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| Proposals on the Document TDAG 23/27  “Proposal for the Organization of a Global Youth Summit prior to the  World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2025” | |
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| **Summary:**  This contribution provides the proposals on the Document TDAG 23/27 “Proposal for the Organization of a Global Youth Summit prior to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2025”.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to consider this document and take appropriate action.  **References:**  Document [TDAG-23/27](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/tdag30/c/D22-TDAG30-C-0027!!MSW-E.docx) | |

# Introduction

Document TDAG 23/27 “Proposal for the Organization of a Global Youth Summit prior to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2025” provides some background information on previous Generation Connect Global Youth Summit (GYS) which was held on 2-4 June, 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda, and shares some details on the realization of ITU Youth Strategy. The Document also suggests the proposals on the organization of a GYS preceding the World Telecommunication Development Conference in 2025 (WTDC-25).

However, the proposals are narrowly focused on the needs and priorities identified by young people, but not on the solutions how to integrate youth in the work of ITU-D through delegations of ITU-D membership. This misguidance could lead to the delay in the realization of ITU Youth Strategy and increase cumulative expenses of ITU.

# Proposals

Given the positive experience of the actions done by TDAG Working group on WTDC Preparations in 2018-2022 ITU-D Study period, the Russian Federation suggest the revision of Section 3 Activities of Document TDAG-23/27 to be used as draft ToR for proposed TDAG Working group on GYS as follows:

To organise the GYS relevant to the purpose and goals of the WTDC-25, as the main platform for the global community to address key telecommunication and ICT development issues, with the ultimate goal of fostering digital inclusion, socio-economic development, and sustainable growth for all people including young people, the following activities are proposed to ITU Members for consideration:

1. Establish under TDAG a working group on GYS preparations (TDAG Working group on GYS) that should include representatives from ITU Member States, ITU-D Sector Members, ITU Academia, preferably youth from the delegations, including Generation Connect regional youth envoys.
2. TDAG Working group on GYS together with BDT Director within their responsibilities would aim at overseeing the planning, organization and execution of the GYS-25.
3. Include the issue of preparation for GYS-25 as an item “Regional Youth Segments” to WTDC-25 RPMs agenda.
4. TDAG Working group on GYS together with BDT Director shall consider the proposals from ITU-D membership on the candidate nominations for forming a diverse group of youth delegates, aged 18-29 at the time of appointment, including from Generation Connect regional groups, who are to participate in the Regional Youth Segments of the WTDC-25 RPMs and further to GYS-25 to ensure diverse and inclusive representation taking into account the fair geographic and gender distribution.
5. Considering the WTDC-25 RPM outcomes, TDAG Working group on GYS is to develop a comprehensive agenda for the GYS, focusing on key areas such as digital access, digital skills development, digital skills for jobs/digital economy, youth empowerment, online safety, digital entrepreneurship to be approved at TDAG level.
6. Invite ITU-D Study groups chairmen and/or vice-chairmen and Rapporteurs, co-Rapporteurs and/or vice-rapporteurs on ITU-D Questions to the Regional Youth Segments of the WTDC-25 RPMs and GYS-25 to provide mentorship and guidance to youth on their challenges and integration issues within the ITU work.
7. At GYS-25 delegates shall produce a comprehensive report to reflect the outcomes and recommendations in the form of a Global Youth Declaration, to be submitted to the WTDC-25 within the deadline of document submission for inclusion in the discussions during WTDC-25 for incorporation in the BDT work priorities and resolutions as appropriate.
8. In the next ITU-D study period TDAG shall consider the need to develop a post-GYS strategy to be considered by ITU Membership, outlining the actions and related implementation, including resources, requirements, as appropriate.

The Russian Federation proposes to use it as actions towards the preparation for GYS-25 to let Member States be more involved in the important process of youth integration.

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