African Telecommunications Union

AFRICA PREPARATIONS FOR WTDC25

**The ITU 1st Interregional Virtual Meeting for WTDC-25 prep
14th JULY 2025**

The African Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-25

- **The 1st African Preparatory Meeting was held in Nairobi, Kenya on February 8-9, 2024.** The meeting brought together over 220 participants from 35 African countries to discuss and adopt the preparatory process for developing the African Common Proposals for the upcoming WTDC-25.

- **The 2nd African Preparatory Meeting was organized in hybrid and hosted by the CRAN – Namibia.** The meeting considered preliminary Members contributions and agreed on the main priorities to be addressed by the WTDC-25.

- **One-day physical meeting on 10th April 2025 back to back with ITU RFD and RPM held in Kenya from 7th to 9th April.** The meeting adopted the new Regional Initiatives and considered new Members' contributions, discussed the WTDC-25 coordination process and received candidatures for various BDT positions. ATU also submitted contributions on Baku Declaration, thematic priorities, Future Study Questions and resolution 34 to the ITU RPM.

The WTDC-25 Preparations, Key outcomes

1. We established the Bureau and Committees that will lead the formulation the African Common Proposals for the World Conference to be held in 2025.

2. We reviewed the report by ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on the WTDC-22 main outcomes and WTDC-25 preparation status and on the implementation of WTDC-22 outcomes.

3. We studied and reviewed several reports such as Agenda 2063, AU 2020/2030 Strategy, ATU strategy, BDT director vision for implementation of Kigali action plan, implementation report of agenda 2063, and its linkage with SDGs.

4. We Prepared and discussed The proposed African Region's Priorities for the WTDC 2025 and the main resolutions related to them.

5. We held breakout session during 2nd APM to propose and discuss the Baku declaration Theme, thematic priority areas for the WTDC25 and consider preliminary Members contributions.

6. We held 3 workshops on EW4All, Satellite Technologies for Development and on Addressing Barriers to Mobile Internet Adoption.

ATU STRUCTURE FOR WTDC 25 PREPARATION CONT.

Groups	Chair/Vice Chairs	Country
Group of the Plenary	Chair: Mrs. Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou	Cote d'Ivoire
	Vice-Chair: Fred Angaro	Kenya
Working Group1 WG1: Declarations, Regional Initiatives, action plan & Thematic priorities	Chair: Mr. Amr safwat	Egypt
	Vice-Chair: Prof. AbdelKarim Oleyede	Nigeria
Working Group2 Working Methods (Res.1) and Study Questions SGs1&2 (Res.2)	Chair: Ms. Caecilia Nyamutswa	Zimbabwe
	Vice- Chair: Dr. Mohamed ElHaj	Sudan
Working Group3 Development related issues and resolutions streamlining	Chair: Mr. Amah Capo	Togo
	Vice- Chair: Ms. Honey Makola	South Africa
Sub Working Group for SOP	Mr. Dominique Ooko,	Kenya.

AFRICAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO TDAG FOR THE WTDC-25 PREPARATIONS

1. Contribution to the Theme of Baku Declaration 2025

2. Contribution to the full text of the Baku Declaration

3. Contribution to the ITU-D Priorities 2025

4. Development of the new 05 Regional Initiatives for Africa

5. Common proposal to MOD Res.02 on future study questions

NEW REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR AFRICA_WTDC-25

1. **AFR1**: Resilient infrastructure and meaningful connectivity for sustainable development including emergency telecommunications and multi-hazard early warning systems in the Africa region.

2. **AFR2**: Developing an inclusive trustworthy AI ecosystem in Africa for socio-economic development

3. **AFR3**: Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/ information and communication technology and Data protection and privacy

4. **AFR4**: Digital infrastructure applications, SMEs Development and Emerging Technologies and Innovation Ecosystems

5. **AFR5**: Sustainable Funding Mechanisms for Africa's Digital Transformation

Africa's Main Priorities and Related AFCPs (under Development)

Thematic Priorities	Priorities	AFCPs under development
Meaningful Connectivity and Digital infrastructure	Meaningful connectivity/Broadband Uses of Space /satellite technologies Bridging standardization Gap (BSG) LDCs and poverty eradication	MOD Res. 11, 23 New Draft Resolution
Disaster management / conflicts	Accelerating the use of ICT for disaster management/Early warning systems Protecting ICT infrastructure and mitigating the disaster effects Natural and manmade disasters and armed conflicts and not Covid19	MOD Res. 34
Trust and confidence/ COP/ cyber security	Cybersecurity; Security of infrastructure Consumer rights	MOD Res. 45
Innovation	Innovation and a Science Technology and Mathematics (STEM) Entrepreneurship ;	MOD Res.99
AI and Data governance	AI benefits and risks and AI governance Data governance	Regional Initiatives Res.2

Africa's Main Priorities and Related AFCPs under Development

Thematic Priorities	Priorities	AFCPs under Development
Capacity building	Capacity building	MOD Res. 78
Digital transformation and Digital inclusion	Accelerating digital transformation SDGs' implementation Digital inclusion : Women, youth and elderly, people with disabilities	MOD Res. 37, 55, 58, 76, 89
Partnership and cooperation (Partner2connect)	SDGs from Multi-stakeholders LCD's Partnership	
Emerging technologies (mitigating risks)	Smart cities Mitigating the New technologies effects on health and environment Human Exposure to EMF	MOD Res. 62, 98

Other important topics:
1. Regional Presences: New draft resolution
2. Statistics: MOD Res.8
3. Resource Mobilization: New draft Resolution
4. Working Methods: MOD Res.1
5. Study Questions: MOD Res.2

AFRICAN CANDIDATURES TO TDAG AND SG1&2

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TDAG/SGs	Position	Candidate	Country	Term
TDAG	Chair	Mrs. Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou	Cote d'Ivoire	1st
	Vice- Chair	Ms. Caecilia Nyamutswa	Zimbabwe	1st
		Eng. Fred Ongaro	Kenya	1st
SG 1	Vice- Chair	Ms. Caroline Murlanki	Kenya	1st
		Ms. Hadiza Kachallah	Nigeria	1st
SG2	Vice- Chair	Dr TOHO Carrelle	Benin	1st
		Mr. Thomas Luti	Kenya	1st

WHAT'S NEXT

The ATU last preparatory meeting in Abidjan – Cote d'Ivoire form 25th to 28th August 2025 to endorse final African Common Positions and Proposals for the WTDC-25 at Baku (Azerbaijan).

THANK YOU