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| Chairman, Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) |
| Report of the 30th TDAG Meeting |
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**Introduction and highlights**

The Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) held its annual meeting under the chairmanship of Roxanne McElvane Webber (United States) from 19 to 23 June 2023. During this meeting, newly-elected BDT Director Dr Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava and his team, among other things, reported on the final actions taken to conclude the Buenos Aires Action Plan adopted at the 2017 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), as well as the first five months of actions taken to implement the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) adopted at WTDC-22.

The meeting attracted 213 participants, including 85 female and 128 male participants from 79 countries, with 67 per cent of participants participating physically. TDAG Vice-Chairmen Christopher Kipkoech Kemei (Kenya), Abdulkarim Ayopo Oloyede (Nigeria), Augustina Brizio (Argentina), Andrea Mamprim Grippa (Brazil), Ke Wang (China), Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Iran), Ahmed Abd El-Aziz Gad (Egypt), Shahad Albalawi (Saudi Arabia), Inga Rimkeviciene (Lithuania), and Blanca Gonzalez (Spain) were present and participated in the meeting, as were the chairmen of the ITU Development Sector study groups: Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou (Cote D’Ivoire) and Fadal Digham (Egypt).[[1]](#footnote-2)

All Regional Directors and acting Department Heads from the Telecommuncation Development Bureau (BDT) were present to discuss outcomes from their respective portfolios. A segment on BDT projects was featured, as well as the ITU-D study groups, the Generation Connect Youth Initiative and the ITU-D Network of Women. All elected officials present in Geneva (four of the five) attended the TDAG opening and addressed the TDAG participants; ITU Secretary General Doreen Bogdan-Martin also addressed a lunch for the ITU-D Network of Women (NOW).

The European Union, United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, and Japan made financial commitments to support BDT endeavours in this new cycle, each doing so at a signing/exchange of folders physically during the meeting.

A preliminary summary of conclusions of the meeting can be found in document [TDAG-23/DT/5](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0005/).

This was the first TDAG meeting held since the 2022 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22) and the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22). TDAG considered nearly 50 contributions and agreed on advice to the Director in a number of areas, including the following:

* Endorsed the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) four-year rolling operational plan 2024–2027.
* Approved the key performance indicators (KPIs) for the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) implementation framework.
* Agreed that the BDT would continue to prepare interactive dashboards to report on the progress in achieving the ITU-D priorities.
* Approved a review of all relevant capacity-building activities under cybersecurity-related resolutions from WTDC-17 and WTDC-22 activities implemented and planned in this area up to WTDC-25 to be conducted by the BDT secretariat.
* Created and approved a TDAG Working Group to streamline WTDC Resolutions to be chaired by TDAG Vice Chair Andrea Mamprim Grippa with Vice Chairs to be determined.
* Created a TDAG Working Group on the future ITU-D Questions to be chaired by Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat from Iran with Vice Chairs to be determined and to begin work sometime after the next study group meetings to be held in October -November 2023.

TDAG featured a number of innovative sessions including an interactive conversation between BDT Director Dr Cosmas Zavazava and each of the Directors of the ITU regional offices and BDT Chiefs of Department, who fielded two questions from the BDT Director: “What innovations have you incorporated into your work to implement the operational plan in 2023?” and “What is your message to membership to receive support for ensuring impactful implementation of WTDC-22 outcomes?”

Similarly, the BDT Director held an interactive session with the chairpersons of ITU-D study groups, in which they presented and responded to questions on the outcomes of the rapporteur group meetings and associated public workshops held from 8 May to 2 June 2023.

Significantly, four new partnerships were announced reflecting commitments to provide new financial support to BDT undertakings:

• Mr Jeff Roach, the Deputy Permanent Representative and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, was present to announce that the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts of Australia will support the implementation of regional initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region with an overall value of CHF 591 000.

• The H.E Ambassador Simon Manley, Permanent Representative of the Government of the United Kingdom was present to announce a partnership and support to advance cybersecurity, at a value of GBP 83 755.

• Ms Angelika Knoop-Sievert from the Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany was present to announce that the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Agency for International Cooperation of Germany will help strengthen cybersecurity through capacity building to promote the equal, full and meaningful representation of women in cybersecurity, at a value of EUR 437 362.

• Mr Yoichi Kanda, representing the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan announced a financial contribution to support Connect2Recover, the *Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development*, ICT Infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region and cybersecurity in the Pacific for a total of USD 881 906.

Ambassador Ms Lotte Knudsen, Head of Delegation of the European Union & Other International Organizations also presented a portfolio of ITU digital development projects the European Union (EU) is financing within the framework of the EU Global Gateway.

In addition, TDAG featured three special sessions to provide information to members on specific areas of BDT work:

• A session on how ITU-D projects advance sustainable development through ICTs and benefit ITU membership. The session included a live demonstration of the new ITU-D Projects Dashboard.

• A session featuring the Network of Women in ITU-D which discussed how members can encourage female participation and promote gender balance in their work to advance full, equitable, effective and meaningful participation of women in decision-making in the digital space.

• A Generation Connect session was held to share youth voices and experiences and provided a platform for delegates to hear the views of young people, engage with them and promote a constructive dialogue.

1. **Address by the Secretary-General**

Doreen Bogdan-Martin welcomed the opportunity to address TDAG for the first time as Secretary-General.

She expressed her hope that ITU will be able to build on past momentum to bring meaningful connectivity and sustainable digital transformation to more people with a new ambitious goal to reach USD 100 billion in Partnership to Connect (P2C) pledges by 2026. The success of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is reflected in the important link between digital and development and this is why it is at the top of the global agenda, and the Secretary-General noted that harnessing responsible and sustainable digital technologies and digital transformations are key pillars offering unprecedented opportunities to accelerate development and the achievement of the SDGs.

She noted that only digital inclusion and not crippling digital divides will achieve universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation. She also noted that the success of ITU-D, BDT, and the whole of the ITU is dependent on strong thought leadership, strategic engagement with Member States, with Sector Members, and with UN agencies, and that only through an organization of excellence, which is transparent, financially fit, efficient, results based, and forward looking, can the needs of our membership be met.

Secretary-General Bogdan-Martin wished the participants a successful TDAG and noted that the ITU development, standards and radiocommunication mission is collective and only by working together and setting the highest goals, can ITU accomplish great things.

1. **Address by the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau**

In welcoming TDAG participants to its 30th meeting, BDT Director Dr Cosmas Zavazava described his vision and approach to implementing the Kigali Action Plan as one that is anchored in three pillars: bridging the digital divide, bridging the skills divide, and accelerating digital transformation. He noted the congruence of his vision with the KAP, the ITU strategic plan, the WSIS action lines, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the importance of this mission to rescuing the SDGs, as underlined by both UN Secretary General António Guterres and ITU Secretary General Doreen Bogdan-Martin.

Reflecting on the first six months of the year and of his tenure, the Director noted that the BDT work is now “rolling at speed, gathering momentum, and attracting involvement from all quarters.” He explained that his first 90 days in office were marked by listening to and consulting with ITU membership, with stakeholders such as the UN, and with BDT colleagues, in order to ensure that the strategy and organizational transformation of the BDT would be built upon full consultation. The Director emphasized that the BDT is focused on outcomes, and through attributes such as agility, efficiency, innovation, transparency, accountability, commitment, shared vision and common strategy, is building a ***BDT4Impact*** *to* respond to membership anddeliver results that will make a difference in people’s lives.

The Director recounted that BDT resource mobilization efforts in his first six months had yielded approximately CHF 8 million, and informed TDAG of several new and ongoing agreements with partners such as Australia, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the European Commission, partnerships which were individually memorialized in person on each day of the week-long TDAG meeting. He also noted that he and his team now wish to operationalize Partner2Connect (P2C) pledges by matching recipients and donors in P2C Roundtables to be held in conjunction with all the Regional Development Forums (RDFs). He also reported that seven new projects had been initiated covering digital inclusion, spectrum management, ICT indicators, digital networks, cybersecurity, capacity building, and e-waste, and highlighted his flagship initiatives the ***Innovation and Entrepreneurial Alliance for Digital Development*** and the ***Global Digital Collaboration Network***for regulators.

In terms of ongoing events, the Director conveyed that during the first six months the BDT had successfully hosted activities such as the first Regional Development Forum, the 2023 Global Symposium for Regulators, the Girls in ICT Day celebrations, the joint meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication Indicators and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators. Emphasizing the importance of stakeholder engagement, including with United Nations and sister organizations, the Director reported that the BDT had engaged with 123 Members States through bilateral and delegation meetings and that six new Sector Members and Associates had joined the ITU-D Sector, bringing the total to 498.

In a final comment, Dr Zavazava stressed that a ***BDT4impact*** focused on outcomes and responding to membership needs “is all about making an impact, making a difference in people's lives, delivering results to the people through digital development.”

1. **Address by other ITU elected officials**

**Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)**

Mario Maniewicz underlined the importance of collaboration between the development and radiocommunication Sectors of the Union and how the Kigali Action Plan reinforces that work through its priority areas, regional initiatives and study group Questions notably with the prominent role of spectrum management and including radio frequency planning, harmonization of spectrum allocation and identification, enhancement of spectrum monitoring systems, and the implications of World Radiocommunication Conferences.

In coordination with BDT, the Director recounted that ITU-R has assisted countries in the Africa region on spectrum management and satellite resources and provided training in these essential areas, including seminars and workshops, and noted his commitment to continue to support similar initiatives including to participate regularly in ITU-D study groups and on topics of mutual interest for all regions. He noted that the BR would continue the healthy collaboration and exchange, through outputs, publications, and the cross-sector information maps of relevant Study Questions.

He noted the importance of disseminating information to effectively apply the Radio Regulations and expressed the need to work with BDT through the ITU Academy Platform to offer further essential training, e.g., space industry filing procedures, spectrum valuation and pricing.

Recognizing the specific and distinct mandates and areas of focus, Director Maniewicz emphasized that the BR will make every effort to continue its long standing and fruitful collaboration with ITU-D.

**Director of the ITU Standardization Bureau (TSB)**

Seizo Onoe highlighted the need for the Development and Standardization Sectors to build the technical foundations for global progress that underpins the use and dissemination of ICTs in areas such as capacity building, conformance with standards, sustainable information, social and financial inclusion, and empowering startups and SMEs.

Director Onoe highlighted the need to ensure that the greatest advances in ICT standardization are available to everyone and that the benefits of the work of the ITU standardization sector achieve global impact. This mission, he noted, is reflected in the collaboration with the Development Sector by continuing to bring together experts from different disciplines and building bridges between countries at different stages of economic development. The Director emphasized the importance of working together to create confidence in an affordable digital future for all.

1. **Opening remarks by the Chairman of TDAG**

Roxanne McElvane Webber thanked the ITU Secretary-General, the Director of the ITU Standardization Bureau, and the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau for their support, and the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau for outlining his vision and the impressive volume of work undertaken in the first six months of his mandate.

The chairman gave the floor to the chairmen of ITU-D study groups and the TDAG vice‑chairmen from each of the regions and the directors of each of the ITU regional offices in a round of introductions as part of the initiation of all participants for the new TDAG cycle.

The chairman outlined the role of TDAG to advise the BDT Director, to review priorities, programmes, operation, financial matters, and strategies for the Development Sector, to guide the work of ITU-D study groups and coordinate with the other ITU Sectors, and the obligation to report to the WTDC and noted the strong work ethic and experience of this outstanding TDAG and ITU-D team that will help ITU-D to move forward and implement BDT4impact.

In recounting the expectations for the TDAG meeting and its outcomes as determined by relevant resolutions, the chairman reminded the TDAG participants that the next WTDC is expected to take place in roughly two and a half years and that advice, decisions, and activities would need to be considered in that context and timeframe.

1. **Adoption of the agenda and Time Management Plan**

Document [1(Rev.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0001/)

Document [DT/1(Rev.8)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0001/)

Document [DT/2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0002/)

The agenda and the time management plan documents were considered by TDAG, and following some suggested changes from participants, were unanimously adopted.

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| TDAG agreed to the originally proposed agenda:1. to discuss the work on the outcome of the recent Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators EGTI-EGH meeting (contained in Annex 3 to Document [2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/), Add. 2) under agenda item 8.9, and
2. to add the document presenting the ITU rolling operational plan as a separate agenda item 8.3.1.

TDAG adopted the revised agenda and time management plan. |

1. **Outcomes of WTDC-22**

The BDT secretariat prepared and provided a summary of the outcomes of WTDC-22, reflected in Document [15(Rev.1-2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0015/).

The eighth World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22), held from 6 to 16 June 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda, was a landmark event aimed at bringing affordable, meaningful connectivity to, at that time, the estimated 2.9 billion people around the world who still lacked an Internet connection.

Convened under the theme “Connecting the unconnected to achieve sustainable development,” WTDC-22 was attended by 2 152 participants (1 304 in-person and 848 joining online). Participants from 150 Member States (127 countries on site and 23 joining remotely), 96 Sector Members of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), 37 Academia, and observers under Resolution 99 of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

TDAG noted that the last cycle was significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, which caused the rescheduling of ITU World Conferences during the period from 2020 to 2022, and resulted in three of the four ITU World Conferences (WTSA, WTDC and PP) all occurring in 2022. WTDC was delayed from its original dates in 2021 to June 2022. As a result of this delay, the cycle between WTDC-17 and WTDC-22 was extended and the time between WTDC-22 and the next WTDC (to be held in 2025) will be three years rather than the normal four-year cycle.

The document also discussed cycles for matters approved by WTDC-22, which have been impacted by the need for ITU-D outputs to be aligned with the work cycle for the sector, and to align as necessary with the ITU strategic planning process.

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| TDAG noted the report on the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22). |

Document [31(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0031/)

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| This contribution, prepared by the Russian Federation, proposed to carry on the process of streamlining PP and WTDC resolutions, to avoid duplication where possible. TDAG noted the document and agreed to create a working group on streamlining resolutions (WG-SR) and noted the guiding principles for streamlining WTDC resolutions presented in [TDAG23/DT/4](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0004/) that were approved by TDAG in the last cycle in the lead up to WTDC-22. The WG-SR is open to participation by all membership, with a draft output to be submitted to TDAG 24 and a final output prepared for TDAG 25. TDAG agreed that the terms of reference would be established during the first meeting and that the WG-SR will develop its work by correspondence, meeting virtually as necessary.TDAG nominated TDAG Vice-Chairman from the Americas, Andrea Mamprim Grippa, as Chairman. It was also agreed to set up mailing lists to allow membership to join the working group. TDAG encouraged participation from all six regions. |

1. **Outcomes of PP-22 relevant to the work of ITU-D**

Document [12](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0012/)

In this document prepared by BDT, the secretariat provided an overview of PP-22 decisions and resolutions that are relevant to the work of ITU-D and its secretariat, identifying implementation and facilitating coordination with ITU bureaus and the ITU General Secretariat.

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| TDAG thanked the DBT secretariat for the summary of PP outcomes relevant to ITU-D. |

Document [39](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0039/)

This contribution was prepared by the People’s Republic of China and related to the implementation of PP-22 Resolution 167 to facilitate the development of rules for virtual meetings, enhance the level of information technology and enable more developing countries to participate in ITU-D meetings and activities.

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| TDAG noted this document and expressed support for the contribution. |

* 1. **Presentation on ITU Strategic Plan**

Document [17](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0017/)

This document prepared by the ITU General Secretariat presented the ITU Strategic Plan 2024–2027. It described how the new strategic plan can be used to develop the operational plans of the Sectors. This included the timeline for elaboration, the process and outcomes of consultations, and the guidelines agreed by the Council Working Group on Strategic and Financial Plans (CWG-SFP) to develop the new strategic plan framework, which was introduced with a detailed explanation of all components.

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| TDAG noted this document. |

1. **BDT Implementation of the ITU-D Action Plan (including regional initiatives), contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and preparation of OP23**

Document [2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/)

This BDT document reported on the implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan (adopted at WTDC-17) the completion of which covered the work of BDT from WTDC-22 until the end of 2022 and the work carried out by BDT from January to April 2023 to implement the KAP.

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| TDAG noted this document with appreciation. |

* 1. **Implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BaAP)**

Presented by the BDT secretariat, Document [2(Add.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) reported on the work carried out from 2018 to 31 December 2022 to implement the objectives set out in the BaAP ([WTDC-22 Document 2](https://www.itu.int/md/D18-WTDC21-C-0002/)), updating TDAG on efforts spanning 2018-April 2022 and new reporting on activities undertaken from May to December 2022.

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| TDAG noted the document with appreciation and commended the BDT and ITU-D membership for the progress achieved towards the objectives set out in the Buenos Aires Action Plan, also recognizing that implementation efforts had to face changes and challenges, especially the obstacles brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath. TDAG also requested that the secretariat provide a full financial account and breakdown of the budget allocation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan for the previous implementation cycle. |

Document [2 (Add.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/)(Ann.1)

Annex 1 to document 2(Add.1) provided an overview of the status of implementation of the BAaP that maps the links between BDT priorities and special initiatives, the WTDC programme, regional initiatives, study Questions, ITU Resolutions, projects, Sustainable Development Goals, WSIS action lines, and Connect 2030 Agenda thematic priorities. The BDT secretariat noted that with this addendum, reporting on the Buenos Aires Action Plan was brought to a close.

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| TDAG noted the document with appreciation.  |

* 1. **Implementation of the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) and 8.3 Preparation of the Operational Plan 2023 (OP23)**

Document [2(Add.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/)

Presented by the BDT secretariat, addendum 2 to document 2 outlined the framework the BDT developed to implement the new Kigali Action Plan (KAP), (“the ITU-D impact framework”) and presented highlights of the activities taken to carry out the plan between January and April 2023. The BDT secretariat also noted that a complete report on KAP implementation for 2023 would be submitted to TDAG-24.

As instructed by the KAP, the BDT developed a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) to measure the outcomes and outputs (products and services) identified by ITU Members for the 2023-2027 implementation cycle. These KPIs build on the work accomplished by the TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plan (WG-SOP) during the 2017-2022 cycle, which together with the TDAG Working Group on Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (WG-RDTP) laid the foundation for the KAP. The KPIs developed for each ITU-D priority and associated “enabler” were defined by BDT topic leads and Regional Directors in close consultation with BDT senior management.

The budget breakdown presented included both headquarters and regional actions, including cross-cutting regional actions, such as the regional development forums (RDF) and direct assistance funding.

Actions related to least developed countries (LDCs), landlocked developed countries (LLDCs), and small island developing States (SIDS) priorities and enablers are also integrated into the relevant topic workstreams.

The BDT secretariat noted that the KPIs are result-oriented and reflect both ITU-D priorities and its core work and will allow it to measure progress and the achievement of targets in the various work areas in the new cycle. This builds on the experience implementing the Buenos Aires Action Plan and ensures the continuity in the services delivered to ITU membership. The next step will be to develop interactive dashboards that will provide an overview of implementation status by region and work area, to help membership grasp both the implementation dynamics and the overall implementation rate.

Guidance received from Member States, including Australia, Canada, the Republic of Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America, allowed the KAP KPIs to be further refined and streamlined (see Document [DT/3](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0003/)) and laid the foundation for TDAG to endorse the operational plan.

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| TDAG expressed appreciation for the new Kigali Action Plan (KAP) implementation framework and with modifications proposed by several Member States, approved the KPIs identified for the KAP implementation framework, which is also expected to serve as a basis for the rolling four-year ITU-D operational plan 2023–2027. TDAG also endorsed the work of the BDT secretariat to prepare interactive dashboards to support clear reporting on the progress to achieve the ITU-D priorities identified by membership. Going forward, TDAG agreed that aggregated reporting on KPIs at the level of ITU-D priorities and enablers, rather than on individual KPIs, could be achieved through dashboards to provide a high-level indication of overall progress. |

Document [2(Add.2)(Ann.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/)

The BDT secretariat presented the report from the Senior Management Retreat held from 7 to 9 February 2023. The retreat led by the BDT Director served as a platform to align the operational strategy for the work of the Bureau over the current implementation cycle 2023-2026 to the outcomes and guidance of WTDC-22 and PP-22. TDAG welcomed the ITU-D operational plan 2023 as one of the main outcomes of the retreat.

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| TDAG noted the document with appreciation. |

Document [2(Add.2)(Ann.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/)

Presented by the BDT secretariat, this annex to document 2 outlined a draft proposal for dashboards that would describe activities undertaken to implement the 2023 operational plan in alignment with the Kigali Action Plan. The presentation to TDAG provided a mock-up dashboard, which is a reporting tool that reflects BDT commitment to ensuring accountability, transparency and efficiency throughout its activities and processes. TDAG was informed that the dashboard will be published in a TIES protected web page, updated on a quarterly basis, and made available to membership during the latter part of 2023.

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| TDAG noted the proposal. The BDT secretariat will be providing information on progress on the development of new tools for operational monitoring based on the KPIs in the KAP implementation framework in due course. |

Document [22](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0022/)

To further improve the collaboration between ITU-D and ITU-R study groups, the contribution (Kenya and ATDI) proposed the possibility of appointing a Liaison Rapporteur from ITU-R Study Group 1 to the ITU-D study groups, and that ITU-D Study Group 1 and ITU-D Study Group 2 would likewise nominate one or two rapporteurs to represent them in ITU-R. The contribution also suggested regular participation from the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) to represent ITU-R in the ITU-D study group meetings.

Mr Mohamad Haji (Kenya) volunteered to be the liaison rapporteur if the group decides to have a rapporteur for ITU-D Study Group 1. Mr Hideo Imanaka (Japan) and Mr Haim Mazar (ATDI, France) are nominated in the list of coordinators of ITU-D Study Group 2 (Table 3 of Document [2/REP/8](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-SG02-R-0008), 20 December 2022).

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| TDAG noted the document on Resolution 9 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) implementation, ITU-R and ITU-D collaboration on participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management and supported the ongoing efforts by study groups in both Sectors to work together. TDAG also noted the coordinators appointed by the relevant study groups in both ITU-R and ITU-D Sectors and advised that, mindful of the issues listed in the Annex to the Resolution, the coordinators could help identify for ITU-R Sector material in their work that would be timely and useful for the ITU-D study groups based on their current studies. TDAG also called on the Directors from BR and BDT to work together according to the mechanisms currently in place between the ITU-R and ITU-D and to report to the next TDAG meeting. TDAG noted that Item 8.6 on ITU-D study group activities and progress also deals with this. |

Document [23](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0023/)

Document 23, presented by the Association for Progressive Communications (APC), concerned the implementation of Resolution 11 on Telecommunication/information and communication technology services in rural, isolated, and poorly served areas to develop capacity for indigenous and rural communities in Africa (in addition to Resolution 46). It highlighted the importance of implementing capacity-building programmes to support the expansion and maintenance of telecommunication networks in rural, isolated areas in line with WTDC resolutions.

TDAG applauded the work that ITU and APC carried out in the Americas region, and participants supported similar training programmes to build the capacity to create, maintain, and sustain locally managed communication and telecommunication projects in indigenous and rural communities in all regions, specifically mentioning Africa.

Participants welcomed the expertise and experience of APC to support and further meaningful access to local communities and suggested that this organization could work with the ITU Regional Office for Africa to promote these programmes.

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| TDAG fully supported the proposal and programme and applauded its inclusive agenda. |

Document [33](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0033/)

This contribution presented the STIR frequency management system developed by the National Media and Infocommunications Authority, Hungary (NMHH) on frequency allocation and the rules of using frequency bands. NMHH offered to support other countries to use this system and adapt it to their needs.

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| TDAG noted the document, thanked Hungary for their generous offer and encouraged countries to study the value proposition of the system. TDAG also invited Hungary to provide more information on this system to both ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2 at the plenary level. |

Document [36](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0036/)

This contribution set out the challenges faced by Timor Leste due to cyber threats, cyber incidents, and cybercrimes, and given the existence of global resolutions aimed at addressing cybersecurity challenges encountered by Member States, particularly least developed countries, it underlined how crucial it is to facilitate the operationalization of these commitments by providing accelerated support and interventions.

Many participants took the floor in support of this issue. In addition, Brazil offered their materials on child online protection that have been translated into Portuguese.

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| TDAG thanked Timor Leste for their initiative and recognized the importance of this issue for ITU membership. TDAG noted the continued support by BDT for digital transformation in Timor Leste.  |

Document [40](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0040/)

This contribution by the People’s Republic of China provided several proposals for ways the BDT could help membership to strengthen sustainable digital transformation in the new implementation cycle and enhance national capacity for digital transformation.

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| TDAG thanked China for this comprehensive proposal to the BDT and recognized the importance of aligning the work of the BDT with the needs and guidance from ITU Members on this important issue. |

Document [41](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0041/)

This contribution by the Islamic Republic of Pakistan presented the Smart Village Pakistan programme that aims to digitally transform remote and rural communities by connecting them and empowering the citizens with better access to a range of digital services that can meaningfully improve their wellbeing and livelihoods in accordance with the government vision of Digital Pakistan.

This innovative approach to digitize rural areas through scalable and sustainable services involves the use of an improved ICT infrastructure. The connectivity and platforms developed through the programme can be used by various socioeconomic sectors, such as education, health, agriculture, and business. The Government of Pakistan is currently looking to expand the Smart Village Pakistan and is keen to build on the partnerships and collaboration with ITU and Huawei that made this programme a success.

Many delegates expressed appreciation for the work undertaken with the BDT to implement Smart Villages and Smart Islands projects.

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| TDAG welcomed the document and thanked Pakistan for the information on this initiative. |

Document [42](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0042/)

This contribution provided an overview of the collaborative activities of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) with ITU. It recommended actions aimed at continued strengthening of efforts to educate, train and build human capacity in accordance with the outcomes of the WTDC-22 in close collaboration with all three Sectors of ITU.

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| As no representative for AIBD was present physically or virtually, this contribution could not be presented. |

Document [43](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0043/)

This joint contribution by Denmark, France, Germany, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom proposed a review and mapping exercise to cover all relevant capacity-building activities conducted under the cyber-related resolutions from WTDC-17 and the planned activity until WTDC-25. This mapping exercise will provide clarity on the initiatives that have been undertaken, their outcomes, and future plans, with the intention of streamlining efforts, ensuring efficiency and a more effective collaboration amongst Member States and other partners.

During the discussion, the Chairman of Study Group 2 informed TDAG that in the last rapporteur group meeting the management team of Question 3/2 on cybersecurity was advised to provide an inclusive map of cybersecurity activities related to platforms, certificates, and programs carried out by countries and organizations.

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| TDAG thanked Denmark, France, Germany, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, and United Kingdom for this contribution and noted the critical importance of this issue. TDAG noted the contributions and the efforts of the BDT to ensure safety in the digital space. The BDT Director agreed to augment the existing information regularly presented to the ITU Study Groups in this regard, and as requested, will present the results to the next TDAG. |

Document [45](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0045/)

This contribution by Timor Leste outlined the comprehensive digital transformation journey through the Timor Digital 2032 strategic plan to leverage digital solutions to enhance human wellbeing and economic growth and included measures to remove barriers to access to education by promoting the use of ICT and connecting all schools in the country, to implement child online protection measures, and build a secure, robust and scalable national network.

Timor Leste requested support from ITU to create an enabling environment, mobilize funding, deploy infrastructure, and build local capacity to ensure that every school has access to reliable Internet connectivity to provide a safe and secure online environment for its users and its community.

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| TDAG noted the contribution and expressed the need to continue support Timor Leste and other members in the area of digital transformation. |

**8.4 Four-year rolling operational plan for the Union for 2024–2027**

Document [46](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0046/)

This document prepared by the ITU General Secretariat presents the preliminary draft four-year rolling operational plan for the Union for 2024–2027 to be discussed by Council-23.

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| TDAG noted with thanks the presentation of the preliminary draft four-year rolling operational plan for the Union for 2024–2027. |

**8.5 ITU-D projects and special initiatives**

Document [7(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0007/)

This document presented by the BDT secretariat provided an overview of the work undertaken by ITU-D in project development and implementation in the six ITU regions, as well as multi-regional activities. Notably, for the period January to May 2023, the BDT signed seven new projects valued at CHF 7.2 million, and was in discussions for eight more projects valued at CHF 12.9 million. Projects signed in 2023 include: “Horn of Africa initiative” funded by GIZ Germany; “Soporte institucional al INDOTEL” funded by INDOTEL, Dominican Republic; “Universal and meaningful connectivity”, funded by the European Union; “Partnership for Strengthening Cybersecurity” funded by GIZ Germany; “Giga infrastructure support” funded by UNICEF; “Laying the foundation for VaMoz Digital” funded by the European Union; and “Developing and Implementing E-waste Policy and Regulation for a Circular Economy” funded by the Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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| TDAG noted this document and thanked the BDT Director and his staff for clarifying funding for regional initiatives and other ITU-D projects. TDAG recognized the need for clarity to be maintained moving forward. TDAG also recognized the need to request funding for regional initiatives and noted that the question of regional initiatives is also addressed in document [25](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0025/). |

Document [13(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0013/)

The document prepared by the BDT secretariat presented the objectives of the *Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development* and reported on its progress and implementation. It noted that as all ITU regions identified innovation and entrepreneurship as a priority area, this initiative will contribute to successful implementation of regional and cross-region initiatives.

It was also noted that the work of the Alliance is complementary to other ITU initiatives, such as iCodi, P2C digital coalition, and that it will ensure coherence and leverage the best of other initiatives to further its goal.

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| TDAG thanked for the document on the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development and noted the importance of this initiative as a fundamental priority of the Union, the interest expressed by countries both in the meeting as well as in the regional initiatives and in Resolution 90, and the expected impact to support related regional initiatives. The BDT secretariat noted the work to establish the Alliance and its vehicles is ongoing. For full transparency, the BDT will report the progress of the Alliance to TDAG. BDT will give each acceleration centre of the Alliance network time-bound accreditation and request regular activities and reviews. Collaboration with TSB and other stakeholders is ongoing, and there is a clear coherence with other ITU initiatives to contribute to the meaningful connectivity vision for membership. TDAG also welcomed the support to regional presence through the India Innovation Centre hosted in the ITU area office. |

Document [14(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0014/)

This document prepared by the BDT secretariat presented an overview of the work undertaken within the framework of four initiatives/projects, namely Giga, ITU-UK FCDO, Connect2Recover, and Partner2Connect, and their contribution to the implementation of WTDC-22 resolutions and other outcomes across multiple ITU-D priorities.

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| TDAG thanked the BDT for this document and noted the continued need to carry on with these well-defined initiatives and projects. The BDT secretariat underlined the importance of funding and thanked the membership for their continued support for Connect2Recover, Partner2Connect, and ITU-UK FCDO projects, and agreed that there is a need to revitalize the Giga project. |

**8.6 Implementation of WTDC-22 regional initiatives**

Document [25+Ann.1](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0025/)

noted that full implementation of the regional initiatives will require significant financing through resource mobilization and other efforts. In the previous cycle, WTDC-17 suggested an allocation of 1 million CHF for each initiative to ensure effective and full implementation. Following the adoption of regional initiatives by WTDC-17, Council allocated in its 2018 session a total of CHF 5 million as seed funding for the period from 2018–2021.

It was also noted that the previous allocation was derived from ITU surplus and that the current ITU financial situation no longer makes this available, however membership was asked to consider an appropriate level of priority for this work, in light of the upcoming Council session at which the funding challenge will be considered.

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| TDAG thanked the BDT for providing information on the status of financing for the regional initiatives adopted at WTDC-22 and noted that the challenge of providing funds for the regional initiatives was an issue to be decided at the next Council meeting. Participants suggested that a simple, concise document that clearly distinguishes funding for regional initiatives from other BDT budgeted projects be sent to Council as a revision or annex to the BDT document on this issue to clarify the issue for the Councillors and facilitate a fact-based decision on the matter. |

Document [37(Rev.1-2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0037/)

This contribution, prepared by Australia, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa, outlined the key regional initiatives currently being implemented in Pacific island countries to address telecommunication/ICT development needs. Many Pacific island countries face an exceptional set of challenges including remoteness, limited resources and skills shortages, susceptibility to natural disasters, and severe impacts of climate change. This overview sought to help the BDT track how it is implementing the KAP priorities as they relate to the Asia and Pacific region, and highlighted the importance of ITU regional presence as a key enabler to effectively and efficiently deliver on the ITU-D Sector goals and priorities.

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| TDAG took note of the document and thanked the Member States for the information presented and for their advice to the BDT Director. |

**8.7 ITU-D study group activities**

Document [5(Rev.1-3)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0005/)

This document presented highlights from the first meeting of ITU-D Study Group 1 for the 2022–2025 study period, which was held from 28 November to 2 December, and the first block of rapporteur group meetings (with public workshops) held from 8 to 19 May 202.

The BDT secretariat reported that the rapporteur groups for all seven Study Group 1 Questions are proceeding well towards the WTDC expected outputs, with rich content received to further develop planned annual deliverables and a first draft of output reports.

Document [6(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0006/)

This document provided highlights from the first meeting of ITU-D Study Group 2 for the 2022–2025 study period, which was held from 5 to 9 December 2022, as well as preparations for the rapporteur group meetings of ITU-D Study Group 2 held from 22 May to 2 June 2023, and reviews the work plan.

It was noted that the rapporteur groups for all seven ITU-D Study Group 2 Questions are progressing well towards WTDC expected outputs.

Two proposals for consideration were presented:

* Form an intersectoral group to strengthen and streamline cooperation with ITU-T in relevant issues on digital transformation, especially given that in the last meeting of Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) (30 May – 2 June 2023), a rapporteur group on sustainable digital transformation (RG-DT) was formed under TSAG.
* Consider the idea of the regional groups implemented by ITU-T study groups (e.g. ITU-T regional groups on smart cities) and the role of regional offices to assist Member States.

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| TDAG noted the documents and thanked the study group chairmen for the presentation on activities and progress. The quality of contributions was highlighted by participants together with requests to bring in more contributions to the study group platform. The importance and need to further enhance synergies with work being carried out by the regional offices, including BDT events such as the Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) and regional development forums (RDFs), and with other ITU Sectors was also noted.Given the record number of candidatures received ahead of the current study period, it was noted that ITU-D study groups may wish to work together on some guidelines for appointment of candidates to study group roles such as rapporteurs and vice rapporteurs as part of the preparations for the next WTDC.TDAG created a working group on the future of Questions for study. This group will start its work following the next study group meetings in October and November 2023 and will be chaired by Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat from Iran. |

**8.8 Membership, partnerships, private sector-related matters**

Document [4](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0004/)

The document reported on the activities and results of BDT work in the area of partnerships and resource mobilization from 1 January 2022 to 30 April 2023. The document recalled the importance of partnership and international collaboration, which was recognized by the WTDC-22 as a new priority and enabler of KAP, and reported on the results achieved as described in the highlights section of this report (page 2) and in the Director’s address to TDAG. The document also informed TDAG on strategic actions and outcomes conducted by BDT including the strengthening of relationships with existing partners, outreach to new potential partners, and enhancing collaboration with UN agencies.

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| TDAG noted the document with appreciation. |

Document [8(Rev.1-2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0008/)

Providing an overview of the ITU-D membership evolution in from 2021 to 5 May 2023, this document recommended actions to strengthen efforts to recruit and retain more members in accordance with the outcomes of the WTDC-22 and the PP-22.

The presentation of this document highlighted the need for ITU to tackle the challenges to new ITU-D members including the number of members-only events compared to open events, membership fees compared to other ITU Sector fees, and the impact of industry consolidation on membership.

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| TDAG noted the document and efforts and initiatives being implemented by BDT on membership growth and higher level of engagement of members in the work of ITU-D. The BDT secretariat appealed to Member States to assist by swiftly clearing applications of potential ITU-D members and to continue to encourage their domestic private sector and industry to join ITU-D membership. The Chairman of the Industry Advisory Group for Development Issues and the Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers (IAGDI-CRO) established under Resolution 71 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) reported on the main outcomes of this group. He was joined by delegates who also recognized the value of the industry and private sector and expressed appreciation for the significant work of the BDT in increasing the number of ITU-D Sector members and associates. |

Document [26](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0026/)

This contribution, prepared by Australia, outlined the existing barriers faced by academia wishing to participate in the work of the Union, and potential measures to improve engagement based on Australia’s experience. This aims to assist TDAG to identify additional measures and/or arrangements to facilitate participation of academia.

Several consultations with ITU Academia members have taken place to address the challenges faced by academia and improve its value proposition.

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| TDAG welcomed the contribution from Australia and recommended that the BDT consider the proposals and share them with the ITU-R and ITU-T Sectors. |

Document [29](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0029/)

This contribution presented by the National Media and Infocommunications Authority of Hungary (NMHH) offers its broad experience with the 3G switch off programme that could be useful to other regulators in the 3G switch off process.

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| TDAG noted the contribution from Hungary with appreciation and several members expressed interest in the approach presented for 3G switch off. |

Document [30](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0030/)

This contribution from the Union of the Comoros underlined the importance of the national collection, analysis and dissemination of statistical data and ICT indicators to measure trends in digital development. This importance is reflected in ITU resolutions (as well as regional, sub-regional and international bodies), in particular Resolution 8 (Rev. Kigali, 2022). This contribution underlines the difficulties that Comoros has experienced and brought to the attention of TDAG the recommendation in the report on the implementation of Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) to strengthen the teams dedicated to statistical work, which could benefit Member States, through increased technical assistance.

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| TDAG welcomed the report from Comoros and the suggestion to set up a national Digital Observatory and supported providing assistance to membership in collecting ICT Statistics. |

**8.9 Report by the Chairman of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI)**

Document [10(Rev.1-2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0010/)

This document presented the work undertaken by the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI). The group was established pursuant to Resolution 40 which was adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2010 (WTDC-10), and revised at WTDC-22, to advise the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on matters related to capacity building.

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| TDAG noted the contribution and thanked the GCBI Chairman for the report. TDAG also noted that nominations for representatives of the Asia-Pacific region to the group had not yet been received, but anticipated that this information would be forthcoming. |

**8.10 Collection and dissemination of information and statistics**

Document [2(Add.2)(Ann.3)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/)

This document presented the work of the BDT secretariat and Member States in accordance with Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) to develop the ICT Development Index (IDI) and the main features of the future index, including all members of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH). TDAG was informed that the final methodology will be submitted to the approval of Member States in August 2023. 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.

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| TDAG noted the report from the secretariat on the ongoing implementation of PP Resolution 131 and welcomed the progress made in developing a new ICT Development Index. TDAG noted that the BDT Director will also report to Council on this matter. |

1. **Preparations for the next Youth Summit**

Document [27](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0027/)

This document presented BDT proposals to organize a Global Youth Summit (GYS) prior to WTDC-25 as part of the ITU Youth Strategy, including a Youth Segment to be held at each WTDC-25 Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM). The outputs provided by the Youth Segments to each RPM would constitute the background documents for a Global Youth Declaration at the summit.

TDAG discussed this proposal in conjunction with contributions from Australia and the Russian Federation. Many countries attending TDAG expressed the view that it was important to hear views from today's youth in order to incorporate their perspectives in the sector plans and activities where appropriate. TDAG unanimously agreed to hold a Youth Summit.

Despite a preference to hold the next GYS and WTDC together, many countries appeared to agree that the Summit could take place before WTDC-25 in sufficient time for ITU membership to consider GYS outcomes in their submissions to the conference. A number of countries agreed that that the same process used by the BDT to obtain participation in the 2022 GYS could be repeated, given that both nominations for participants and proposals for the agenda are considered to be provided by ITU membership, the RTOs and the Regional Offices in collaboration with the BDT. Some countries also preferred to establish a TDAG working or steering group made up of representatives from the regions; others apparently preferred to create this group as an alternative that would handle organizational details related mainly to participation and agenda. Still others did not believe such a group would be necessary at all, in view of, among other things, BDT success in organizing the 2022 GYS.

Two countries expressed a concern about separating the two events, and one country expressed the view that youth participation in the GYS should be limited only to members of national delegations to the WTDC. Two countries indicated a preference for the Council to consider the matter with a possibility to hold the event outside of the Development Sector.

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| TDAG unanimously agreed to hold a Youth Summit. Further discussions are needed to decide on the format and timing of the event. |

Document [35](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0035/)

This document provided input to the secretariat proposals for the organization of a Global Youth Summit prior to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2025.

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| TDAG noted the contribution and thanked the Russian Federation for their timely proposal. |

Document [38(Rev.1-3)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0038/)

This document, prepared by Australia, India, Papua New Guinea, and Samoa, requested BDT to provide information on the relevant financial and resourcing requirements necessary to host a Generation Connect Global Youth Summit to allow members and potential hosts to consider financial and logistic requirements.

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| TDAG noted this contribution and considered the BDT response based on its previous experience. |

1. **Collaboration with the other Sectors**

Document [9(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0009/)

This document presented a progress report of the work of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest, highlighting the conclusions from its last meeting on 2 May 2023. Held in conjunction with the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG) meeting, the ISCG meeting was chaired by Mr Fabio Bigi (Italy). He reported that the group discussed the mapping tables for the three sectors and was also informed about a new internal Intersectoral Coordination Mechanism (ISCM) to be presented to Council 2023 in July, to cover all themes that call for intersectoral coordination, and to facilitate monitoring and evaluation.

The ISCG considered the latest developments to advance internal work on ITU climate change and accessibility-related activities (noting also that for the first time, the Union draft budget for 2024-2025 included CHF 100 000 per year to make ITU accessible (e.g., providing captioning, etc.), and considered guidance on remote participation developed by TSAG. In this regard the ISCG proffered a liaison statement to TDAG, inviting it to share any rules they have on governance and management of virtual meetings to try and identify an agreed common best practice in the short term to assist Council in their deliberations as stated in PP-Resolution 167 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) to develop a Union wide common approach in the longer term.

Two possible future themes for the ISCG are “bridging the digital divide” and “ITU website harmonization.”

The Chairperson’s report also noted that the group indicated that the concept of “One ITU” needed further clarification, considering member’s need to have detailed operational plans from each Sector, while also needing to improve ITU-wide coordination mechanisms such as streamlining resolutions by applying the mapping available online

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| TDAG noted this contribution with appreciation. |

Document [19](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0019/)

The document presented a liaison statement received from Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) that outlines the procedures for Sector advisory groups to share and access documents on intersectoral activities on the ISCG website.

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| TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau prepared a liaison statement in reply acknowledging receipt and indicating the willingness of TDAG and the BDT to collaborate in this mechanism. |

Document [20](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0020/)

This document presented a liaison statement received for information from the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) that outlines on the latest developments on machine translation taking place in ITU.

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| TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau prepared a liaison statement in reply acknowledging receipt and indicating the willingness of TDAG and the BDT to collaborate in this innovation. |

Document [21](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0021/)

This document presented a liaison statement received for information from the TSAG on the new guidelines for remote participation.

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| TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau prepared a liaison statement in reply acknowledging receipt and indicating the willingness of TDAG and the BDT to collaborate in this mechanism. |

Document [24](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0024/)

This document presented a liaison statement received for information from Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) that outlined information on virtual meetings and requested Sector advisory groups to share their procedures for managing those meetings.

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| TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau prepared a liaison statement in reply acknowledging receipt and indicating the willingness of BDT to collaborate in this mechanism. |

Document [34](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0034/)

This contribution by the Russian Federation proposed further intersectoral coordination based on the results of the mapping between ITU Sector study groups to identify issues of mutual interest and noted the need to map ITU-D Questions for study and ITU-R working parties and the ITU-T Questions for study.

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| TDAG noted this contribution. The BDT secretariat thanked the Russian Federation and explained that the mapping exercise is being carried out and will continue. |

1. **Preparations for RA-23 and WRC-23**

Document [16](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0016/)

This document reported on the ongoing preparations for the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23) and the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23).

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| TDAG thanked the Radiocommunication Bureau for this information and took note that the World Radiocommunication Conference will not include remote participation. |

1. **Contribution to the work of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR)**

Document [3](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0003/)

This document presented the situation of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) as a follow up to Resolution 146 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), which resolved to continue considering issues related to the periodic review of the ITRs and described the procedures to be implemented. It noted that the next Council (11 to 21 July 2023) will discuss and approve the terms of reference and working methods of the EG-ITR.

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| TDAG noted this document. |

1. **Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing**

Document [32](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0032/)

This contribution from the Russian Federation noted the need to use 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.

TDAG discussed making this a standing issue on the agenda of future meetings.

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| TDAG noted the need to implement Resolution 154 on all languages on an equal footing and also noted the efforts being made by BDT to increase the use of automated translation.  |

1. **Calendar of ITU-D events**

Document [11](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0011/)

This document contained the draft calendar for the main ITU-D events over the next four years, including some of the main ITU events, indicated as reference.

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| TDAG noted this document with appreciation and indicated its concern that hosting events outside of ITU headquarters in Geneva may negatively impact the budget. |

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1. Vice Chair for the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) Orozobek Zhazybaevick Kaiykov (Kyrgyz Republic) was not present for the meeting. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)