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| **TDAG Informal Coordination Group on the Youth Summit and the Global Celebration (TDAG-ICG-GYS)**  **4th Meeting, Virtual, 17 February 2025** | A close up of a sign  Description automatically generated |
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| Chair, TDAG-ICG-GYS | |
| Report of the fourth meeting of the TDAG Informal Coordination Group  on the Youth Summit and the Global Celebration | |
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| **Summary:**  The document contains a summary of the discussions held during the fourth meeting of the group and related decisions.  **Action required:**  For information.  **References:**   * Draft agenda: [TDAG-ICG-GYS/13-E](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.ICG.GYS-C-0013/en) | |

1. **Opening of the meeting and welcome remarks**

The Chair of the Fourth Meeting of the TDAG-ICG-GYS, Ms Shahad Albalawi, welcomed participants, welcomed all participants and expressed appreciation for their contributions in the previous meetings. She highlighted that the programme for GYS-25 has been fully approved at the Extraordinary Meeting of TDAG and is now published. Following the Chair's remarks, Mr. Bruno Ramos, Acting Deputy to the Director of the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau, delivered additional remarks emphasizing the importance of youth participation and engagement in the GYS-25.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

The Chairintroduced the draft agenda for the meeting, as outlined in document [TDAG-ICG-GYS/13](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.ICG.GYS-C-0013/en) and invited participants to provide comments, suggestions, or requests for changes. After confirming that there were no objections or requests for modifications, the Chairdeclared the agenda approved as presented.

1. **Updates on the Global Youth Summit preparations – BDT Secretariat**

The BDT Secretariat delivered a comprehensive update on the ongoing preparations for the Global Youth Summit 2025 (GYS-25). As of the meeting date, 100 participants had been confirmed, with continued efforts underway to increase engagement, particularly from Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

In terms of speaker and content development, significant progress had been achieved in securing high-profile speakers and panelists to enrich the event’s discussions. The agenda is being shaped to incorporate youth-led initiatives, with a strong focus on promoting social and economic empowerment.

On the logistical front, participants are required to register using an ITU user account, with a validation process in place to ensure proper registration. The host country, Cuba, has confirmed the provision of ground transportation from Havana airport to Varadero for all attendees. A list of recommended hotels has been made available on the event website, and participants were encouraged to book early to secure accommodation. Visa facilitation has also been streamlined, with Cuban embassies and consulates supporting the process.

A representative from Cuba reaffirmed the country’s readiness to host the Summit and reiterated their commitment to providing the necessary logistical and organizational support to ensure the event’s success.

The BDT Secretariat confirmed that a Global Youth Celebration will take place one day prior to the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25). This event is intended to foster networking opportunities between young people and policymakers in an informal setting. It will feature interactive and hands-on activities related to information and communication technologies (ICTs), offering a dynamic space for learning and engagement. The celebration will be primarily social in nature and is not part of the official agenda of the WTDC.

**Next Steps:**

1. The Chair highlighted the need for financial support and sponsorships to enable youth participation, particularly Generation Connect Youth Envoys (GCYE) from various regions.
2. Cuba reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring a smooth and well-prepared event, working closely with ITU.
3. ITU Members were encouraged to continue mobilizing resources and expanding outreach.

**Conclusion of the Meeting**

The Chair formally closed the meeting, thanking all participants for their engagement. She expressed gratitude to the Co-Chairs of the TDAG-ICG-GYS —Agustina Brizio (Argentina), Ke Wang (China), and Abdoulkarim Oloyede (Nigeria)—for their dedication to advancing preparations.

The Chair emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration to ensure a successful and impactful GYS-25 and expressed optimism about the upcoming event.

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