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| **TDAG Working Group  on the Declaration (TDAG-WG-DEC)**  **3rd Meeting, Virtual, 5 March 2025** | A close up of a sign  Description automatically generated |
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| Chair, TDAG-WG-DEC | |
| Report of the third meeting of TDAG-WG-DEC | |
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| **Summary:**  The document contains a summary of the discussions during the third meeting of the group.  **Action required:**  For information  **References:**  Terms of Reference of TDAG-WG-DEC: [TDAG-24/DT/4](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG31-240520-TD-0004/en) | |

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

The Chair of TDAG-WG-DEC, Dr. Abdulkarim Oloyede of Nigeria, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. He emphasized the importance of the group’s work and the need for feedback, ideas, and concrete proposals from members to help shape the draft Baku Declaration.

Following his opening remarks, Dr. Oloyede entrusted the chairing of the meeting to the Vice-Rapporteurs, Ms Ke Wang of China and Mr Ahmed Abd El-Aziz of Egypt, due to other urgent commitments.

1. **Approval of the agenda**

The draft agenda contained in Document [TDAG-WG-DEC/8](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.DEC-C-0008/) was approved without changes.

1. **Draft proposal for the Baku Declaration 2025: presentation and discussion**

The Chair presented his draft proposal for the Baku Declaration, as outlined in Document [TDAG-WG-DEC/9](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.DEC-C-0009/en) for consideration and further discussion by the Working Group. He reminded participants of the process leading to its development:

* In its first meeting, TDAG-WG-DEC agreed to retain a structure similar to the Kigali Declaration comprising four main sections: Introduction, ‘We declare,’ ‘We commit’ and Call to Action.
* Ahead of the group’s second meeting, the Chair mapped topics from the Kigali Declaration alongside new and emerging issues from recent major international conferences to help define the scope of the Baku Declaration (Document [TDAG-WG-DEC/INF/](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.DEC-INF-0001/)1).
* Using this mapping and input from discussions in TDAG-WG-DEC and TDAG-WG-ITUDP, he developed a draft annotated outline ([TDAG-WG-DEC/4 (Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG.WG.DEC-C-0004/)-E), which was further refined during the second meeting of the group.
* Building on these foundations as well as TDAG-WG-DEC discussions and informal consultations, the Chair elaborated the draft proposal.

The two Vice-Chairs guided the discussion on the draft proposal, reviewing it paragraph by paragraph and inviting input from the group while noting general comments and suggested revisions. Vice-Chair Mr Abd El-Aziz also addressed questions and explained the rationale behind specific wording in the draft.

Based on the discussion, the Chair will prepare a revised draft proposal, which will be published online and finalized at the group’s last meeting which will take place during TDAG-25. The meeting date will be announced shortly on the group’s webpage and through the distribution list.

The final version of the draft proposal agreed by TDAG-WG-DEC will be submitted for further consideration by TDAG-25 and possible submission as input to WTDC-25 where it will be finalized and the final Baku Declaration adopted.

1. **Progress report by Regional Telecommunication Organizations**

Regional Telecommunication Organizations did not provide progress reports during the meeting as the preparations for WTDC-25 in some regions are still ongoing.

1. **Any other business**

The TDAG-WG-DEC Vice Chair thanked participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions.

The Chair will continue to provide progress reports on the work of TDAG-WG-DEC at the upcoming Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) in the lead-up to WTDC-25.

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