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Presentation of the 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 held its first meeting on 6 September 2024 and a second meeting on 2 December 2024. A third meeting is scheduled for 5 March.
- 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

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

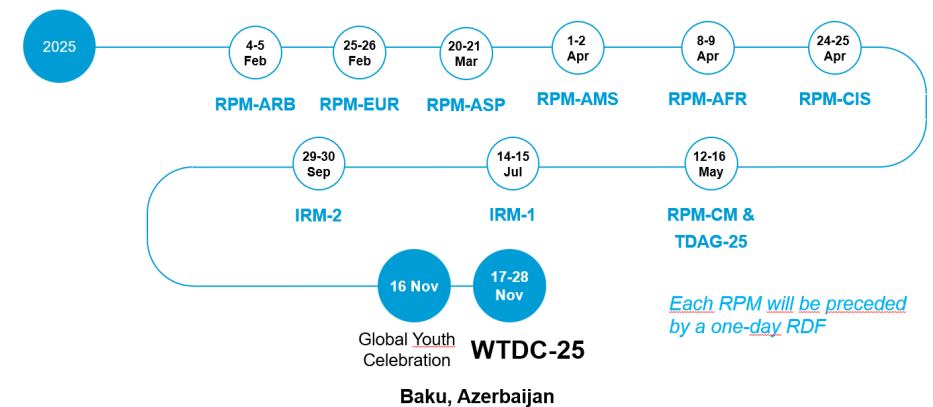
# Next Steps and Timeline



- **January - March:** Building on the feedback received during the second meeting of TDAG-WG-DEC, the Chair has 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, to be held during the next cluster of TDAG working group meeting on 5 March 2025. Feedback and contributions on the zero draft are welcome. There will also be a possibility for a physical meeting during TDAG-25 to wrap up the discussions of the Group.
- **January-April:** The TDAG-WG-DEC 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.
- **May-November:** The final version of the narrative agreed by the Working Group will be submitted for further consideration to TDAG-25/2 and possible submission as input to WTDC-25 where it will be finalized and the final Baku Declaration adopted.

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## Key Timelines towards WTDC-25



## References

- Terms of Reference of TDAG-WG-DEC ([TDAG-24/DT/4](#))
- 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](#))
- Revised annotated outline of the Baku Declaration 2025 ([TDAG-WG-DEC/7](#))
- Mapping of topics in the Kigali Declaration and new and emerging topics (Document [TDAG-WG-DEC/INF/1](#))



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**See you in Baku**  
**Thank you !**