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Report of the FIRST Meeting of the CWG-SFP

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| Summary  This document summarizes the main results of the first meeting of the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial plans for 2020-2023, in accordance with 2017 ITU Council Resolution 1384, which took place on the 23rd of May 2017 during Council.  **Action**  Council is invited **to note** this Report.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Resolution 71*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/CWG-SFP/Documents/resolution71.docx) *(Rev. Busan, 2014),* [*Resolution 72 (Rev. Busan, 2014)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/CWG-SFP/Documents/resolution72.docx)*;* [*Resolution 151* [*(Rev. Busan, 2014)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/CWG-SFP/Documents/resolution72.docx)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/CWG-SFP/Documents/resolution151.docx)*, Council* [*Resolution 1384*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0117/en) *(2017),* *Council* [*Resolution 1333*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0134/en) *(Revised 2016), Council Documents:* [*C17/75*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0075/en)*,* [*C17/35*](http://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0035/en)*,* [*C17/39*](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=S17-CL-C-0039) *and* [*C17/111*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0111/en)*;* [*TDAG Document TDAG17-22/**7*](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG22-C-0007/en) |

1. **Introduction**

1.1 The 2017 Session of the ITU Council adopted at its third Plenary meeting [Resolution 1384](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0117/en) which established the Council Working Group to elaborate the draft Strategic and Financial plans of the Union for 2020-2023 (CWG-SFP). The Resolution includes the terms of reference for CWG-SFP. CWG-SFP is open to all Member States, and when addressing the strategic plan, open to all Sector Members as well.

1. **Welcoming Remarks**

2.1 The Chairman welcomed the participants and pointed out to the importance for the Union of the Strategic and Financial plans. The Chairman reminded participants that the purpose of the CWG-SFP is to produce the draft plans for consideration by Council 2018 and to forward them to the PP-18 for adoption. The Chairman expressed his will that this CWG and the whole process be as open, transparent and inclusive as possible.

2.2 The Secretary General welcomed the participants, congratulated the Chair for his nomination and highlighted the importance of the work of the CWG-SFP for the Union.

2.3 The CWG was informed that an intersectoral group was set up in the Secretariat, led by the BR Director Mr. Francois Rancy, to coordinate secretariat’s input to the CWG-SFP.

2.4 The Decision on the Vice-Chairs of the CWG-SFP should be taken a a further Plenary meeting of Council-17.

1. **Adoption of the Agenda (**[CWG SFP/01](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-C-0001/en)**)**

3.1 The agenda (CWG SFP/01) was adopted with no objection.

1. **Overview of Resolution 1384 (Council 2017) (**[CWG-SFP-INF/1/1](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-INF-0001)**)**

4.1 The Chairman introduced Resolution 1384 (Council 2017) establishing the CWG-SFP. The group agreed to include in the Chairman’s Report the clarification that the draft plans would be first presented and approved by the 2018 Ordinary Session of Council in April.

1. **Presentation on the proposed process for the elaboration of the ITU Strategic and Financial Plans for 2020-2023 (**[CWG SFP/02](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-C-0002/en)**)**

5.1 The secretariat (Head of SPM/CSD) presented the proposed process and timetable for the elaboration of the plans. This presentation included:

* An introduction to the current strategic framework 2016-2019, what were the new elements introduced, and the lessons learned from its implementation;
* A description of the process to be followed in the preparation of the draft Financial plan; and
* The key developments that would need to be considered for the elaboration of Strategic Plan.

5.2 The group noted the new technological trends, and the 2030 Agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals and Targets, and the need for them to be fully taken into account when developing the strategic plan.

5.3 The group agreed on the schedule of meetings for CWG-SFP:

* 2nd meeting: a 2-day meeting during the CWG cluster of September 2017;
* 3rd meeting: a 2-day meeting during the CWG cluster of January/February 2018;
* 4th meeting: a 1 or 2 day meeting before the 2018 Session of Council.

5.4 The group agreed on the need for interpretation and translation to the six official languages of the Union, as well as on efficient remote participation mechanisms for all meetings of CWG-SFP.

1. **Review of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2016-2019, Res. 71, 72, 151, 191, 200 (**[CWG-SFP-INF/1/2](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-INF-0002)) **and the Structure of the Strategic Plan 2020-2023** ([CWG-SFP-1/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-C-0003))

6.1 The group agreed to include in the work of the CWG-SFP the revision of PP Resolutions 71, 72, 151, 191, and 200, to align them with the new strategic plan.

6.2 The proposed structure of the Strategic plan 2020-2023 was approved, and it was decided to label the plan as Annex 1 to Resolution 71, while Annex 2 should include the background analysis.

1. **Contribution by the RAG (**[CWG-SFP-INF/1/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-INF-0003))

7.1 The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR) presented the contribution by RAG (doc [C17/111](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0111/en)) to Council-17, requesting to take into consideration the following aspects: the disctinction between the objectives of the ITU-R Sector and those of the Bureau; and the trustfulness of data sources for the indicators.

7.2 It was proposed that RAG create an correspondence group to discuss the ITU-Rs inputs to the Strategic Plan of the Union. Secretariat would forward this proposal to the chair of RAG and support in the creation of this group.

7.3 The discussions highlighted the difficulty to fully map operational and strategic plans as the activities of bureau are different from the activities of sector, as well as the need to review current performance indicators, in particular those from the area of Radio Regulations.

1. **Contribution by the TDAG**

8.1 The Chair of the TDAG Correspondence Group on Strategic Plan, Operational Plan and Declaration, Mr Fabio Bigi, explained the ongoing process in ITU-D in preparation for WTDC-17 (document [CWG-SFP-INF/1/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-INF-0004)).

1. **Contribution by the TSAG**

9.1 The Chairman of TSAG, Mr Bruce Gracie, informed the group on the mechanisms to contribute to the work of the group and expressed the willingness for close collaboration. He proposed the consideration of the Standardization Strategy Initiatives of TSAG in the work of CWG-SFP. He informed that the Chair of the TSAG Correspondence Group on the Strategic plan is Mr. Victor Martínez Vanegas (México).

9.2 The group agreed on the need for a close and dynamic collaboration between the CWG-SFP, the internal secretariat’s group and all sector advisory and correspondence groups.

9.3 The Chair reminded the floor that the draft Strategic and draft Financial plans will ultimately be elaborated by the Secretariat based on the inputs from the membership, the public consultations, CWG-SFP, and the sector advisory groups, and therefore asked the participants to use every channel available to make sure their proposals are reflected in the draft plans.

1. **Subject of the 1st public consultation of CWG-SFP (**[CWG-SFP-1/4](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CLCWGSPF1-C-0004))
   1. The secretariat presented a proposed set of questions for the 1st open public consultation to be open from Council-17 until the end of June.
   2. The group agreed to allow at least 30 days for each of the three public consultations the group will conduct after its first, second and third meetings.
   3. The group requested the Chair to consult with all interested parties and finalize the questions.
   4. After consultations, the Chair proposes that the first public consultation provide Resolution 71 as a background document, and ask the following questions:

* *What should be the key strategic priorities for ITU for the 2020-2023 period, taking into account the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sustainable Development Goals?*
* *What are the key technological trends ITU should consider while planning its strategy?*
* *What do you consider to be the top three challenges for the ITU and the top three achievements you would like to see the ITU accomplish in the 2020-2023 timeframe?*
* *Any other thoughts or comments you would like to make?*

1. **Next meeting**

11.1 The next meeting of CWG-SFP will take place during the following cluster of Council Work Ggroup meetings in September 2017.

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