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ITUWTDC
BAKU2025

17–28 November 2025
Baku, Azerbaijan

First Inter Regional Meeting (IRM-1)

14 July 2025

1200hrs to 1500hrs (Geneva time)



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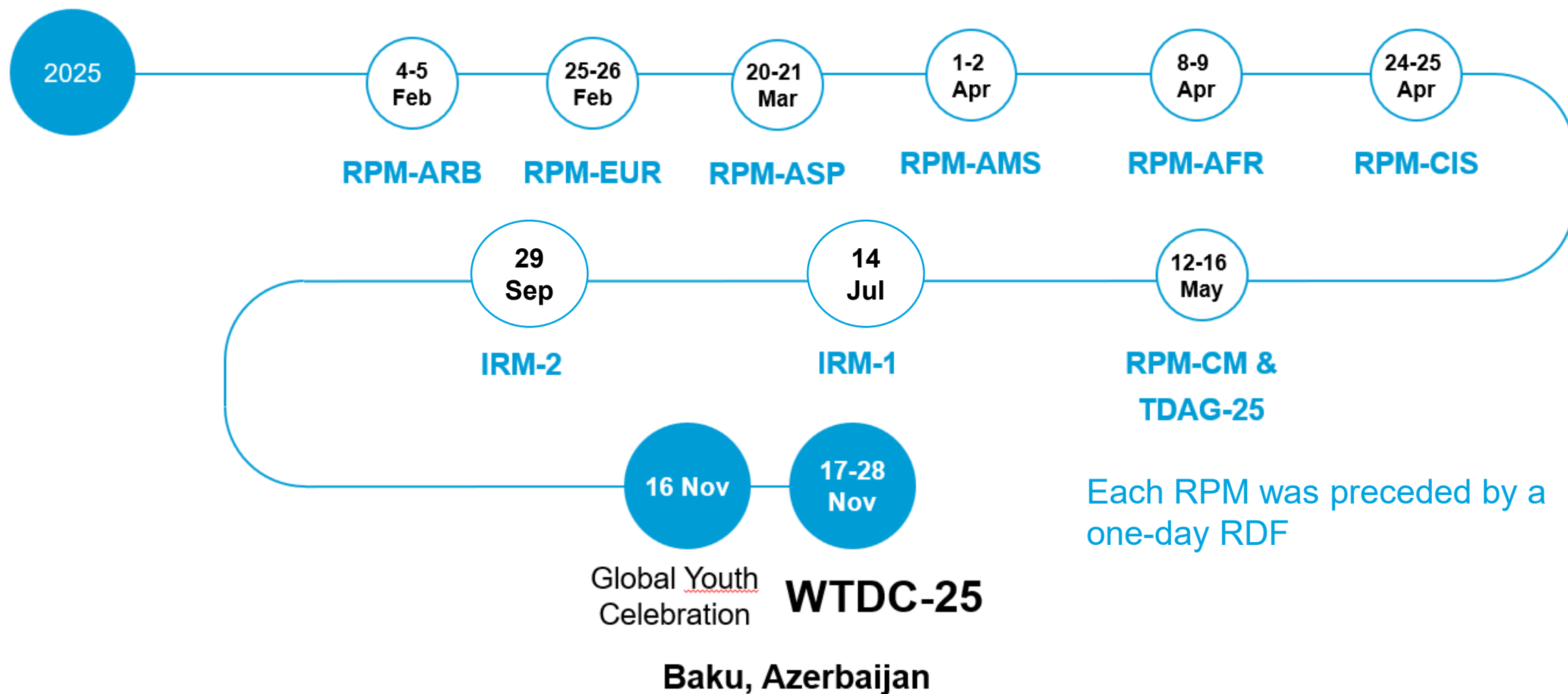
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Update on WTDC-25



Key Timelines towards WTDC-25



REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

Region	Date for regional information session for WTDC-25
AFRICA (AFR)	25 August 2025
AMERICAS (AMS)	10 June 2025
ARAB STATES (ARB)	16 July 2025
ASIA-PACIFIC (ASP)	8 July 2025
COMMONWEALTH OF INDEPENDENT STATES (CIS)	20 August 2025
EUROPE (EUR)	2 July 2025

Key WTDC Outputs

The WTDC establishes the plan of action for the Telecommunication Development Bureau for the following four years. It does so through a number of outputs:

- Declaration
- Action Plan
- Regional Initiatives
- Resolutions
- Recommendations
- Study Group Questions

TDAG Working Group Reports

- [Report on the work and outcome of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration](#)
- [Report on the TDAG Working Group on Future of Study Group Questions \(TDAG-WG-futureSGQ\)](#)
- [Report on the TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions \(TDAG-WG-SR\)](#)
- [Report on progress of the TDAG Working Group on the ITU-D Priorities](#)

Proposed Conference structure

As approved by TDAG (14 May 2025)



COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	Meetings of Heads of Delegation	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee (Sec.: A.Gulati)	Budget Control (Sec.: A.Ba)	Objectives (Sec.: S. Maddens)	ITU-D Working Methods (Sec.: M. Obiso)	Editorial Committee (Sec.: N. Takesh)	HODs (Sec.: A.Gulati)	ITU Contribution to Strategic Plan and WTDC Declaration (Sec.: J. Ponder)

Draft Time Management Plan – week 1

	Morning 09h30-12h30	Break 12h30-14h30	Afternoon 14h30-17h30	Late Afternoon 17h30-19h00
11/16/2025 Sunday	08h00-20h00 Registration			
	10h00-11h30 Global Youth Celebration	12h30-15h30 Youth Celebration Experience	16h00-17h00 Global Youth Celebration Reception	18h30-19h30 Informal meeting of Heads of Delegation
		12h30-15h30 Youth Celebration Experience		19h30-21h30 ITU-D 30+ Celebration
11/17/2025 Monday	09h00-10h00 Meeting of Heads of Delegation	12h30-13h30 Press Conference	14h30-15h45 Plenary - High-Level Segment	Host Country Gala Dinner
	10h00-11h00 Opening Ceremony		16h15-17h30 Plenary - High-Level Segment	
	11h00-12h30 Plenary - Organizational Matters			17h30-18h00 COM1: Steering Committee
11/18/2025 Tuesday	9h30-10h45 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration		14h30-15h45 Plenary - High-Level Segment	
	11h15-12h30 COM3: Objectives		16h15-17h30 Plenary - High-Level Segment	
11/19/2025 Wednesday	9h30-10h45 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	17h30-18h00 COM2: Budget Control
	11h15-12h30 COM4: ITU-D Working Methods		16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives	
11/20/2025 Thursday	09h30-10h45 COM4: ITU-D Working Methods		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	
	11h15-12h30 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration		16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives	
11/21/2025 Friday	09h00-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	17h30-18h00 COM1: Steering Committee
	11h15-12h00 COM4: ITU-D Working Methods		16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives	18h00-18h30 COM5: Editorial Committee

Draft Time Management Plan – week 2

11/24/2025 Monday	09h30-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	17h30-18h00 COM1: Steering Committee
	11h15-12h30 COM4: ITU-D Working Methods		16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives	
11/25/2025 Tuesday	09h30-10h45 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	17h30-18h30 Meeting of Heads of Delegations
	11h15-12h30 COM4: ITU-D Working Methods		16h15-17h30 Plenary	
11/26/2025 Wednesday	09h30-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 Plenary	17h30-18h00 COM2: Budget Control
	11h15-12h30 Plenary		16h15-17h30 Plenary	
11/20/2025 Thursday	09h30-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 Plenary	
	11h15-12h30 Plenary		16h15-17h30 Plenary	18h00-18h30 COM5: Editorial Committee
11/21/2025 Friday	09h00-10h45 Plenary	High-Level Segment – Policy St...	14h30-15h45 Plenary	
	11h15-12h00 Plenary		16h15-17h30 Plenary & Closing Ceremony	

* - This is an evolving document, updated regularly in response to volumes of documents received and allocated

Pre-events
High Level Segment - Delivery of Policy
WG-PL
COM1
COM2
COM3
COM4
COM5
HoD meetings

High-Level Segment – Policy Statements

The High-Level Segment at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25),

- will provide a special platform for high-ranking officials from ITU Member States, for the most part ministers or deputy ministers,
- will to allow high level representatives to express their views on emerging trends and on matters of strategic importance to the development of the telecommunication and information and communication technology sector.
- policy statements will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, on the understanding that statements will be posted immediately in their entirety on the conference website

Schedule of the High-Level Segment:

Monday, 17 November: 1430h-1545h and 1615h-1730h

Tuesday, 18 November: 1430h-1545h and 1615h-1730h

Detailed guidelines and arrangements will be shared in a separate collective letter.

Submission of nominations & contributions

| Important deadlines

1 AUGUST
2025



New deadline for submission of
candidatures for TDAG and Study
Groups

Please refer to ITU-D CL 59 and CL 75:

[\[59\] Candidates for chairs and vice-chairs of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group \(TDAG\) and ITU-D study groups for 2026-2029](#)

[\[75\] Extension of deadline for Candidates for chairs and vice-chairs of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group \(TDAG\) and ITU-D study groups for 2026-2029](#)

Candidatures for TDAG and Study Groups



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All Groups

Candidate	Group	Role	Submitter	BDT Region	Country	Letter/CV
Eng. Ahmed ABD EL-AZIZ GAD	TDAG	Vice-Chair		Arab States	Egypt (Arab Republic of)	Details
Ms Cristina AGUIAR	SG1	Vice-Chair		Europe	Portugal	Details
Ms Fleur Regina Assoumou BESSOU	TDAG	Chair		Africa	Côte d'Ivoire (Republic of)	Details
Dr Fadel DIGHAM	SG2	Chair		Arab States	Egypt (Arab Republic of)	Details
Ms Andrea Mamprim GRIPPA	TDAG	Vice-Chair		The Americas	Brazil (Federative Republic of)	Details
Mr Roberto Mitsuke HIRAYAMA	SG1	Chair		The Americas	Brazil (Federative Republic of)	Details
Mr Hideo IMANAKA	SG2	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	Japan	Details
Ms Hadiza KACHALLAH	SG1	Vice-Chair		Africa	Nigeria (Federal Republic of)	Details
Ms Wang KE	TDAG	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	China (People's Republic of)	Details
Ms Aichurok Maralbek KYZY	TDAG	Vice-Chair		CIS countries	Kyrgyz Republic	Details
Mr Thomas LUTI	SG2	Vice-Chair		Africa	Kenya (Republic of)	Details

| Important deadlines

27 OCTOBER
2025
2359 hours Geneva
time

Firm deadline for all submission of membership contributions as per PP Res 165 (Dubai 2018) - no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the opening of the Conference

Conference Proposals Interface (CPI)



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Documents

Submission of Proposals

Conference proposal interface (CPI) for WTDC-25

The **Conference Proposals Interface (CPI) for WTDC-25** is a web tool developed by the ITU to facilitate the preparation and submission of proposals to WTDC-25. An [ITU user account with TIES access](#) is required to access this tool.

A [CPI Guideline](#) has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist in the preparation and submission of proposals to WTDC-25.

By using CPI, the ITU members will facilitate and optimize the processing by the Secretariat of the documents containing proposals for the work of the conference, including their publication into the six languages of the Union and availability in the **WTDC-25 Proposal Management System** (to be available closer to the conference)

A preliminary version of CPI for WTDC-25 contains the formatted MS Word files of the following authoritative texts approved at WTDC-22:

- Regional Initiatives,
- ITU-D Resolutions and Recommendations, and
- ITU-D Study Group Questions.

Submission of proposals for WTDC-25

Proposals are to be submitted to
the Secretariat via email
to wtdc.documentcontrol@itu.int

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Update on preparations for WTDC-25

Venue



Baku Convention Center



Heydar Aliyev Center

Social Events

- ITU Protocol coordinates the Social Events Calendar at WTDC-25. Interested social event organizers are invited to contact ITU Protocol by email to protocol.service@itu.int

Principles of timing:

- **Breakfasts: 08:00-09:25** (08:00-08:55 on Fridays), prior to the first working session
- **Morning Coffee Breaks:** usually around 10:45-11:15
- **Lunch Receptions:** 2 time slots per day,
12:30-13:25 (12:00-12:55 on Friday)
13:30-14:25
- **Afternoon Coffee Breaks:** Typically scheduled from 15:45-16:15
- **Evening Receptions:**
18:00-19:00/ standing cocktail
19:30-20:30/ 30 minute-buffer time to allow transfer from the previous reception.

No competing/parallel events: to maximize participation and engagement.

Day 1 reserved for Host Country: HC may wish to host special events on the first day

No social events over the weekend: excursions may be organized by the HC.

Flexible timings: Timings can be adapted closer to the event dates, if necessary, based on the actual session schedules.



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Sponsorship opportunities

[Packages](#)[ITU-D Celebratory Dinner](#)[Exhibition booths](#)

The ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) offers its Members the following sponsorship packages to celebrate the impact of ITU-D on the occasion of the next ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25, 17-28 November 2025, Baku):

- [ITU-D Celebratory Dinner : 30+ years of Impact](#) (16 November 2025)
- [Working together for Impact: an exhibit](#) (17-28 November 2025)

Each sponsorship package features a wide range of benefits and helps to expand brand visibility.

The availability of sponsorship packages is limited. Consequently, any expression of interest for such packages shall be given an equal consideration by ITU and shall be processed on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

For any questions, please contact bdtpartners@itu.int



Exciting visibility benefits await all sponsors, from networking opportunities, visibility, promotion and brand exposure!

3 opportunities:

1. ITU-D Celebratory Dinner: 30+ years of Impact

to **celebrate more than 30 years of work of the ITU-D.**

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze
CHF 100,000	CHF 50,000	CHF 20,000	CHF 5,000
(1 sponsor only)	(3 sponsors)	(5 sponsors)	(unlimited)

2. Working together for Impact: an exhibit

to **showcase** the work of ITU-D partners and stakeholders in driving digital development around the world.

Premium Plus	Premium
CHF 13,000	CHF 10,000

3. Global Youth Celebration

to **enable young leaders** from LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS to participate, ensuring their voices are heard.

Visionary Sponsor	Catalyst Sponsor	Trailblazer Sponsor
CHF 50,000	CHF 25,000	CHF 10,000
(1 sponsor only)	(2 sponsors)	(unlimited)

More information at:

<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/wtdd25/sponsorship-opportunities/packages/>

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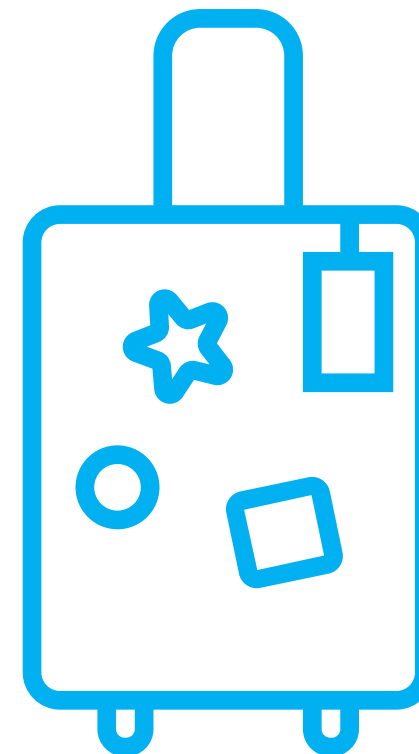
<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/gyc-25/sponsorship/sponsorship-package/>

Contact :

bdtpartners@itu.int

Fellowships

- Fellowships are available for WTDC to delegates from Eligible Member States. one full (or two partial) fellowship(s) per country may be awarded.
- A full fellowship will cover the air ticket (one return economy class ticket by the most direct/economical route from the country of origin to the meeting venue), and an appropriate daily subsistence allowance (intended to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses).
- Member States are encouraged to select their candidates taking into consideration the inclusion of youth between.
- Candidatures must be received by fellowships@itu.int by **22 September 2025** to ensure time for processing before WTDC.



WTDC-25– Website (<https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/wtdc25/>)

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Where and When

The World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25) will be hosted by the Government of Azerbaijan in Baku from 17 to 28 November 2025.

[Registration](#)



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WTDC-25– Host Country Website - <https://wtdc2025.az>



The screenshot shows the official host country website for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25). The background is a dark, abstract image with glowing blue lines and dots, resembling a network or a map of the world. The website layout includes a header with the conference dates, host and organizer information, and a navigation menu. The main content area features the conference title and a countdown timer.

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