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| **Summary:**This background paper invites members to assess if current Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) Resolutions already cover topics under consideration within the Kigali Action Plan in order to avoid duplication of efforts and treatment of the same subject, with a view to maintain a focus on efficiency and resource optimization. It also invites members to make an exercise to propose the reduction of WTDC Resolutions and consider various factors when proposing modifications or creation of new Resolutions in the context of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC).**Action required:**TDAG-WG-SR is invited to review this document and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.**References:**WTDC-17 Final ReportWTDC-22 Final ReportFinal acts of PP-22Document [TDAG23/DT/4](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.itu.int_md_D22-2DTDAG30-2D230619-2DTD-2D0004_&d=DwMGaQ&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=MPE_gbrnTOlKsMPgNKUMZftr1yA164NwLNBm0i_KU4E&m=X5wuZzWqFt6jjIzgY25pP1Ylrh4QT3s6ND0joVVjFdpbftfPrx2Swkw3zuHaATK0&s=7KhEu3mz_ADB-TVn19QLukBtboBpTgomHw469o5bLA0&e=) |

**Background**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22) was held in Kigali, Rwanda, from 6 to 16 June 2022 under the theme “Connecting the unconnected to achieve sustainable development”. It approved the Kigali Action Plan, containing 40 revised Resolutions and four new ones, all of which designed to foster meaningful universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation around the world in the period 2022-2025. The current Action Plan encompasses 64 Resolutions and 7 ITU-D Recommendations.

WTDC-22 also approved 5 ITU-D Priorities for the period 2022-2025, which are: Affordable Connectivity, Digital Transformation, Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment, Resource mobilization and International Cooperation, and Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development.

It is important to stress that, among the 64 current WTDC Resolutions, 27 are directly allocated as main drivers of the 5 ITU-D Priorities. The other Resolutions are allocated as drivers for a*) Product and service offerings of BDT* and b) *Enablers.*

The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference was held in Bucharest, Romania, from 26 September to 14 October 2022, and it approved 57 revised Resolutions and 6 new ones. Among the 63 current PP Resolutions, 19 are directly allocated as main drivers of the 5 ITU-D Priorities. There is 1 PP Resolution (Res. 131) allocated as driver for *Product and service offerings of BDT* and 5 PP Resolutions allocated as drivers for *Enablers*.

Please refer *to Figure 2: Linkages between ITU-D priorities, key offerings and enablers with ITU resolutions, WSIS action lines and SD*Gs on the Final Acts of WTDC-22.

1. **The convenience of streamlining WTDC Resolutions**

In order to improve efficiency and optimize (human and financial) resources management, there is a need to carefully assess the existence of overlap between WTDC and PP Resolutions.

With the assistance of the BDT Secretariat, it is relevant to analyse and identify specific instructions for ITU-D contained in the final documents of PP-22, including those not reflected in the relevant WTDC resolutions.

1. **Revision of Terms of Reference and definition of a criteria for streamlining WTDC Resolutions**

One of the initial tasks of this Working Group will be a) to review and approve its Terms of Reference approved during the 30th Meeting of TDAG and b) to define a criteria for streamlining WTDC Resolutions.

TDAG-23 noted the guiding principles for streamlining WTDC resolutions presented in document [TDAG23/DT/4](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.itu.int_md_D22-2DTDAG30-2D230619-2DTD-2D0004_&d=DwMGaQ&c=y0h0omCe0jAUGr4gAQ02Fw&r=MPE_gbrnTOlKsMPgNKUMZftr1yA164NwLNBm0i_KU4E&m=X5wuZzWqFt6jjIzgY25pP1Ylrh4QT3s6ND0joVVjFdpbftfPrx2Swkw3zuHaATK0&s=7KhEu3mz_ADB-TVn19QLukBtboBpTgomHw469o5bLA0&e=) that were approved in the last cycle in the lead up to WTDC-22.

Based on this document that shall steer contributions to be sent from membership, it is expected that assessment will be made in the sense of:

1. supressing the whole WTDC Resolution
2. supressing the text which contains dispositions already contained in PP Resolutions
3. separation of tasks between WTDC and PP resolutions on similar topics

It is important to stress that the role of this TDAG-WG-SR is not to evaluate the creation of new Resolutions neither the amendments of current Resolutions which are not in the context of the streamlining.

1. **Identify potential WTDC Resolutions which overlap with PP Resolutions**

As TDAG-WG-SR is contribution driven, it is expected that membership identifies potential WTDC Resolutions which overlap with PP Resolutions and appoint the application of the criteria defined for streamlining.

1. **Need to improve efficiency and optimize resource management**

In order to improve efficiency and optimize resource management, particularly in allocating resources (including BDT experts and advisors), there is a need to carefully assess the overlap between WTDC and PP Resolutions.

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