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Report on progress of the TDAG Working Group on the Declaration

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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, 5 March and 15 April. The next meeting is scheduled as an in person 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 was submitted for discussion to the 15 April 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

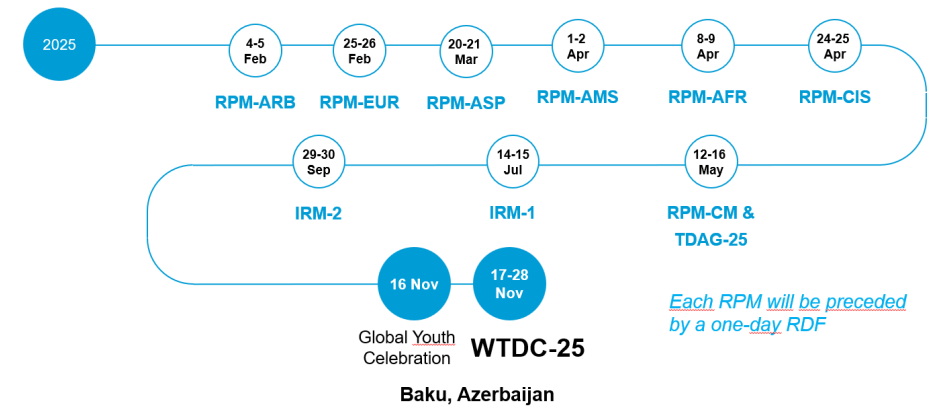
- **Key topics ***
 - In terms of the key topics to be addressed in the Declaration, the Group emphasised the need to coordinate with the other TDAG working groups, in particular the one on ITU-D Priorities (TDAG-WG-ITUDP)
 - Rationale and thinking process informed by the original mapping of topics in 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 that it 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 and discussions at the various WG DEC meetings

Next Steps and Timeline



- **January-April:** Building on the feedback received during the meetings of TDAG-WG-DEC, the Chair prepared an initial and revised proposal of a narrative for the Declaration for the third and fourth meetings of the Group. Feedback and contributions on the draft are welcome. A physical meeting is 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](#)
- Mapping of topics in the Kigali Declaration and new and emerging topics, [TDAG-WG-DEC/INF/1](#)
- Revised annotated outline of the Baku Declaration 2025, [TDAG-WG-DEC/7](#)
- Draft proposal for the Baku Declaration 2025, [TDAG-WG-DEC/9](#)
- Revised and annotated draft proposal for the Baku Declaration 2025, [TDAG-WG-DEC-12](#)
- 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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