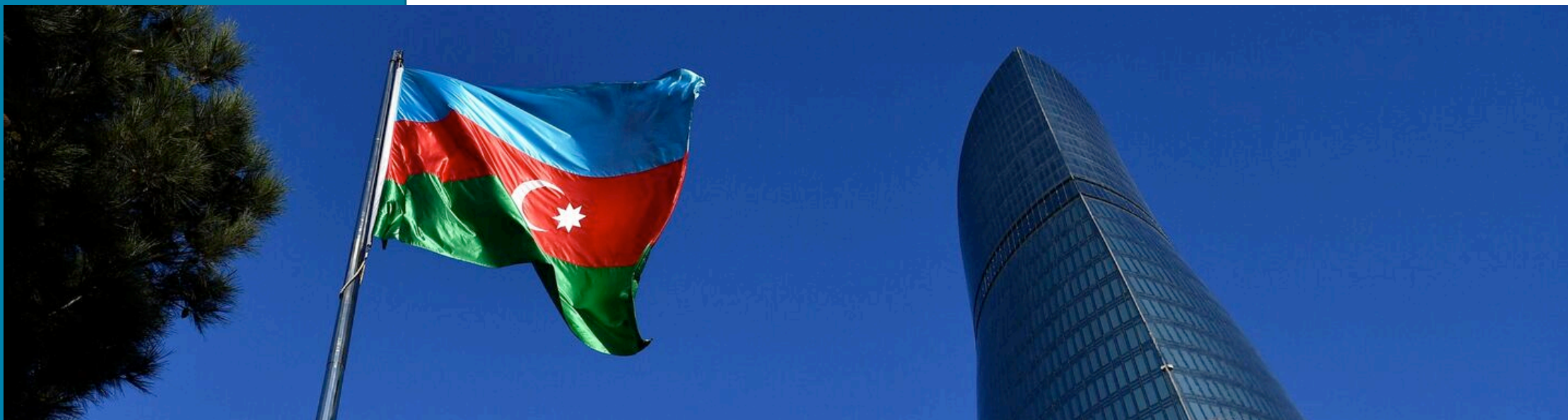# STATUS
OF RCC PREPARATION
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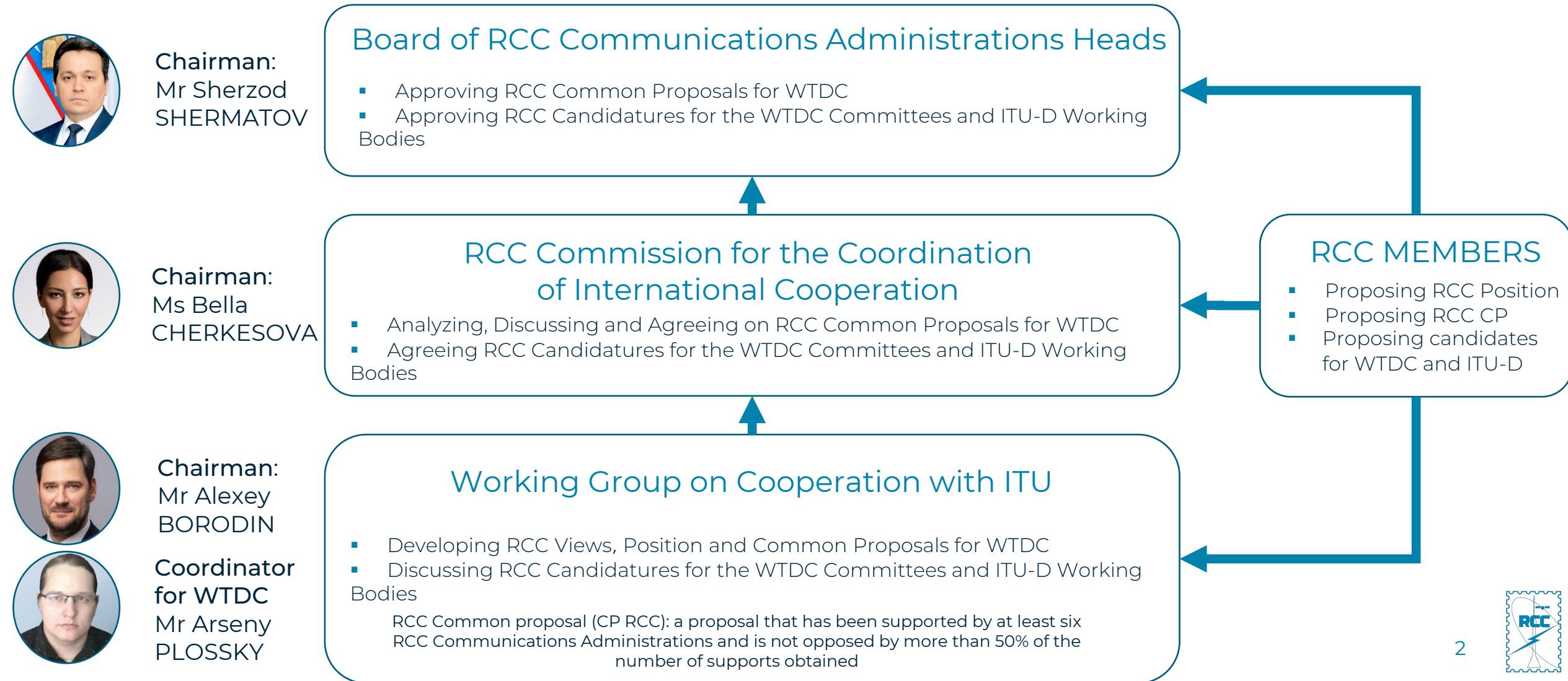Virtual Meeting, 29 September 2025

WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2025

For the first time, the World Telecommunication Development Conference will be held in the CIS Region, taking place in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 17-28 November 2025

STRUCTURE OF THE REGIONAL COMMONWEALTH IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATIONS

PREPARATORY PROCESS TO WTDC-25:

Chairman:
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Board of RCC Communications Administrations Heads

- Approving RCC Common Proposals for WTDC
- Approving RCC Candidatures for the WTDC Committees and ITU-D Working Bodies

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RCC Commission for the Coordination of International Cooperation

- Analyzing, Discussing and Agreeing on RCC Common Proposals for WTDC
- Agreeing RCC Candidatures for the WTDC Committees and ITU-D Working Bodies

Chairman:
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Coordinator for WTDC
Mr Arseny PLOSSKY

Working Group on Cooperation with ITU

- Developing RCC Views, Position and Common Proposals for WTDC
- Discussing RCC Candidatures for the WTDC Committees and ITU-D Working Bodies

RCC Common proposal (CP RCC): a proposal that has been supported by at least six RCC Communications Administrations and is not opposed by more than 50% of the number of supports obtained

RCC MEMBERS

- Proposing RCC Position
- Proposing RCC CP
- Proposing candidates for WTDC and ITU-D

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PREPARATORY PROCESS

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CONDUCTED AND PLANNED MEETINGS ON WTDC-25

1st meeting: 45th meeting of WG ITU,
25 December 2023: Virtual meeting

2nd meeting: Joint 46th/46th meeting of COM CIC and WG ITU,
26 March 2024, Astana, KAZ

3rd meeting: 47th meeting of WG ITU,
20 May 2024, Virtual Meeting

4th meeting: 49th meeting of WG ITU,
26-27 August 2024, Baet, KGZ

5th meeeting: Joint 47th/50th meeting of COM CIC and WG ITU,
28 August 2024, Baet, KGZ

6th meeting: 51st meeting of WG ITU,
20 January 2025, Virtual Meeting

7th meeting: 52st meeting of WG ITU, 24 April 2025, back2back with ITU RPM for CIS, Bishkek, KGZ

8th meeting: Joint 48th/53rd meeting of COM CIC and WG ITU,
25 April 2025, back2back with ITU RPM for CIS, Bishkek, KGZ

9th meeting: Joint meeting of COM CIC and WG ITU,
20-22 August 2025, Issyk-Kul, KGZ

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CURRENT STATE OF RCC PREPARATION FOR WTDC-25

Agreed Documents (August 2025)

- Finalization the text on Regional Initiatives for CIS on 2026-2029
- Appointment of Coordinators for WTDC Topics and RCC Common Proposals
- First, Second and Third batches of preliminary drafts for RCC Common Proposal
- Final discussion on Candidatures for WTDC Committees and ITU-D Working Bodies

CURRENT STATE OF RCC PREPARATION TO WTDC-25

PRELIMINARY DRAFTS RCC CP (AUGUST 2025):

- MOD Resolution 1 on Rules and Procedure
- MOD Resolution 2 on Study Groups
- MOD Resolution 8 on Statistics
- MOD Resolution 11 on Rural Communications
- MOD Resolution 17 on Regional Initiatives
- MOD Resolution 24 on TDAG
- MOD Resolution 31 on RPMs
- MOD Resolution 37 on Digital Divide
- SUP Resolution 43 on IMT
- MOD Resolution 45 on Cybersecurity
- SUP Resolution 53 on Dubai Action Plan
- SUP Resolution 55 on Gender
- MOD Resolution 58 on Accessibility

- MOD Resolution 59 on Intersectoral Coordination
- MOD Resolution 63 on IPv6
- SUP Resolution 76 on Youth
- MOD Resolution 77 on Broadband
- NOC Resolution 82 on Multilingualism
- NEW Resolution on LEO
- NEW Resolution on Metaverse
- MOD Terms of Reference of ITU-D Question 4/1
- MOD Terms of Reference of ITU-D Question 7/1
- RCC Position on the Structure of ITU-D Study Groups and ITU-D Questions
- RCC View on Streamlining of PP and WTDC Resolutions
- WTDC-25 Declaration

CURRENT STATE OF RCC PREPARATION TO WTDC-25

NOMINATIONS FOR WTDC COMMITTEES

- Committee 1 (Vice-Chair) – Mr Altynbek TOKTORBAEB (KGZ)

- Committee 2 (Chair) – Mr Bakhtiyar MAMMADOV (AZR)

- Committee 3 (Vice-Chair) – Ms Umida MUSAEVA (UZB)

- Committee 4 (Chair) – Mr Javokhir ARIPOV (UZB)

- Committee 5 (Vice-Chair) – Mr Konstantin TROFIMOV (RUS)

- WG of Plenary (Vice-Chair) – Ms Sahiba HASANOVA (AZR)

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- Mr Arseny PLOSSKY (RUS)

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- Ms Anastasia KONUKHOVA (RUS)
- Mr Ilqar ABDULLAYEV (AZR)

SG2 (Vice-Chairs):

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- Ms Uliana STOLIAROVA (RUS)

DRAFT REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR CIS 2026-2029

REGIONAL INITIATIVES

- New and Emerging ICTs
- Education and Digital Skills, including for People with Disabilities and Specific Needs
- Security, including Anti-Fraud
- ICT Regulation
- AI

EXPECTED RESULTS

Spectrum and Orbital Resource for Implementation of the New and Emerging ICTs	Green ICTs	Telecommunication/ICT for metaverse

Digital Literacy and Skills for People with Disabilities and Specific Needs	Application of metaverse, including for People with Disabilities and Specific Needs	Network of educational enterprises for PwD	Regional educational platform on broadcasting and content-creation	Capacity building in the field of satellite communications

ICTs to counter economic crimes	Protection of critical information infrastructure	CIRT	Capacity building in the field of cybersecurity

Regional Approach to Digital Transformation	Regulatory frameworks on AI and metaverse	Regional system for IT-parks development	Regulatory frameworks on NGSO systems

AI for Increase the QoL for PwD, including for ones with Autism Spectrum Disorder	Digital AI- and BigData- based platforms for measurement	AI for monitoring of climate changes and ecological parameters	Regional branch for AI for Good platform

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REGIONAL INITIATIVES

REGIONAL PROPOSAL:

RCC Members are considering a proposal to develop preliminary cost estimates for planned regional initiative activities

BASIS FOR ESTIMATION:

PAST EXPERIENCE:

- The practical experience, number, and actual costs of previous activities (workshops, training sessions, forums, technical assistance, implemented projects)

FUTURE PLANNING:

- An assessment of potential new projects and their anticipated scope

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:

RCC Members are considering a proposal to develop preliminary cost estimates for planned regional initiative activities

WTDC DECLARATION
PROPOSALS FOR THE DRAFT BAKU DECLARATION

SUMMARY

In preparation for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25), which will be held from 17 to 28 November 2025, a TDAG Working Group on the Declaration (TDAG-WG-DEC) was created

This WG held a number of meetings to propose a draft Baku Declaration, which, after being presented at the final TDAG meeting before WTDC-25, will be sent to the regional telecommunication organizations (RTOs) as an information document for WTDC 25 preparations

In this document the RCC proposes the draft Baku Declaration based on the outcomes of the WG TDAG-Declaration, presented in document TDAG-25/18(Rev.3)

KEY PROVISIONS

- Focus on new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs

- Bridging the digital divide

- Artificial Intelligence implementation

MOD RESOLUTION 1
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ITU TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

SUMMARY

Resolution 1 of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) aims to establish rules of procedure for the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)

Resolution 1 was previously revised at WTDC-22, which took place in Kigali, Rwanda, but changes to Resolutions 1 of the other ITU sectors determine the need to streamline procedural aspects

KEY CHANGES

- Aligning the work ITU-D Study Groups with PP Resolutions
- Improvement of the text related to the page limitations of the Output Reports
- Need for availability of BDT Secretariat documents no later than 30 days prior to the meeting
- Strictness of provisions related non-attendance of appointed persons

MOD RESOLUTION 2
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ITU TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

SUMMARY

RCC proposes draft revision of WTDC Resolution 2 on Establishment of study groups based on results of the current ITU-D study period 2022-2025 and statistical issues in the field of telecommunication/ICT

KEY CHANGES

Reorganize EGTI and EGH into the ITU-D Study Group 3 "Measurements to ensure universal and meaningful connectivity" with the transfer of the current work of Expert Groups to its terms of reference as ITU-D study Questions as follows:

- Question 1/3: ICT Development Index

- Question 2/3: ICT Price Baskets

- Question 3/3: Global Cybersecurity Index

- Question 4/3: telecommunication/ICT indicators questionnaire

- Question 5/3: Questionnaire on ICT access and use by households and individuals

- Question 6/3: Measuring new and emerging technologies and services

MOD RESOLUTION 8
COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 8 defines the work of the ITU-D on collecting, processing and disseminating statistics in the field of telecommunications/ICT

Resolution 8 was previously revised at WTDC-22, which took place in Kigali, Rwanda

The proposed revisions are aimed to improve the efficiency of work on statistical products in the field of telecommunications/ICT

KEY CHANGES

- Reorganize EGTI and EGH into the ITU-D Study Group 3

- Using unofficial data only after consulting with concerned Member States

- Improvement in reporting on the implementation of this Resolution

MOD Resolution 11

TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES IN RURAL, ISOLATED AND POORLY SERVED AREAS

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 11 defines the work of the ITU-D on telecommunication/ICT in rural, remote and poorly served areas

Resolution 11 was previously revised at WTDC-22, which took place in Kigali, Rwanda, but significant progress in the studies carried out by Question 5/1 of ITU-D Study Group 1 has made it necessary to revise and update this document

KEY CHANGES

- Streamlining of the Resolution to provide more logic in operative part

MOD Resolution 17
IMPLEMENTATION OF AND COOPERATION ON APPROVED REGIONAL INITIATIVES AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, INTERREGIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVELS

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 17 defines the organization of the ITU-D and, in particular, its regional and area offices for the implementation of the ITU-D Action Plan in terms of regional initiatives

In connection with the revision of PP Resolution 135 "ITU's role in the durable and sustainable development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies, in providing technical assistance and advice to developing countries and in implementing relevant national, regional and interregional projects" at and Resolution 157 "Strengthening of the project execution and project monitoring functions in ITU"PP-22 , it is proposed to streamline the text of WTDC Resolution 17 to ensure greater flexibility in the selection of experts to implement projects within the framework of regional initiatives

KEY CHANGES

- Aligning the practical work on regional initiatives with PP Res 135

MOD Resolution 24

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP TO ACT BETWEEN WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 24 defines the tasks and powers of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)

Resolution 31 was previously revised at WTDC-14, which took place in Dubai, UAE, which determines the need to update it to reflect the current challenges facing by TDAG

KEY CHANGES

- Improvement in reporting on the implementation of this Resolution

- Improvement in the work of TDAG by annual reporting on the implementation of the WTDC and PP Resolutions while related to ITU-D and the actions to be undertaken pursuant to their operative paragraphs as well as on the progress made in implementing the ITU-D annual Operational plan, Declaration and the Action Plan, including identification of difficulties, if any, that hinder progress, and possible solutions

MOD Resolution 31
REGIONAL PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 31 defines the work of the ITU-D in organizing regional preparatory meetings (RPMs) to improve the efficiency of Conferences' preparatory processes

Resolution 31 was previously revised at WTDC-22, which took place in Kigali, Rwanda, but the revision of similar Resolutions of the other ITU sectors and the Plenipotentiary Conference determines the need to streamline documents on RPMs

KEY CHANGES

- Arrangement of the briefings and trainings during the regional preparatory meetings to provide information on the Conference, the nomination and document preparation processes, including rules and procedure

- Reporting on the reactions of Member States to the regional preparatory meetings for WTDC

MOD Resolution 37
BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 37 defines the efforts of the ITU-D on the one of the most important issue to ITU – bridging the digital divide

KEY CHANGES

- Adding the distinction between coverage and usage gaps

- Adding the aspects of device availability and affordability of services

SUP Resolution 43

ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE NETWORKS

SUMMARY

Given that Resolutions 43 and 77 (both Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) have a similar thematic orientation — the development of modern telecommunication technologies for broadband communication, including international mobile telecommunications (IMT) — it is reasonable to conclude that they are largely similar. At the same time, neither WTDC resolution has been updated for a considerable time

In light of this, it seems appropriate to update the WTDC resolutions on broadband access to reflect the latest outcomes of the Radio Assembly (RA) and the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), in order to optimise the WTDC resolutions on broadband access, which cover modern networks and communication systems of the IMT family (IMT-2020 and IMT-2020)

Combining the key provisions of the resolutions would eliminate redundancy and strengthen the integrated approach to developing broadband communication and IMT, ensuring the ITU's digital development goals are implemented more effectively

Therefore, suppressing WTDC Resolution 43 and integrating its key elements into Resolution 77 will reduce the number of documents that member states need to monitor and simplify the process of implementing WTDC-25 decisions

KEY CHANGES

- Suppression of WTDC Resolution 43

MOD RESOLUTION 45

SUMMARY

The rapid evolution of the digital landscape, characterized by expanding connectivity, proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and deployment of next-generation networks, has been accompanied by a corresponding escalation in cyber threats. Incidents of sophisticated malware, ransomware attacks, hacking, and large-scale spam campaigns are increasingly targeting critical information infrastructures, economies, and citizens worldwide.
Ensuring a reliable and stable information environment that contributes to the realization of the digital economy's potential is a serious challenge for Member States.

All of these underscores the urgent need for enhanced international cooperation and updated normative frameworks. In light of such digital environment and taking into account relevant outcomes of WTSA-24 and the PP 2022, the revision of WTDC Resolution 45 is deemed essential to strengthen ITU's role in promoting cybersecurity, combating spam, and fostering resilience across digital ecosystems.

KEY CHANGES

- Underline the importance of explicitly defining and prioritizing cyber resilience, as the ability of networks to maintain service availability during disruptions, ensuring minimal recovery time and continuity of critical functions

- Instructing the BDT to strengthen initiatives for developing countries through practical measures, such as tier-based evaluation via the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI), the promotion of cyber hygiene and the dissemination of ITU-T standards for countering spam

- The Member States are invited upon to establish national frameworks for rapid incident response, to foster information-sharing mechanisms and to enhance critical infrastructure protection, keeping in mind the GCI assessment areas

MOD RESOLUTION 53

STRATEGIC AND FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ELABORATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DUBAI ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 53 "Strategic and financial framework for the elaboration and implementation of the Dubai Action Plan" establishes a framework for the implementation of the ITU-D Action Plan for the study period 2014-2017

All provisions of this Resolution have been completed, so this Resolution is not relevant so far, therefore it is proposed to suppress it

KEY CHANGES

- Suppression of WTDC Resolution 53

SUP RESOLUTION 55
MAINSTREAMING A GENDER PERSPECTIVE IN ITU TO ENHANCE WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT THROUGH TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICTS

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 55 and PP Resolution 70 have significant overlap in provisions related to gender mainstreaming in the field of telecommunications/ICT, as reflected in Annex 1

As a solution to this problem, it is proposed to suppress WTDC Resolution 55 and integrate a number of provisions into a similar PP Resolution 70 by applying Provision 1 of Article 21 of the ITU Convention on Recommendations sent by one Conference to Another, which will eliminate duplication and increase the efficiency of the ITU

KEY CHANGES

- Suppression of WTDC Resolution 53

- Moving some necessary and unique provisions to PP Resolution 70

MOD RESOLUTION 58

TELECOMMUNICATION/INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PERSONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 58 defines the work of the ITU-D regarding telecommunication/ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs

Resolution 58 was previously revised at WTDC-22, which was held in Kigali, Rwanda, but significant progress in the studies carried out by Question 7/1 of ITU-D Study Group 1 determines the need to revise this document

An additional task of this revision is to streamline the WTDC Resolution 58, similar Resolutions of other ITU sectors and the Plenipotentiary Conference

KEY CHANGES

- Revise the Resolution to improve the readability

MOD RESOLUTION 59
STRENGTHENING COORDINATION AND COOPERATION AMONG THE THREE ITU SECTORS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 59 aims to streamline the work of ITU sectors regarding the ITU-D to delineate areas of responsibility in studies on issues of mutual interest

Resolution 59 was previously revised at WTDC-22, which was held in Kigali, Rwanda, but a significant increase in topics of common interest to all three ITU sectors, as well as the amount of work of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest, determines the need to revise this document

An additional objective to revise this Resolution is to streamline the provisions of WTDC Resolution 59 and similar Resolutions of the other ITU sectors and the Plenipotentiary Conference

KEY CHANGES

- Enhancing the remote participation by electronic means

- Cooperation with ITU-R and ITU-T on the issues of ITU regional and area offices capabilities

- Increasing the role of advisory groups in identification the subjects of mutual interest to three Sectors

MOD RESOLUTION 63
INTERNET PROTOCOL ADDRESS ALLOCATION AND FACILITATING THE TRANSITION TO AND DEPLOYMENT OF INTERNET PROTOCOL VERSION 6 IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

SUMMARY

The revision of WTDC Resolution 63 is driven by the exponential growth of connected devices, the critical expansion of IoT, 5G/IMT-2020 networks, and cloud services, which necessitate the continued transition to IPv6 to address IPv4 address exhaustion and support future digital infrastructure. While emphasizing the importance of IPv6 deployment, this resolution try to avoid speed-up or enforce this process due to the need to protect investments in existing IPv4-based infrastructure during the transition period. A core focus is placed on capacity building, knowledge sharing, and multi-stakeholder cooperation to ensure sustainable implementation, particularly in developing countries

KEY CHANGES

- Strengthen the commitment to facilitate the exchange of experiences and information on all aspects of IPv6 implementation among all stakeholders to unify efforts and accelerate the transition

- Enhances directives to BDT to lead capacity building, develop adjustment guidelines for organizational structures, maintain a dedicated ITU IPv6 information portal with global monitoring links, and submit annual progress reports to the ITU Council and the next WTDC

- Introducing for Member States specific calls to action, including promoting IPv6-enabled client equipment, activating IPv6 in networks and services, ensuring government and private sector digital services are accessible over IPv6, and fostering cooperation between ISPs and other relevant stakeholders for faster deployment

- These revisions underscore ITU's commitment to a coordinated, inclusive, and action-oriented approach to IPv6 transition, balancing future-proofing with current operational realities

SUP RESOLUTION 76

PROMOTING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES AMONG YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

SUMMARY

WTDC Resolution 76 and PP Resolution 198 have significant overlap in provisions related to the promotion of ICT among young people for the empowerment of their socio-economic empowerment, as reflected in Annex 1

As a solution to this problem, it is proposed to suppress WTDC Resolution 76 and integrate a number of provisions into a similar PP Resolution 198 by applying Provision 1 of Article 21 of the ITU Convention on Recommendations sent by One Conference to Another, which will eliminate duplication and increase the efficiency of the ITU

KEY CHANGES

- Suppression of WTDC Resolution 76

- Moving some necessary and unique provisions to PP Resolution 198

MOD Resolution 77
ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING INTERNATIONAL MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FUTURE NETWORKS

SUMMARY

See WTDC Resolution 43's Summary

KEY CHANGES

- Addition of section to formally define IMT as a family of broadband wireless access technologies developed by ITU-R and ITU-T. These clauses explicitly link IMT's evolution (including IMT-2020 and IMT-2030) to broader goals of enabling compatible and evolutionary development of broadband access, supporting IoT, mission-critical applications, smart cities, and digital ecosystems, thereby contributing to global economic and social development
- The highlighting the role of IMT-2020 and future IMT-2030 systems as key drivers of broadband communications. It underscores their technical capabilities (e.g., high speed, low latency, high reliability) and their importance for specific advanced applications like e-health and industrial IoT monitoring
- Also reference to Resolution ITU-R 50-5 (Rev. Dubai, 2023) and Resolution ITU-R 65 (Rev. Dubai, 2023) were updated, which focus on the ongoing development and future principles of IMT systems, ensuring alignment with the most recent decisions of the Radiocommunication Assembly
- New provisions of this resolution strengthens instructions to the BDT Director and Member States regarding IMT. This includes promoting the implementation of terrestrial and satellite broadband systems that support advanced mobile services and encouraging Member States to foster environments for technology-neutral broadband connectivity, building on ITU developments such as IMT. One of new clause explicitly calls for presenting data on strategies and best practices for IMT and other broadband systems at relevant events
- Merging the key provisions of these resolutions within one eliminates redundancy and strengthens the comprehensive approach to broadband and IMT development. This ensures a more effective implementation of ITU's objectives in digital development by providing Member States with a single, updated, and cohesive framework, thereby simplifying tracking and execution of WTDC decisions

NOC RESOLUTION 82
PRESERVING AND PROMOTING MULTILINGUALISM ON THE INTERNET FOR AN INCLUSIVE INFORMATION SOCIETY

SUMMARY

Given that work on multilingualism is being carried out steadily and no additional tasks or issues requiring further attention at the level of the Bureau or ITU Member States have been identified during the past period, it is proposed not to revise this WTDC Resolution 82 at WTDC-25

KEY CHANGES

- No Change of WTDC Resolution 82

MOD QUESTION 4/1
ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICTS

SUMMARY

The current ITU-D study period (2022-2025) showed a high potential for considering new topics within the ITU-D study Questions

Considering the large number of contributions received by Question 4/1 on topics that were not covered by current Terms of Reference, it is proposed to revise the Question 4/1 ToRs accordingly

KEY CHANGES
To add the following topics for next ITU-D study period:

- Digital currencies

- Economic aspects of Ai and Metaverse

- Digital taxes

- National aspects of spectrum economics

- Social return of investment

MOD QUESTION 7/1
TELECOMMUNICATION/ICT ACCESSIBILITY TO ENABLE INCLUSIVE COMMUNICATION, ESPECIALLY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SUMMARY

The current ITU-D study period (2022-2025) showed a high interest and relevance of Question 7/1

Considering the large number of contributions received by Question 7/1 and readiness to continue studies of this topic in the next study period after WTDC-25 the following revisions are proposed

KEY CHANGES

- Keep the current title of the question, including accessibility for persons with special needs. Within "persons with special needs" of the youth, the elderly, migrants, the illiterate and other vulnerable groups can be included, but the main focus will remain on persons with disabilities

- Use the "from general to specific" approach when describing the current situation and problem

- Remove the description of the activities and terms of reference of the various ITU bodies connected accessibility issues, as well as references to the PP and WTSA Resolutions, as well as information from the Final Report on Question 7/1 for the previous study period

- Remove the equation of aspects of telecommunication/ICT accessibility for youth and persons with disabilities

NEW RESOLUTION
PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF METAVERSE

SUMMARY

The adoption by the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA) in 2024 of a new Resolution on promoting and strengthening metaverse standardization, as well as the results of the work of ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) Focus Group on the Metaverse (FG MV) determine the need to consider the implementation issues of metaverse, as well as taking into account regional and national aspects related to it

In this regard, it is proposed to activate activities related to metaverse in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), for which it is proposed to create a new Resolution

KEY PROVISIONS

- Expand the results of the ITU-T FG-MV activities and work to ITU-D

- Elaborate on best practices on the implementation of metaverse to ensure its effective implementation, in particular in developing countries

- To ensure that national and regional aspects of the implementation of metaverse are taken into account in the Telecommunication Development Bureau's initiatives on bridging the digital divide, providing assistance to developing countries

NEW RESOLUTION
DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF LOW-EARTH ORBIT COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

SUMMARY

The deployment of communication systems based on satellite constellations in low-earth orbit (LEO) necessitates consideration of issues related to their seamless integration into existing international telecommunication systems, taking into account all arising aspects in the areas of non-discriminatory access, security, economics, and the preservation of the sovereignty of states covered by the communication services of such foreign constellations

In this regard, it is proposed to promptly initiate work on satellite constellations in LEO within the ITU-D, for which it is proposed to create a new WTDC Resolution

Such work should (in accordance with the ITU-D mandate) be based on provisions developed or being developed in other ITU Sectors, including activities in the areas of the WSIS, WTPF, and others

KEY PROVISIONS

- Consideration the outcomes of WRC-23, WTSA-24, PP-22, and the preparations for WTPF-26 in the area concerning the development and deployment of LEO communication systems and their role in bridging the digital divide in work of ITU-D

- Elaborate on best practices on ensuring national sovereignty during the operation of LEO communication systems, especially in developing countries

- Ensure that national and regional aspects of LEO communication system deployment are considered in the initiatives of the Telecommunication Development Bureau aimed at providing assistance to developing countries in bridging the digital divide

RCC VIEW
PROPOSALS FOR THE WORK OF THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

SUMMARY

The document highlights the importance and necessity of continuing the work to align the ITU-D Resolutions with the Resolutions of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP)

A number of WTDC Resolutions are directly based on the corresponding PP Resolutions, while the PP Resolutions do not include a number of provisions that reflect the specific ITU-D interests and tasks

This contribution proposes the following approach – to modify the corresponding PP Resolution by including sectoral issues in it to reflect the corresponding Sector Resolutions

RCC VIEW
STRUCTURE OF ITU-D STUDY GROUPS AND QUESTIONS (1/2)

SUMMARY

Evolution of the concept of digital divide, appearance of new and emerging telecommunication/ICTs and their applications define the need for ITU-D Study groups to reflect them by restructuring of both Study Groups to be focused on bridging the digital divide (ITU-D Study Group 1) and digital transformation and ICT applications (ITU-D Study Group 2)

For proper measurement of indicators related to Study Groups 1 and 2, and in accordance with Document TDAG-24/33 it is also proposed to establish the new Study Group 3 on measurement the telecommunication/ICTs

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF ITU-D STUDY QUESTIONS RELATED TO EXISTING ONES

SG 1 – BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

- Q1/1 – Infrastructure (current Question 1/1 + part of current Question 2/1 on DTV transition + current Question 5/1). To support the view that both Questions are of high importance, it is proposed to set the expected outputs for new Question 1/1 as New Final Report + Revised existing Q1/1 and 5/1 Report/s + standalone deliverable on 5/1-related issue. Also to support the need for expertise Question 1/1 will have two co-rapporteurs (Q1/1 and Q5/1 oriented)

- Q2/1 – Resource (current Question 2/1 in part of spectrum planning and digital dividend + new topic on orbital resource + current Question 7/2 on EMF).
  To support the need of expertise Question 2/1 could have two co-rapporteurs (Q2/1 and Q7/2 oriented)

- Q3/1 – Consumers (current Question 6/1 + current Question 5/2 in part of digital skills).
  To support the need of expertise Question 3/1 could have two co-rapporteurs (Q6/1 and Q5/2 oriented)

- Q4/1 – Economics (current Question 4/1)

- Q5/1 – Devices (new topics on availability of devices + part of current Question 5/2 on ICT adoption + current Question 4/2). To support the need of expertise Question 5/1 could have two co-rapporteurs (Q4/2 and new topics on availability oriented)

- Q6/1 – Security (current Question 3/2)

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- Q1/2 – ICT for SC&C (current Question 1/2)

- Q2/2 – ICT for e-services (current Question 2/2)

- Q3/2 – ICT for emerging technologies (new topics on AI and Metaverse)

- Q4/2 – ICT for disaster management (current Question 3/1)

- Q5/2 – ICT for climate (current Question 6/2)

- Q6/2 – ICT for persons with disabilities (current Question 7/1)

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