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| Creation of the Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (WG-SR) and draft guiding principles for streamlining WTDC Resolutions | |
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| **Summary:**  This document informs about the creation of a Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions  (WG-SR) and provides guiding principles for streamlining WTDC resolutions, based on document TDAG/WG-SR/14 of the latest Working Group created by the TDAG in 2016 prior to WTCD-17.  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to endorse the creation of this group.  **References:**  WTDC-17 Final Report  WTDC-22 Final Report | |

A. Creation of a TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions for WTDC-25

The 30th TDAG Meeting decided to create a Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (WG-SR) in preparations for the forthcoming World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) to be held in 2025 in Thailand.

The WG-SR will develop its work by correspondence, meeting virtually as necessary, preferably prior to the TDAG meetings.

The WG-SR is open to participation by all membership. Participation from representatives from all six regions of the Union is encouraged and it is recommended to use the guidelines while drafting their proposals to be submitted to the Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs).

To join the distribution list please go to the [TDAG website](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/Pages/default.aspx).

The group will work in English and documents will be translated into the other five official languages as needed. Translated documents will be for information only.

The draft output of the WG-SR will be presented at the TDAG meeting in 2024 for consideration and discussion. The final output will be presented at the TDAG meeting in 2025 and be considered as a contribution from the TDAG to the WTDC-25.

B. Guiding principles for streamlining existing WTDC Resolutions

The following guiding principles might prove useful in the work on streamlining Resolutions:

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| Principle | Questions |
| Coherence  & Consistency | Is the Resolution consistent with the BDT mandate and the WTDC Action Plan? |
| Overlap & duplication | Is there an overlap or duplication with existing WTDC Resolutions or with the Action Plan? Are the goals of Resolutions already reflected in the ITU-D Strategic Plan objectives, programmes, regional initiatives (RIs), Study Group (SG) questions, or BDT working methods? |
| Necessity | Is the Resolution indispensable? Is there already another WTDC/Council/PP Resolution or Resolutions which address the same topic or action? Has the Resolution already been implemented? |
| Action-orientation & accountability | Does the Resolution call for a specific action or outcome? Is there a clear accountability line in the Resolution? |

In general, streamlining existing Resolutions is preferable to adding a new Resolution.

When the actions or activities put forward in a Resolution have been implemented or accomplished, the Resolution can be viewed as fulfilled and removed.

Editorial revisions of adopted Resolutions should be kept to the minimum or to what is strictly necessary for its efficient implementation.

#### If only editorial updates are required to a WTDC Resolution, the need to produce a revised version should be questioned.

#### C. Guidelines for drafting new WTDC Resolutions

New Resolutions are intended to define working methodsoraddress issues which are demonstrably new and of highest importance for ITU-D, and which have not been considered in existing WTDC documents or internationally-agreed development agendas.

Concretely:

* New proposed Resolutions should be aligned and harmonized with existing ones;
* New proposed Resolutions should involve a distinct new subject within the scope of BDT or an issue that represents a significant new or unaddressed challenge related to ICT development or public policy;
* New proposed Resolutions should normally not involve a subject already covered in the WTDC Action Plan and the Operational Plan;
* If an existing Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) Resolution identifies a priority issue, the need for a similar WTDC Resolution should be carefully considered;
* The need for a new WTDC Resolution should be carefully examined if a new proposed Resolution involves subjects already covered by internationally-agreed development goals, such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the goals of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), as those are also already established as reporting lines;
* New proposed Resolution should specify an expected result(s) or outcome(s) so that its implementation can be measured, in line with result-based management principles. It should likewise specify an appropriate reporting mechanism;
* New proposed Resolutions should be backed by more than one Member State Administrations.

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