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Presentation on ATU' progress for the
World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25)

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**ATU' PROGRESS
FOR THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS
DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC-25)
12TH MAY2025- TDAG**



The African Preparatory Meetings for the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-25)

- The 1st African Preparatory Meeting for the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-25) was held in Nairobi, Kenya on February 8-9, 2024, at kind invitation of the Communications Authority of Kenya. The meeting brought together over 220 participants from 35 African countries to discuss and adopt the preparatory process for developing the African Common Proposals for the upcoming WTDC-25.
- The 2nd African Preparatory Meeting for World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-25) was organized in hybrid (both physical and online attendance) by the African Telecommunication Union (ATU) and kindly hosted by the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN), where the meeting considered preliminary Members' contributions and agreed on the main priorities to be addressed by the WTDC-25.
- The ATU also held a one-day physical meeting on 10th April 2025 back to back with ITU RFD and RPM held in Kenya from 7th to 9th April to consider new Regional Initiatives, new Members' contributions, discussed the WTDC-25 coordination process and received candidatures for various BDT positions. ATU also submitted contributions on Baku Declaration, thematic priorities, Future Study Questions and resolution 34 to the ITU RPM.



The African Preparatory Meetings for the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-25)-Cont'

1. We established the Bureau and Committees that will lead the formulation the African Common Proposals for the World Conference to be held in 2025.
2. We reviewed the report by ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on the WTDC-22 main outcomes and WTDC-25 preparation status and on the implementation of WTDC-22 outcomes.
3. We studied and reviewed several reports such as Agenda 2063, AU 2020/2030 Strategy, ATU strategy, BDT director vision for implementation of Kigali action plan, implementation report of agenda 2063, and its linkage with SDGs.
4. We Prepared and discussed The proposed African Region's Priorities for the WTDC 2025 and the main resolutions related to them.
5. We held breakout session during 2nd APM to propose and discuss the Baku declaration Theme, thematic priority areas for the WTDC25 and consider preliminary Members contributions.
6. We held 3 workshops on EW4All, Satellite Technologies for Development and on Addressing Barriers to Mobile Internet Adoption.



The ATU Structure for the WTDC25 preparation

PLENARY GROUP

Chair-Person : Mrs. Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou (Cote d'Ivoire),

Vice-Chair: Mr. Fred Ongaro (Kenya),

1st Rapporteurs: Ms. Sharon NKUMBWA (Zambia)

2nd Rapporteur: Dr. Christian NZENGUE PEGNET (Gabon)

ATU STRUCTURE FOR WTDC 25 PREPARATION CONT.

Working Group	Chair/Vice Chairs	Country
Working Group1 WG1: Declarations, Regional Initiatives, action plan & Thematic priorities	Chair: Mr. Amr safwat	Egypt
	Vice-Chair: Prof. AbdelKarim Oleyede	Nigeria
Working Group2 Working Methods (Res.1) and Study Questions SGs1&2 (Res.2)	Chair: Ms. Caecilia Nyamutswa	Zimbabwe
	Vice- Chair: Dr. Mohamed AlHaj	Sudan
Working Group3 Development related issues and resolutions streamlining	Chair: Mr. Amah Capo	Togo
	Vice- Chair: Ms. Honey Makola	South Africa
Sub Working Group for SOP	Mr. Dominique Ooko,	Kenya.



Africa's Main Priorities, consolidated thematic priorities and related resolutions' Matrix for WTDC 2025

	Consolidated Thematic Priorities	Priorities	Resolutions	Focal Point
1	Meaningful Connectivity and Digital infrastructure	Meaningful connectivity/Broadband Uses of Space /satellite technologies Bridging standardization Gap (BSG) LDCs and poverty eradication	Res. 09, 11, 20, 23, 43, 46, 63, 77, 87 Rec. 17, 19,20,22	Ghana, Bostwana, Nigeria
2	Disaster management / conflicts	Accelerating the use of ICT for disaster management/Early warning systems Protecting ICT infrastructure and mitigating the disaster effects Natural and manmade disasters and armed conflicts and not Covid19	Res. 34, 66 Rec.21	South Africa
3	Trust and confidence/ COP/ cyber security	Cybersecurity; Security of infrastructure Consumer rights	Res. 22, 45, 64, 67, 69, 79, 80, 84,	South Africa: Kenya
4	Innovation	Innovation and a Science Technology and Mathematics (STEM);	Res. 15, 90	South Africa
5	AI and Data governance	AI benefits and risks and AI governance Data governance	New Resolution for AI	Cote d'Ivoire , Senegal, South Africa, Cameroon



Africa's Main Priorities, consolidated thematic priorities and related resolutions' Matrix for WTDC 2025- Cont

	Consolidated Thematic Priorities	Priorities	Resolutions	Focal Point
6	Capacity building	Capacity building	Res. 10, 40, 47, 73, 78	Nigeria
7	Digital transformation (digital inclusion)	Accelerating digital transformation SDGs' implementation Digital inclusion : Women, youth and elderly, people with disabilities	Res. 30, 37, 55, 58, 76, 82, 89	Namibia, Cote d'Ivoire, South Africa, Senegal, Nigeria
8	Partnership and cooperation (Partner2connect)	SDGs from Multi-stakeholders LCD's Partnership	Res. 16, 17, 21, 25, 36, 48, 71, 75, 88	Uganda, Nigeria, Lesoto
9	Emerging technologies (mitigating risks)	Smart cities Mitigating the New technologies effects on health and environment Human Exposure to EMF	62, 85	Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Cameroon
10	Streamlining of WTDC Res	WG3 dedicated topic		Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Algeria



NEW REGIONAL INITIATIVES – AFR FOR WTDC-25

1. AFR1: Resilient infrastructure and meaningful connectivity for sustainable development including emergency telecommunications and multi-hazard early warning systems in the Africa region.
2. AFR2: Developing an inclusive trustworthy AI ecosystem in Africa for socio-economic development
3. AFR3: Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/ information and communication technology and Data protection and privacy
4. AFR4: Digital infrastructure applications, SMEs Development and Emerging Technologies and Innovation Ecosystems
5. AFR5: Sustainable Funding Mechanisms for Africa's Digital Transformation



ADOPTED COMMON CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Contribution to the WTDC 2025 Theme
2. Contribution to Baku Declaration for WTDC 2025
3. Contribution to the ITUD Priorities for WTDC 2025
4. New Regional Initiatives for Africa for WTDC 2025
5. AFCP on future study questions
6. AFCP to the revised resolution 34 for the WTDC 2025

RESOLUTIONS THAT WE ARE WORKING ON

Resolution	Interested countries
55	ATU, Ivory Coast, Nigeria
37	Sudan, Tanzania, GSMA
23	Tanzania
45	South Africa
46	Tanzania
58	Tanzania
62	Tanzania
76	Tanzania
11	Nigeria
78	South Africa
New draft contribution on satellite	Senegal



AFRICAN CANDIDATURES

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TDAG/SGs	Position	Candidate	Country	Term
TDAG	Chair	Mrs. Regina Fleur Assoumou Bessou	Cote d'Ivoire	1st
	Vice- Chair	Ms. Caecilia Nyamutswa	Zimbabwe	1st
		Eng. Fred Ongaro	Kenya	1st
SG 1	Vice- Chair	Ms. Caroline Murlanki	Kenya	1st
		Ms. Hadiza Kachallah	Nigeria	1st
SG2	Vice- Chair	Dr TOHO Carrelle	Benin	1st
		Mr. Thomas Luti	Kenya	1st

Candidature of for SG2 position Vice-Chair:

au poste de Vice-présidente de la Commission d'étude 2 (CE2) de la BDT.



WHAT'S NEXT

- Continue holding ATU online Meetings with the 3 WGs +SOP sub group to improve/draft our AFCPs for the WTDC25.
- Continue participating to IRM meetings and coordinating with other regions.
- Continue coordinating/consultation on the African Candidatures for the TDAG/SG positions.
- Holding a final preparatory meeting by August 2025 to endorse final AFCPs to be submitted to the WTDC-25 and agreed on coordination process for active participation in WTDC-25 at Baku.



THANK YOU

