youth Summit.  Regional Youth Groups, linked to the RPMs are being established. | 15 September 2020  30 January 2020 | **Completed:**  A training on meaningful youth engagement for the youth task force and BDT staff was organized for October, November and December 2020.  A plan to implement the ITU youth strategy was developed, by the three Youth Task Force working groups.  The Generation Connect Initiative was launched.  The Generation Connect Visionaries Board was established.  A new ITU youth website was designed and uploaded.  Under the I-CoDI, a youth use case was developed.  **Ongoing:**  Implementation of the youth strategy has started, based on the three Youth Task Force working groups plans.  Work is being undertaken for the design and format of the WTDC-21 Youth Summit.  Regional Youth Groups under the Generation Connect Initiative have all been established and were launched at the respective RPMs. These groups will continue working towards WTDC-21 and the Youth Summit. |
| **16. Contribution to the work of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR)** | *9* | Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRS): Progress Report to TDAG | TDAG noted the report and will follow the progress of the Expert Group on ITRs. | -- |  |  |
| **17. Status of the feasibility study to establish an ITU training institute** | *26* | Status on a feasibility study to establish a capacity-building institute in ITU | TDAG noted with appreciation the actions taken by the Director to implement the Council instructions regarding a capacity-building institute in ITU. | -- |  |  |
| **18. Report on Results-Based Management (RBM)** | *28* | 2019 Progress Report on the implementation of results-based management in BDT | TDAG noted the document with interest and appreciation, supports the progress made by BDT on the implementation of RBM, and looks forward to the next update. The BDT Director clarified during the Q&A that RBM implementation was being fully funded through the core BDT budget given that it is part of every BDT staff member’s responsibility, with any extra funds being covered by the BDT Director’s office. | -- |  |  |
| **19. Activities linked to COVID-19** | *14* | COVID-19 related initiatives undertaken by BDT | TDAG commended BDT for the fast reaction to the crisis and for the provision of relevant and useful information that supported efficient and safe use of network resources. TDAG also noted the continued efforts of ITU-D study groups to support the ongoing BDT work on COVID-19 issues and welcomed the announcements of future projects funded by Member States to help developing countries. Many members offered help and wished to support the BDT efforts by using the platform to disseminate their own initiatives. Despite the volume of input to the platform, membership requested the translation of some of the material into other languages of the Union, and underscored the need to collate the initiatives of all ITU Sectors for Council. | * Translate some of the material in Reg4COVID. | October 2020 | **Ongoing:**  BDT has been undertaking numerous initiatives in the wake of COVID-19, including:  (1) Agenda for Action for Faster and Better Recovery of the Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development;  (2) BeHealthy BeMobile collaboration with WHO and UNICEF, which has been leveraged to ensure that reliable and trustworthy information on COVID-19 reaches people. This initiative has been launched in Senegal, among other countries;  (3) Connect2Recover – an ITU initiative to help less connected countries strengthen their digital infrastructures and ecosystems so that they are able to better cope with COVID-19, reinforce their recovery efforts and better prepare for the ‘new normal’;  (4) COVID-19 Crisis Response Digital Development Joint Action Plan and Call for Action by ITU, World Bank, World Economic Forum and GSMA, which outlined a number of immediate and short-term measures;  (5) Digital Transformation Centres Initiative, through which ITU, in collaboration with Cisco, offers a free-of-charge programme providing trainers with tools and skills on how to conduct remote teaching. This initiative is being launched in Zambia and Rwanda;  (6) Digital Skills Assessment Guidebook, launched by the ITU to assist Member States in addressing the critical importance to rapidly improve access to digital skills training, particularly for vulnerable nations and communities;  (7) EQUALS Global Partnership for Gender Equality in the Digital Age - to promote gender balance in the technology sector by championing equality of access, skills development and career opportunities for women and men alike.  (8) GIGA – a joint initiative of UNICEF and ITU to connect every school to the internet, and every young person to information, opportunity, and choice;  (9) Global Network Resiliency Platform (REG4COVID), launched to enable ITU Member States and other relevant stakeholders to swiftly exchange information crucial in keeping networks running and extending connectivity to those that needed it most in response to COVID-19;  (10) NETPs - ITU Guidelines for the development and implementation of national emergency telecommunication plans (NETPs);  (12) Partnership Dialogue for Connectivity, to accelerate digital connectivity in the wake of COVID-19;  (13) Smart Villages platform, to establish interactive voice services on COVID-19 to everyone in Niger. |
| **20. Calendar of ITU-D events** | *15* | Calendar of ITU-D events | TDAG noted the contents of the documents with interest. With regard to the ITU-D calendar of events, TDAG noted the importance of trying to avoid holding two major ITU events in the same calendar year. | * Try to avoid holding two major ITU events in the same calendar year. | Continuous | **Ongoing:**  Planning of ITU-D events for 2020 is under way and special care is being taken to avoid religious festivities.  Coordination with other bureaux/departments is continuous in order to avoid two major events in the same year, but the COVID-19 pandemic is making planning complicated. |
|  | *33* | Rationalisation of high level meetings and capacity enhancement, from Bhutan |  |
| **21. Any other business** | *--* |  |  |  |  |  |
| **21.1. Girls in ICT Day** | *47* | Girls in ICT Day 2020 | TDAG noted the contents of the report with interest and appreciation. TDAG expressed its support for this global initiative and thanked BDT for the assistance provided to all stakeholders in their efforts to celebrate Girls in ICT Day in a virtual manner, to inspire girls and young women to take up studies and careers in STEM, and to leverage the power of digital technology, despite the limitations imposed by the current global health crisis (COVID-19). TDAG recognized the importance of establishing broader partnerships and collaboration with governments, civil society, Academia and industry and stressed the importance of active participation and engagement of girls in the Youth Summit at WTDC-21. | -- |  |  |
| **21.2. Child Online Protection guidelines** | *48* | Child Online Protection (COP) Guidelines | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and welcomed the involvement of Member States in the review process of the 2020 child online protection guidelines.  TDAG encouraged all Member States to take note of the content of the guidelines. | -- |  |  |
| **21.3. ITU-UNICEF School Connectivity Project (GIGA)** | *49* | GIGA UNICEF-ITU global initiative | TDAG noted the document with interest and appreciation, and supports the progress made in GIGA. Rwanda, Kazakhstan, and United States each made interventions in support of GIGA and their involvement as Lead Country for Africa, Lead Country for Central Asia, and as a provider of GIGA technical assistance, respectively. Some Member States have expressed interest in learning more about GIGA and BDT will follow up accordingly. | * Follow up with those Member States who want to learn more about GIGA. | 31 July | **Completed:**  Follow ups have been coordinated with Regional Offices with all Member States who expressed interest in Giga. This included Cote d’Ivoire, Togo, Iraq, Ghana, and Iran |

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