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REGIONAL PREPARATORY MEETING CIS

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Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

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Report on the progress of the TDAG Working Group on ITU-D priorities

Ms Inga Rimkevičienė, Chair, TDAG Working Group on ITU-D priorities (Lithuania)

Leadership and Meetings

- **Chair**
  - Ms Inga Rimkevičienė (Lithuania)

- **Vice-Chairs**
  - Mr Ahmad Sharafat (Iran)
  - Ms Blanca Gonzalez (Spain)

- **Meetings**
  - 1st - on 4 September 2024
  - 2nd - on 4 December 2024
  - 3rd - on **26 March 2025**

- **Reports** Availability
  - Reports of the meetings available on TDAG-WG-ITUDP website

Terms of Reference

- Review:

    1. Current ITU-D Priorities and related enablers set at WTDC-22;

    2. Proposals to WTDC-25 including on Regional Initiatives, ITU-D Study Questions;

    3. Outcomes of the Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC-25;

    4. 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and the relevant WSIS Action Lines for which ITU has lead responsibility;

    5. Status of implementation and impact of the ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027 relating to ITU-D;

    6. Status of implementation and impact of the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) including its links with the Operational Plan;

    7. Status of implementation and impact of the four-year rolling Operational Plan, identify areas of improvement.

Terms of Reference

- Develop these deliverables:

  1. Proposals for the new ITU-D Priorities;

  2. Prepare proposals for the draft new ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan (2028-2031);

  3. Proposals for the next WTDC Action Plan;

  4. Recommendations for the Draft Operational Plan;

  5. Report to the TDAG-24.

Approach and Progress

First Meeting
- No written contributions received
- Initial discussions took place to gather views
- Chair to develop a contribution to stimulate discussions

Second Meeting
- Chair's proposal (TDAG-WG-ITUDP/4) presented
- Several comments and preliminary inputs provided
- Chair to ensure integration of inputs into the updated proposal for the next meeting

Third meeting
- Agreement on using the current KAP Priorities as basis to define new ITU-D priorities
- Agreement on the initial structure of the Baku Action Plan

Agreement achieved at the 3rd meeting

ITU-D Priorities to be used as a baseline:

- Affordable Connectivity;
- Digital Transformation;
- Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment;
- Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation;
- Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Structure of the Baku Action Plan:

1. Introduction
2. Terminology
3. ITU-D priorities, outcomes, outputs and enablers
4. Regional initiatives
5. Resolutions
6. Study groups
7. Linkages and mapping

Key Dates and Next Steps

Progress Reports by TDAG-WG-ITUDP Chair

- Reports to be provided at upcoming Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs)

Fourth Meeting of TDAG-WG-ITUDP

- 1 May 2025

Final Deliverable Submission

- To TDAG 2025 by the WG, as per the ToRs
- To WTDC-25 by TDAG as input for consideration

Outreach by the Chair to the WG members:

- Information to be provided via email group
- Documents on TDAG-WG-ITUDP website