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Summary of Conclusions – TDAG-23 Meeting (Geneva, Switzerland, 19-23 June 2023)

| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DOC. #** | **Document title** | **MAIN CONCLUSION** |
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| **1. Address by the Secretary-General** | -- |  |  |
| **3. Address by other Elected Officials** | -- |  |  |
| **3. Address by the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau** | -- |  |  |
| **4.** **Opening remarks by the Chairman of TDAG** | -- |  |  |
| **5. Adoption of the agenda and Time Management Plan** | [1(Rev.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0001/) | Draft agenda | TDAG agreed to change the agenda   1. to discuss the work on the outcome of the recent EGTI-EGH meeting (contained in Annex 3 to Doc 2 Add 2) under agenda item 8.9, and 2. to add the document presenting the ITU rolling OP as a separate agenda item 8.3.1.   TDAG adopted the agenda and time management plan. |
|  | [DT/1(Rev.6)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0001/) | Draft Time Management Plan |
|  | [DT/2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-230619-TD-0002/) | Guidance for remote participants to  TDAG-23 |
| **6. Outcomes of WTDC-22** | [15(Rev.1-2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0015/) | Outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22) | TDAG noted the report on the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2022 (WTDC-22). |
| [31(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0031/) | Streamlining WTDC and PP Resolutions | TDAG noted the document and agreed to continue the work of TDAG on the streamlining of WTDC and PP Resolutions. |
| **7. Outcomes of PP-22 relevant to the work of ITU-D** | [12](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0012/) | Outcomes of PP-22 relevant to ITU-D | TDAG thanked the secretariat for the very helpful summary of PP outcomes relevant to ITU-D. |
|  | [39](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0039/) | Proposal on Supporting the Implementation of PP-22 Resolution 167 | TDAG noted this document and expressed support for the contribution. |
| **7.1 Presentation on ITU Strategic Plan** | [17](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0017/) | ITU Strategic Plan 2024-2027 | TDAG noted this document. |
| **8****. Reporting on the implementation of the ITU-D Action Plans (including regional initiatives), and contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and preparation of OP23** | [2](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) | Reporting on the implementation of the WTDC-22 Kigali Action Plan (including Regional Initiatives), and contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGS) | TDAG noted this document. |
| **8.1** **Implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BaAP)** | [2(Add.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) | Update on the Report on implementation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan (BAAP) 2018-2022 | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and commended the BDT Secretariat and ITU-D membership for the progress achieved towards the objectives set out in the Buenos Aires Action Plan. The implementation efforts had to face changes and challenges, especially considering the obstacles brought by the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath. TDAG also expressed interest in receiving a full financial account and breakdown of the budget allocation of the Buenos Aires Action Plan for the previous cycle. |
|  | [2(Add.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) (Ann.1) | Mapping linkages between thematic priorities, study groups, regional initiatives, SDGs and WSIS | TDAG noted the document. |
| **8.2** **Implementation of the Kigali Action Plan (KAP)  8.3 Preparation of the Operational Plan 2023 (OP23)** | [2(Add.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) | Impact framework for the implementation of the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) | TDAG expressed appreciation for the new Kigali Action Plan (KAP) implementation framework. It was developed by the BDT Secretariat as instructed by KAP to complement the Outcomes and Outputs (Products and Services) identified by ITU Members for the 2023-2027 implementation cycle with a set of measurable key performance indicators (KPIs). The set of OP-23 KPIs builds on the work of the TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plan (WG-SOP), which together with the work of the TDAG WG on Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (WG-RDTP) laid the foundation of the KAP. The measurable KPIs under each ITU-D Priorities and Enablers have been defined by BDT Topic Leads (former Thematic Priorities) and Regional Directors in close consultation with BDT Senior Management.  TDAG noted that the result-oriented KPIs related to ITU-D Priorities and Enablers reflect the core work of BDT and will allow to measure progress and the achievement of targets in the various work areas in the new cycle while building on the experience with implementing the Buenos Aires Action Plan and ensuring the continuity of the delivery of services to ITU membership. The Secretariat indicated that the next step is the development of interactive dashboards providing an overview of implementation status per region and work area to help membership grasp the implementation dynamics and the overall implementation rate.  Guidance received from Member States allowed further refinement and streamlining of the KAP KPIs for ITU-D Priorities and Enablers (see Document DT/3). Going forward, aggregated reporting on KPIs at the level of ITU-D Priority and Enablers, rather than on individual KPIs, could be achieved through Dashboards to provide a high-level indication of overall progress.  TDAG approved the KPIs for the KAP implementation framework, which is also expected to serve as a basis for the rolling 4-year ITU-D Operational Plan 2023-2027. TDAG also endorsed the work of the Secretariat to prepare interactive dashboards to support clear reporting on the progress toward achieving the KPIs as contributors to the ITU-D Priorities and Enablers. |
| [2(Add.2) (Ann.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) | Moving towards a "BDT4IMPACT" - Report from the BDT Senior Management Retreat 2023 | TDAG noted the document with appreciation. |
| [2(Add.2) (Ann.2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) | TDAG Dashboards | TDAG noted the proposal. The 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. |
| [22](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0022/) | Resolution 9 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) implementation, ITU-R and ITU-D collaboration - Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management | 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 noted the coordinators appointed by the relevant study groups in both the D and R Sectors and advised that, mindful of the issues listed in the Annex to the Resolution, the coordinators could help identify for R material in their work that would be timely and useful for the D sector study groups based on their current studies. TDAG also called on the Directors from BR and ITU-D to work together to ensure the mechanisms in place between the Radiocommunication Sector and the Development Sector 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 point. |
| [23](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0023/) | Implementation of Resolution 11: Capacity Development of Indigenous and Rural Communities in Africa | TDAG fully supported the proposal and programme and applauded its inclusive agenda. |
| [33](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0033/) | Frequency management supporting system (STIR) | 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 it to ITU-D Study Group 2. |
|  | [36](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0036/) | Advancing Cybersecurity to Propel Timor Leste's Digital Transformation | TDAG thanked Timor Leste for their initiative and recognised the importance of this issue for membership. TDAG noted the continued support by the Secretariat for the digital transformation in Timor Leste. Many participants took the floor, including participants from Pakistan and Vanuatu, Viet Nam, and Huawei. In addition, Brazil offered their translated materials (from Portuguese) on child online protection. |
|  | [40](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0040/) | Proposals for strengthening sustainable digital transformation | TDAG thanked the People’s Republic of China for this proposal and recognized the importance of aligning the work of the Secretariat with the needs and guidance from ITU Members. |
|  | [41](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0041/) | Smart Village Pakistan | TDAG warmly welcomed the document from Pakistan, and many delegates expressed appreciation and congratulations for the work they have undertaken with the BDT to implement in Smart Villages and Smart Islands projects, and thanked Pakistan for the information on this initiative. |
|  | [42](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0042/) | Enhancing Media Literacy and Capacity Building for Future Broadcasting and Media | This contribution was not presented. |
|  | [43](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0043/) | Implementing ITU Resolutions to support cyber security: Proposal for a mapping exercise | 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 Secretariat to ensure safety in the digital space and the BDT supported the preparation and implementation of the mapping exercise. |
|  | [45](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0045/) | Connecting Timor-Leste's Schools: Seeking ITU Support for Building a National School Network | TDAG noted the contribution and expressed support for the ITU’s continued support to Timor-Leste and other members in this area. |
| **8.3.1 Four-year rolling operational plan for the Union for 2024-2027** | [46](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0046/) | Draft four year rolling operational plan for the Union for 2024-2027 | TDAG noted with thanks the Operational Plan for the Union for 2024-2027. |
| **8.4** **ITU-D Projects and special initiatives** | [7](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0007/)(Rev.1) | ITU-D projects | TDAG noted this document and thanked the Director for the clarification on the reasoning for Regional Initiatives and other ITU-D project funding. TDAG recognised the need for this clarity to be maintained moving forward. TDAG recognized the need to request funding for Regional Initiatives and noted that the question of Regional Initiatives would also be discussed in document 25. |
|  | [13](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0013/)(Rev.1) | Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development | TDAG thanked the Secretariat 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.  To additional questions seeking further clarification, BDT noted the work to establish the Alliance and its vehicles is ongoing. In full transparency, the BDT will report the progress of the Alliance to TDAG. BDT will give each centre time-bound accreditation and request regular activities and reviews. Collaboration with TSB and other stakeholders is on-going, and there is a clear coherence between iCoDI, and other training initiatives to contribute to the meaningful connectivity vision for membership.  TDAG welcomed the support to regional presence through the India Innovation Centre hosted in the ITU area office. |
|  | [14](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0014/)(Rev.1) | ITU-D Special Initiatives | TDAG thanked the Secretariat for this document and noted the continued need to carry on with these well-defined initiatives and projects. The Secretariat underlined the importance of funding and thanked the membership for their continued support for Connect2Recover, Partner2Connect and ITU-UK FCDO projects, and agreed to revitalize the Giga project. |
| **8.5** **Implementation of WTDC-22 Regional Initiatives** | [25](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0025/)+Ann.1 | Financial implications of the Regional Initiatives approved by WTDC-22 | TDAG thanked the Secretariat for the presentation of document 25. TDAG noted 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 clearly setting out the need for funding for Regional Initiatives as distinguished from other BDT budgeted projects be sent to Council as a revision or annex to the BDT Secretariat document on this issue. |
|  | [37](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0037/)(Rev.1-2) | Regional initiatives to address telecommunications/ICT-related challenges in the Pacific region | TDAG took note of the document and thanked the Member States for their advice to the BDT Director. |
| **8.6 Study Group activities** | [5](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0005/)(Rev.1-3) | ITU-D Study Group 1 - Activities and progress | TDAG noted the documents and thanked the SG Chairmen for the presentation on activities and progress.  The quality of contributions was highlighted by membership together with requests to bring in more contributions to the Study Group platform. The importance and need for further enhancing synergies with regional work, BDT events (such as GSR and RDFs) and with other ITU sectors, was also noted.  Given the record number of candidatures received, Study Groups may wish to work together on some guidelines for appointment of candidates to SG roles of rapporteurs and vice rapporteurs as part of preparation of WTDC.  A TDAG Working Group on the future of Questions was created. This group will start its work only after the next meeting of Study Groups in October-November 2023 and will be chaired by Dr Ahmad Sharafat. |
|  | [6(Rev.1)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0006/) | ITU-D Study Group 2 - Activities and progress |
| **8.7 Membership, Partnerships, Private Sector-related matters** | [4](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0004/) | ITU-D partnerships and resource mobilization | TDAG noted the document with appreciation. |
|  | [8(Rev.1-2)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0008/) | ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia | TDAG noted the document and efforts and initiatives being implemented by the Secretariat on membership growth and higher level of engagement in the work of the ITU-D.  The BDT Secretariat appealed to Member States to assist by clearing applications of potential ITU-D Members and to continue to promote 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 Secretariat in growing the number of ITU-D sector members and associates. |
|  | [26](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0026/) | Barriers and potential solutions for academia to participate in the work of the Union based on Australian experience | TDAG warmly welcomed the contribution from Australia and recommended the good proposals be considered by the BDT and shared with the ITU-R and ITU-T Sectors. |
|  | [29](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0029/) | Multi-faceted umbrella programme regarding 3G switch off | TDAG noted the contribution from Hungary and several members expressed interest in the approach presented for 3G switch off. |
|  | [30](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0030/) | Establishment of a digital observatory in the Union of the Comoros | TDAG welcomed the report from Comoros on the setup of a Digital Observatory and supported the provision of assistance to membership in the collection of ICT Statistics. |
| **8.8 Report by the Chairman of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI)** | [10](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0010/)(Rev.1-2) | Report on the work of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI) to TDAG | TDAG noted the contribution and thanked the GCBI chair for the report. An interest in the agenda of the GCBI was raised. TDAG noted that nominations for representatives of Asia-Pacific region to the group are still to be received. |
| **8.9 Collection and dissemination of information and statistics** | [2(Add.2) (Ann.3)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0002/) | Update on the implementation of Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) | 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 Secretariat will also report to Council. |
| **9. Preparations for the next Youth Summit** | [27](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0027/) | Proposal for the Organization of a Global Youth Summit prior to the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2025 | TDAG discussed the BDT proposal on the Global Youth Summit to the next WTDC in conjunction with proposals from Australia and the Russian Federation. **TDAG agreed** that it was important to hear views from today's youth in order for membership decisions, actions and activities to effectively recognize, comprehend, and incorporate youth perspectives. With this in mind, **TDAG** **unanimously agreed to hold a Youth Summit**.  Despite a preference to hold the next GYS and WTDC together, most countries agreed 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, and 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 had been provided by ITU membership, the RTOs and the Regional Offices in collaboration with the BDT. **In addition to the agreement on these points,** some countries also preferred to establish a TDAG working or steering group made up of representatives from the regions, though many did not believe such a group would be necessary in view of, among other things, the BDT's success in organizing the 2022 GYS. Two countries expressed a concern about separating the two events, and a country also 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. |
|  | [35](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0035/) | 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” | TDAG noted the contribution and thanked the Russian Federation for their timely proposal. |
|  | [38](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0038/)(Rev.1-3) | Information requested: Financial and logistical requirements of a Generation Connect Global Youth Summit | TDAG noted this contribution. |
| **10. Collaboration with the other Sectors** | [9](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0009/) | Report of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest | TDAG noted this contribution. |
|  | [19](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0019/) | Incoming LS - Liaison Statement on Access to documents on intersectoral activities | TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau will prepare a reply acknowledging receipt and indicating BDT's willingness to collaborate. |
|  | [20](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0020/) | Incoming LS - Liaison Statement on machine translation | TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau will prepare a reply acknowledging receipt and indicating BDT's willingness to collaborate. |
|  | [21](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0021/) | Incoming LS - Liaison Statement on the new edition of Supplement 4 to ITU-T A-series Recommendations “Guidelines for remote participation” | TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau will prepare a reply acknowledging receipt and indicating BDT's willingness to collaborate. |
|  | [24](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0024/) | Incoming LS - Liaison Statement on Governance and management of virtual meetings | TDAG noted this document. The TDAG Bureau will prepare a reply acknowledging receipt and indicating BDT's willingness to collaborate. |
|  | [34](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0034/) | Actions on intersectoral coordination | TDAG noted this contribution. BDT noted that the mapping exercise is already being carried out and will continue. |
| **11. Preparations for RA-23 and WRC-23** | [16](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0016/) | Preparations for the 2023 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23) and the 2023 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23) | TDAG thanked the Radiocommunication Bureau for this information and took note that the World Radiocommunication Conference will not include remote participation. |
| **12. Contribution to the work of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR)** | [3](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0003/) | Report on the work of the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs) to TDAG | TDAG noted this document. |
| **13. Use of the six official languages of the Union on an equal footing** | [32](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0032/) | Use of all the official languages on an equal footing in ITU-D | TDAG noted the need to implement resolution 154 on all languages on an equal footing and the efforts underway to increase the use of automated translation. TDAG discussed making this a standing issue on the agenda of future meetings. |
| **14. Calendar of ITU-D events** | [11](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-TDAG30-C-0011/) | ITU-D calendar of events | TDAG noted this document with appreciation and indicated its concern that hosting events outside of ITU headquarters may negatively impact the budget. |
| **15. Any other business** |  | TDAG Working Groups | TDAG established a new Working Group on the future of study group questions to be chaired by the TDAG Vice-Chairman, Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat from the Islamic Republic of Iran.  TDAG also established a Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions (WG-SR) to be chaired by Americas Vice Chairman, Andrea Grippa.  Mailing lists will be set up to allow membership to subscribe, which will be considered an expression of interest in joining these groups, and which will be open to all membership. The WGs will decide on their terms of reference at their respective first meetings.  WG-SR will use in its work the Guiding principles for streamlining WTDC resolutions, based on document TDAG/CG-SR/14-E produced by the Working Group on this topic created by the TDAG in 2016. |

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