**Annex 3
Update on the implementation of Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)**

Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) dictates, *inter alia*, the main steps of the process for developing a new ICT Development Index (IDI) (Annex 1) and the main features of the future index.

A transparent and inclusive process was designed in accordance with Resolution 131. The process provides opportunities for experts and Member States to participate in the development of the IDI and ensure a statistically sound and conceptually relevant tool.

Member States were informed of this process and the [timeline](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/IDI/IDI2023TentativeTimeline_v20230201.pdf) via [Circular BDT/DKH/IDA/005](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/IDI/D22-BDT-CIR-0005PDF-E.pdf) of 9 March 2023. A [public webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/IDI/default.aspx) was set up with all the relevant information and documents related to the IDI and the process.

The process kicked off on 21 February 2023 with a communication to all Members of the Expert Group on Telecommunications/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH), inviting them to comment on a ‘[zero draft](https://staging.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/IDI/IDI2023ZeroDraftDocument_February2023.pdf)’ document prepared by the Secretariat to facilitate the process, as per *instructs to BDT Director 8* of the Resolution.

The consultation took place on a [discussion forum](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/idi/forum/idi-forum/) dedicated to the IDI, as per EGTI/EGH working methods. Following this initial consultation, the Secretariat compiled all the comments, responded and updated the methodology to produce [Version 1](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/IDI/IDI_2023_Version1_DraftDocument_April2023.pdf) of the IDI methodology.

Through [Circular BDT/DKH/IDA/009](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/bdt/cir/D22-BDT-CIR-0009%21%21PDF-E.pdf) of 21 April 2023, all Member States were invited to comment on the Version 1 of the IDI methodology during a four-week consultation period, using the same discussion forum. Fourteen Member States submitted comments.

Following the consultation with Member States, the Secretariat compiled the comments received, responded to them, and produced [Version 2](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/IDI/IDI_2023_Version2_DraftDocument_June2023.pdf) of the IDI methodology. The Version 2 document also identified outstanding issues with the methodology. To resolve these outstanding issues and seeking consensus, a [virtual joint EGTI/EGH meeting](https://www.itu.int/itu-d/meetings/statistics/joint-egti-egh-meeting-on-idi-2023/) on the IDI methodology was organised on
13-15 June 2023, in accordance with Resolution 131 (*instructs to BDT Director 9*). The invitation to the meeting was sent via [Circular BDT/DKH/IDA/007](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Documents/IDI/D22-BDT-CIR-0007PDF-E.pdf) of 21 March 2023.

The ‘Version 2’ document was shared with all interested parties ahead of the meeting, via [Circular BDT/DKH/IDA/010](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/bdt/cir/D22-BDT-CIR-0010%21%21PDF-E.pdf) of 2 June 2023.

Based on the outcomes of the meeting, the Secretariat will revise and finalize the methodology of the IDI. The final methodology will be submitted to the approval of Member States in August. Member States will be asked:

1. If they approve the Index methodology; and
2. If they want to opt out from the 2023 edition of the Index (in which case, they will still be able to join in subsequent editions).

The methodology will be adopted if 70 per cent of responding Member States approve it, as per Resolution 131. In this case, the IDI 2023 will be released in late November or early December of this year.

***Appendix: 1***

**Appendix to Annex 3**

Main implications of Resolution 131 for the development of the IDI and its features

Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) describes the main steps of the process for developing the IDI methodology and some key features of the future index (relevant paragraphs of the resolution appear in brackets):

* ITU must publish a new IDI “urgently” (*instructs to BDT Director 1*);
* The new IDI is to be published without ranking (*resolves 3*);
* ITU should establish a valid structure and methodology for the IDI, working through EGTI/EGH, and through formal consultations (*resolves 3*);
* The BDT Director should facilitate the work of EGTI/EGH (*instructs to BDT Director 8*);
* Methodology will be submitted to Member States for approval and adopted if 70 percent of respondents approve it (*resolves 3*);
* If adopted, the methodology will be valid for four editions, namely 2023-2026 (*resolves 4*);
* In each edition, MS will have the possibility to decline to participate (*resolves 5*);
* A meeting of EGTI/EGH will be convened following a formal consultation of Member States with a view to resolving any contentious issues and seeking consensus (*instructs to BDT Director 9*);
* Integrity of all ITU's statistical work must be preserved, in strict adherence to UN principles on good statistics (*instructs to BDT Director 12*).

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