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| Invitation to host rapporteur group meetings of ITU-D study groups in 2023 | | |
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| **Priority area: -** Not applicable  **Summary:**  This document reports on an invitation received to host rapporteur group meetings of ITU-D study groups in the first half of 2023 in Shenzhen (People’s Republic of China), during the construction period of the new ITU headquarters in Geneva.  **Expected results:**  WTDC-22 is invited to consider and accept the invitation to host rapporteur group meetings of ITU-D study groups in 2023.  **References:**  [C22/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0007/en), [C21/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0007), [CL-21/47](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-SG-CIR-0047) | | |

# 1. Introduction

At the first virtual consultation of councillors held in June 2021 (section 7 of Document [C21/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0007)) and at the 2022 session of the Council (section 5 of Document [C22/7](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0007/en)), it was reported that, during the construction period of the new ITU headquarters, it is unfortunately not feasible to find replacement rooms in Geneva for all ITU meetings based on the usual number of requirements. Among them, a venue has yet to be identified for the meetings of ITU-D rapporteur groups to be held in 2023.

In order to ensure business continuity, a call for hosting physical/hybrid meetings during the construction period was made to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia (Document [CL-21/47](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-SG-CIR-0047)).

# 2. Invitation to host rapporteur group meetings of ITU-D study groups in 2023

Following this call, a reply was received from China (People’s Republic of) which contained an invitation by ZTE Corporation to host rapporteur group meetings of ITU-D study groups. The proposed location is Shenzhen (People’s Republic of China), during the first half of 2023: tentative dates under discussion are from 8 May to 2 June 2023. Final dates will be decided based on a new set of ITU-D study group Questions for the next study period to be approved at this conference, taking into account other major events and religious holidays. Preliminary discussions have already been engaged with the potential host to ensure that all logistics requirements for ITU-D study group meetings are met.

# 3. Proposal

In line with section 7.2 of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) and in the context of the difficulty to host physical meetings for ITU-D study groups in Geneva in 2023, this invitation is submitted to this conference for consideration and decision.

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