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**Chair, TDAG-WG-DEC**

Presentation of the Report on progress of the  
TDAG Working Group on the Declaration

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Mr Abdulkarim Oloyede, Chair, TDAG Working Group on the Declaration, Nigeria

## Background

- **Terms of Reference and expected output**
  - TDAG-WG-DEC was entrusted the task ‘to propose elements and make recommendations to ITU membership for the future draft Declaration’ of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25).
  - The output of TDAG-WG-DEC will serve as input for members to consider as they work on the WTDC-25 Declaration in the lead up to and at the conference.
- **Chair and Vice-chairs**
  - Chair: Dr Abdulkarim Oloyede from Nigeria
  - Vice-chairs: Mr Ahmed Abd El-Aziz from Egypt and Ms Ke Wang from China
- **Meetings**
  - TDAG-WG-DEC met on 6 September 2024, 2 December 2024 and 5 March. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 15 April, with a physical meeting during TDAG-25 to wrap up the discussions of the Group.
  - At the third meeting, the Chair presented a draft proposal for the Declaration and the group provided extensive comments and suggested revisions. A revised draft proposal will be submitted for discussion to the next meeting.
  - The Chair of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration (TDAG-WG-DEC), Mr. Abdulkarim Oloyede (Nigeria), presented a progress report at the Extraordinary meeting of TDAG (23 January) on the group’s efforts to prepare a draft Declaration for WTDC-25. TDAG noted with appreciation the report and acknowledged the proposed theme and structure.
- **Coordination with RTOs**
  - Regional Telecommunication Organizations have been invited to provide progress reports on their preparations for WTDC-25.

## Approach and Focus

- **Key topics \***
  - In terms of the key topics to be addressed in the Declaration, the Group emphasised the need to coordinate with the other TDAG working groups, in particular the one on ITU-D Priorities (TDAG-WG-ITUDP)
  - Rationale and thinking process informed by the original mapping of topics in the Kigali Declaration and new and emerging topics
- **Proposed Theme \***
  - ‘Universal, meaningful and affordable connectivity for an inclusive and sustainable digital future’
- **Proposed Structure \***
  - The Group agreed to retain a structure similar to the Kigali Declaration and be concise, simple and with clear and actionable language, speaking to both the challenges of global digital development and potential solutions
  - Four main sections: Introduction, ‘We declare,’ ‘We commit,’ and Call to Action
- **Draft proposed text**
  - The Chair’s draft proposal reflects discussions in TDAG-WG-DEC and TDAG-WG-ITUDP. It was developed from the annotated outline agreed upon by the group, which was based on a mapping of key themes from the Kigali Declaration and insights from recent major international conferences.
  - A revised draft proposal will be submitted for discussion to the next meeting of the group.

\* As agreed at the second meeting of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration ([TDAG-WG-DEC/6](#))

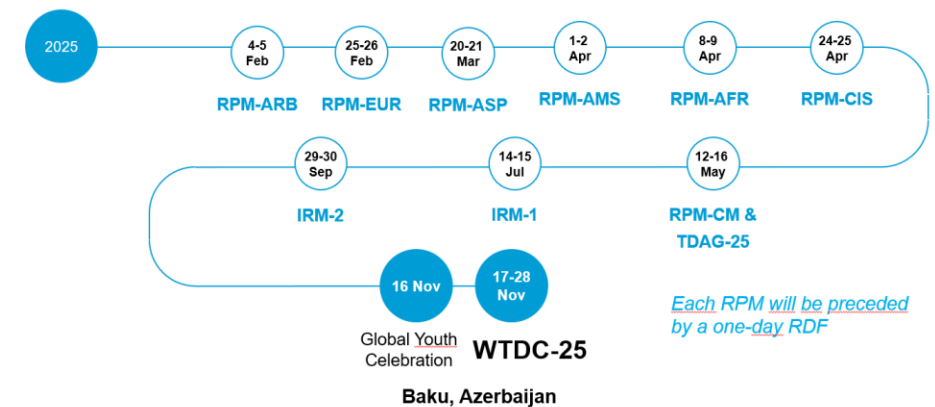


## Next Steps and Timeline



- **January – March:** Building on the feedback received during the second meeting of TDAG-WG-DEC, the Chair prepared an initial proposal of a narrative for the Declaration ([ITU-D TDAG WG DEC ALL \(2025-03-05\)](#)) for the third meeting of the Group, that was held on 5 March 2025. Feedback and contributions on the zero draft are welcome. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 April, with a physical meeting tentatively scheduled during TDAG-25 to wrap up the discussions of the Group.
- **January-April:** The TDAG-WG-DEC Chair has provided reports on progress of the work of the Group to the Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) in the lead up to WTDC-25.
- **May-November:** The final version of the narrative agreed by the Working Group will be submitted for further consideration to TDAG-25 and possible submission as input to WTDC-25 where it will be finalized and the final Baku Declaration adopted.

### Key Timelines towards WTDC-25



## References

- Terms of Reference of TDAG-WG-DEC, [TDAG-24/DT/4](#)
- Draft proposal for the Baku Declaration 2025, [TDAG-WG-DEC/9](#)
- Revised annotated outline of the Baku Declaration 2025, [TDAG-WG-DEC/7](#)
- Mapping of topics in the Kigali Declaration and new and emerging topics, [TDAG-WG-DEC/INF/1](#)
- Report of the first meeting of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration, [TDAG-WG-DEC/2](#)
- Report of the second meeting of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration, [TDAG-WG-DEC/6](#)
- Report of the third meeting of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration, [TDAG-WG-DEC/10](#)



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Thank you !