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| Use of all the official languages on an equal footing in ITU-D | |
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| **Summary:**  This contribution invites TDAG's attention to examples of unequal use of all the official languages of the Union on the websites of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector, as well as the absence of the issue on the TDAG Agenda of the use of all official languages of the Union on an equal basis in publications and on websites of ITU-D notwithstanding the relevant decisions of Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference.  This contribution was considered and supported by the 41st meeting of the Working Group on work with the International Telecommunication Union of the Commission for the Coordination of International Cooperation of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications (March 14, 2023, Minsk, Republic of Belarus).  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to consider the document and take appropriate action.  **References:**  Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary conference | |

# Introduction

The Plenipotentiary Conference in its Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest 2022) "Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing", *instructs the Sector Advisory Groups* to review annually the use of all official languages of the Union on an equal footing in ITU publications and on ITU websites,

Unfortunately, this issue was not included in the agenda of the TDAG 2023 meeting. At the same time, concerns related to the equal use of all official languages of the Union on the ITU-D websites still remain.

For example, the contents of websites in different languages do not fully match. The [“Regional Presence” website](https://www.itu.int/ru/ITU-D/Pages/Regional-Presence.aspx) does not have a link to “the ITU Regional Development Forums” webpage in languages other than [English](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Pages/regional-development-forums.aspx).

Access to “[Impacting People's life](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/MembersPartners/Pages/Partners/Impacting-Peoples-lives.aspx)” web page is only available from the [English version](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/MembersPartners/Pages/default.aspx) of the “Joint ITU-D” website, for versions in other languages, the link to the web page is not provided.

In addition, despite lengthy discussions, there is still no harmonization of websites between ITU Sectors, despite the provisions of Resolution 154 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), that requires *to intensify work on harmonization of the websites of the ITU Sectors and the General Secretariat in all the official languages of the Union to ensure clarity and ease of navigation and to achieve the image of "One ITU"*.

# Proposals

2.1 To include in the agenda of TDAG the issue of the use of all official languages of the Union on an equal footing in ITU-D publications and on websites.

2.2 Recommend to the Director of BDT:

* to eliminate the inequitable use of the languages on ITU-D websites;
* to intensify work on the harmonization of the ITU-D websites with the websites of other Sectors and the General Secretariat in all the official languages of the Union to ensure clarity and ease of navigation and to achieve the image of “One ITU”.

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