



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Chairs and Vice-Chairs of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2

Subject: Candidates for rapporteurs and vice-rapporteurs of ITU-D study Questions for the 2026-2029 period

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25) in Baku appointed the chairs and vice-chairs for the ITU-D study groups (see the list in **Annex 1**). Pursuant to [WTDC Resolution 2 \(Rev. Baku, 2025\)](#), both Study Groups 1 and 2 will conduct their work in line with the scope of the study Questions which are listed in **Annex 2** to this circular. The focus of Study Group 1 is “*Universal meaningful connectivity¹ for bridging the digital divide*” and for Study Group 2, “*Digital transformation*”.

[WTDC Resolution 1 \(Rev. Baku, 2025\)](#) stipulates that rapporteurs and vice-rapporteurs are appointed in order to progress the study Questions. The appointment of rapporteurs should be based on expertise in the subject to be studied, the ability to coordinate the work, and their active participation in the work of ITU-D study groups. The responsibilities and tasks expected of the rapporteurs are outlined in Annex 5 to Resolution 1, attached for ease of reference as **Annex 3** to this circular. Subject to the relevant provisions of the ITU Constitution and Convention, Member States, ITU-D Sector Members, Associates, and Academia are encouraged to propose candidates to the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), to be considered for appointment at the meetings of Study Groups 1 and 2 planned for April 2026.

Should your administration/organization wish to propose candidates for rapporteurs or vice-rapporteurs of ITU-D study Questions, please submit the following by **15 March 2026** to bdtmail@itu.int and devsg@itu.int:

- a nomination letter with the name(s) of candidate(s) and with a commitment to use all reasonable measures to provide them with the necessary support for their participation, in accordance with Resolution 1;
- the curriculum vitae for each candidate, highlighting the qualifications of the individuals concerned for the positions sought. The names and CVs of candidates nominated will be posted in the original language on the dedicated [webpage](#).

¹ Meaningful connectivity is a level of connectivity that allows users to have a safe, satisfying, enriching and productive online experience at an affordable cost.

The ITU-D study group secretariat is at your disposal for further information or clarification, as required (tel.: +41 22 730 5999, email: devsg@itu.int).

I look forward to receiving your proposed candidature(s) and I thank you for your continued support of the activities of the ITU-D study groups.

Yours faithfully,



Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

Annexes:

- **Annex 1:** list of chairs and vice-chairs of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2
- **Annex 2:** scope of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2 and their study Questions
- **Annex 3:** rapporteur's checklist

Annex 1

List of chairs and vice-chairs**Annex 3 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)****Study Group 1**

Chair: Mr Roberto Mitsuke Hirayama (Brazil)

Vice-Chairs: Ms Hadiza Kachallah (Nigeria)
 Mr Malick Ndiaye (Senegal)
 Mr Francisco Antonio Casaccia Torres (Paraguay)
 Mr Abdelwaheb Galizra (Algeria)
 Mr Ali Rasheed Hamad Al-Hamad (Kuwait)
 Mr Wesam Sedik (Egypt)
 Ms Memiko Otsuki (Japan)
 Mr Dao Ngoc Tuyen (Viet Nam)
 Ms Sha Wei (China)
 Mr Sunil Kumar Singhal (India)
 Mr Ilgar Abdullayev (Azerbaijan)
 Ms Anastasia Konukhova (Russian Federation)
 Ms Umida Musayeva (Uzbekistan)
 Ms Cristina Aguiar (Portugal)
 Mr Mehmet Alper Tekin (Türkiye)
 Mr Teddy Woodhouse (United Kingdom)

Study Group 2

Chair Dr Fadel Digham (Egypt)

Vice-Chairs Eng. Imelda Salum Banali (Tanzania)
 Mr Mohamed Lamine Minthe (Guinea)
 Dr Fifatin Carrelle Lucrece Toho (Benin)
 Mr Víctor Antonio Martínez Sánchez (Paraguay)
 Ms Aisha Al Marzooqi (United Arab Emirates)
 Ms Maha Ziad Yousef Mouasher (Jordan)
 Dr Hideo Imanaka (Japan)
 Mr Sandeep Kumar Gupta (India)
 Mr Tongning Wu (China)
 Mr Javokhir Aripov (Uzbekistan)
 Ms Uliana Stoliarova (Russian Federation)
 Dr Lidia Stepinska-Ustasiak (Poland)
 Ms Carmen-Madalina Clapon (Romania)

Annex 2

Scope of ITU-D study groups**Annex 1 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)****1 Study Group 1****Universal meaningful connectivity² for bridging the digital divide**

- National policy and regulatory aspects of broadband telecommunication/ICT development
- Economic aspects in the field of national telecommunications/ICTs, including facilitating the implementation of the digital economy and the provision of telecommunication/ICT services, including for rural and remote areas
- National approaches for providing access to telecommunications/ICTs in rural and remote areas, with special focus on developing countries, including least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- Access to telecommunication/ICT services to enable inclusive communications, especially for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs
- Migration and adoption of digital technologies for broadcasting for different environments
- Use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management, particularly in developing countries
- Consumer information, empowerment, protection and rights for telecommunication/ICT services, especially for vulnerable groups
- New and emerging telecommunications/ICTs, including applications of artificial intelligence (AI), in delivering universal meaningful connectivity

2 Study Group 2**Digital transformation**

- Telecommunications/ICTs for digital transformation, including e-health and e-education
- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- Using telecommunications/ICTs for monitoring and mitigating the impact of climate change, and consideration of circular economy and safe disposal of electronic waste
- Combating counterfeit telecommunication/ICT devices and theft of mobile telecommunication devices

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- Implementation of conformance and interoperability testing for telecommunication/ICT devices and equipment
- Human exposure to electromagnetic fields
- Challenges and prospects for developing countries in access to emerging telecommunication/ICT technologies, platforms, applications and use cases
- Using telecommunications/ICTs to create smart cities and the information society
- Adoption of telecommunications/ICTs and improving digital skills
- Availability and affordability of user devices
- Utilization of new and emerging telecommunication/ICT technologies

Questions assigned by the World Telecommunication Development Conference to the ITU-D study groups

Annex 2 to Resolution 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)

Study Group 1

- **Question 1/1:** Enabling policies and strategies for universal connectivity with a focus on underserved, remote and rural areas
- **Question 2/1:** Enabling policies and regulations for adopting digital telecommunication/ICT services and technologies for distribution and broadcasting
- **Question 3/1:** The use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management
- **Question 4/1:** Economic aspects of national telecommunications/ICTs
- **Question 5/1:** Consumer protection and empowerment, and meaningful accessibility for all, especially for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs

Study Group 2

- **Question 1/2:** Enabling telecommunications/ICTs for digital transformation and smart sustainable cities and communities
- **Question 2/2:** ICTs for the environment, and assessment of human exposure to electromagnetic fields
- **Question 3/2:** Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity
- **Question 4/2:** Availability and affordability of user devices, and telecommunication/ICT equipment issues, including conformance and interoperability.
- **Question 5/2:** Adoption and utilization of new and emerging telecommunication/ICT services and technologies, and development of digital skills.

Annex 3

Rapporteur's checklist**Annex 5 to Resolution 1 (Rev. Baku, 2025)**

- 1 Establish a work plan in consultation with the vice-rapporteurs. The work plan should be reviewed periodically by the relevant study group and contain the following:
 - list of tasks to be completed;
 - target dates for milestones in consideration of annual output reports;
 - results anticipated, including titles of output documents and annual output reports;
 - liaison required with other groups, and schedules for liaisons, if known;
 - proposed meeting(s) of rapporteur group and estimated dates, with request for interpretation, if any.
- 2 Adopt work methods appropriate to the group. Use of electronic document handling (EDH), electronic and facsimile mail to exchange views is strongly encouraged.
- 3 Act as chair at all meetings of the relevant ITU-D study Question. If special meetings on the study Question are necessary, give appropriate advance notice.
- 4 Delegate portions of the work to vice-rapporteurs or other collaborators, depending on the workload.
- 5 Keep the study group management team regularly informed of the work progress. In case no progress can be reported on a given ITU-D study Question between two study group meetings, the rapporteur should nevertheless submit a report indicating the possible reasons for the lack of progress. To allow the chair and BDT to take the necessary steps for the work to be done on the study Question, reports should be submitted at least two months before the study group meeting.
- 6 Keep the study group informed of the progress of work through reports to study group meetings. The reports should be in the template of white contributions (when substantial progress has been made such as completion of draft ITU-D Recommendations or a report) or temporary documents.
- 7 The progress report mentioned in §§ 3.10.1 and 3.10.3 of this resolution should, as far as applicable, comply with the format given in those sections.
- 8 Ensure that liaison statements are submitted as soon as possible after all meetings, with copies to the study group chairs and BDT. Liaison statements shall contain the information described on the Template for liaison statements in Annex 4 to this resolution. BDT may provide assistance in distributing the liaison statements.
- 9 Oversee the quality of texts up to and including the final texts submitted for approval.