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| Chair, TDAG-WG-ITUDP |
| Report on progress of the TDAG Working Group on the ITU-D Priorities |
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| **Agenda item:**Item 7.1**Summary:**The document contains a summary of discussions and an update on progress of the Group.**Action required:**For information.**References:*** Terms of Reference of TDAG-WG-ITUDP ([TDAG-24/DT/5](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG31-240520-TD-0005/en))
* Report of the first meeting of the TDAG Working Group on the ITU-D Priorities ([TDAG-WG-ITUDP/3](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.ITUDP-C-0003/en))
* Report of the second meeting of the TDAG Working Group on the ITU-D Priorities ([TDAG-WG-ITUDP/6](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.ITUDP-C-0006/))
* ITU-D Action Plan Review - TDAG WG ITUDP Chair's proposal ([TDAG-WG-ITUDP/4](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.ITUDP-C-0004/en))
* [Website of TDAG-WG-ITUDP](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/Pages/2024/TDAG_WG_ITUDP.aspx)
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1. **Introduction**

The TDAG Working Group on ITU-D Priorities (TDAG-WG-ITUDP) was established by TDAG with the following Terms of Reference:

* Review the current ITU-D Priorities and related enablers set at WTDC-22, proposals to WTDC-25 including on regional initiatives, ITU-D study Questions, as well as outcomes of the Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-25, the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the relevant WSIS Action Lines for which ITU has lead responsibility and subsequently develop proposals for the new ITU-D Priorities;
* Review the status of implementation and impact of the ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027 relating to ITU-D and prepare proposals for the draft new ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for the next period (2028-2031);
* Review the status of implementation and impact of the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) including its links with the Operational Plan and develop proposals for the next WTDC Action Plan;
* Review the status of implementation and impact of the four-year rolling Operational Plan, identify areas of improvement, and develop recommendations for the Draft Operational Plan; and
* Submit the report to TDAG.

Mr Christopher Kemei from Kenya was appointed as Chair, with Mr Ahmad Sharafat from Iran and Ms Blanca Gonzalez from Spain serving as Vice-Chairs.

TDAG-WG-ITUDP held its first meeting on 4 September 2024 and a second meeting on 4 December 2024. The Reports of both meetings are available on the [Website of TDAG-WG-ITUDP](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/Pages/2024/TDAG_WG_ITUDP.aspx).

1. **Approach taken and progress made**

At the time the 1st meeting was held, no written contributions had been received and therefore very minimal discussions took place. In view of this and for purposes of stimulating contributions and discussions in the subsequent meetings, the group agreed that the Chair, in consultation with the secretariat could develop a contribution for such purposes.

During the second meeting, a Chair’s proposal ([TDAG-WG-ITUDP/4](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.ITUDP-C-0004/en)) was presented to the group.

Following the presentation of the Chair’s proposal, several comments were made and preliminary inputs and feedbacks were provided by the groups, including (but not limited to):

* Ensuring proper placement of certain topics within priorities
* Ensuring alignment with the strategic plan
* Taking into account other relevant ITU and UN processes, such as WSIS, Global Digital Compact (GDP), SDGs among others
* Clarification of terminology
* Ensuring the development of proper risk analysis and monitoring and evaluation for effective implementation on the plan
* Ensuring continuity with the existing plan; building on it and streamlining it
* Ensuring clear rationale and holistic approach on the definition of the ITU-D priorities and enablers

Overall, the proposal was welcomed by the group, with the understanding that it might serve as basis of discussion according to regional and country proposals that will be submitted at the conference.

Building on the feedbacks received during the second meeting, the Chair will provide an updated proposal, for the third meeting of the Group.

1. **Key Dates and Next Steps**

The third meeting of TDAG-WG-ITUDP will be held during the next cluster of TDAG working group meeting on 6 March 2025. There will also be a possibility for a physical meeting during TDAG-25 to wrap up the discussions of the Group.

In addition, the TDAG-WG-ITUDP Chair will provide reports on progress of the work of the Group to the upcoming Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) in the lead up to WTDC-25.

The final deliverable of the TDAG-WG-ITUDP will be submitted for further consideration to the 2025 TDAG and possible submission as input to WTDC-25 where it will be finalized and the final Baku Action Plan adopted.

**References:**

[TDAG-WG-ITUDP/ADM/2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.ITUDP-ADM-0002/)

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