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| Preparations for the Radiocommunication Assembly 2019 (RA-19)  and World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19) | |

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| Summary  This document reports on the ongoing preparations for the Radiocommunication Assembly 2019 (RA-19) and World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19).  Action required  The Council is invited **to note** the progress of preparations for RA-19 and WRC-19.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*CS Article 13*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/Constitution-E.pdf)*,* [*CV Article 7, CV Article 8*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/Convention-E.pdf)*,* [*Council Resolution 1380 (Mod 2017)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0141/en) |

### 1. Background information

1.1 The dates, place, and agenda of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19), as well as the dates and place of the Radiocommunication Assembly 2019 (RA-19) were established by Council Resolution 1380 (Mod 2017).

1.2 The following venues and dates have been confirmed:

– WRC-19 will be held in Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt) from 28 October to 22 November 2019;

– RA-19 will be held in Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt) from 21 to 25 October 2019.

1.3 Furthermore, the Host Country Agreement for the holding, organization, and funding of these two events, as well as the subsequent first session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (CPM23-1) was signed by the Minister of Communications and Information Technology of the Arab Republic of Egypt and the ITU Secretary‑General in Cairo on 25 March 2019.

### 2. Preparations for the Radiocommunication Assembly 2019 (RA-19)

2.1 Formal invitations to attend RA-19 were dispatched in [Circular Letter 18/50](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-SG-CIR-0050/en), [DM-18/1008](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-DM-CIR-01008/en), [DM-18/1007](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-DM-CIR-01007/en), [DM-18/1009](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-DM-CIR-01009/en), and [DM-18/1010](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-DM-CIR-01010/en) of 16 November 2018. Preliminary arrangements were advised to administrations by the Radiocommunication Bureau in its [Administrative Circular CACE/889](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-CACE-CIR-0889/en) dated 13 February 2019. All of these Circulars can be found under the General information on the website for RA-19 at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/conferences/RA/2019/Pages/default.aspx>.

2.2 The proposed organizational arrangements for RA-19 were also included in [Administrative Circular CACE/889](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-CACE-CIR-0889/en) and consultations with administrations have taken place concerning the possible Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Assembly and its various Committees. Administrations and Radiocommunication Sector Members will soon be invited to consider candidates for posts of Study Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs that will be considered for election at the Assembly in accordance with Resolution ITU-R 15-6. All necessary administrative and logistic arrangements for the Assembly are underway in conjunction with other concerned ITU Departments and Units.

### 3. Preparations for the World Radiocommunication Conference 2019 (WRC-19)

3.1 Formal invitations to attend WRC-19 were dispatched in [Circular Letter 18/48](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-SG-CIR-0048/en), [Circular Letter 18/49](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-SG-CIR-0049/en), [DM-18/1005](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-DM-CIR-01005/en) and [DM-18/1006](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-DM-CIR-01006/en) of 16 November 2018. Preliminary arrangements were provided to administrations by the Radiocommunication Bureau in its [Administrative Circular CA/245](https://www.itu.int/md/R00-CACE-CIR-0245/en) dated 13 February 2019**.** All of these Circulars can be found under the General information on the website for WRC-19 at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/conferences/wrc/2019/Pages/default.aspx> .

3.2 Consultations concerning the possible structure of WRC-19 as well as suggested Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Conference and its proposed Committees and Working Groups are being carried out through an Informal Group (chaired by Mr T. Al Awadhi) that meets regularly to this effect, as well as through individual consultations with administrations of Member States. These consultations are progressing well.

### 4. ITU-R preparatory studies for RA-19 and WRC-19

4.1 The ITU-R Working Parties and Task Group 5/1 completed the development of text for the studies assigned to them by the first session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM19-1), according to the pre-established schedule, and this was included in the draft CPM Report, which was made available online in the six official languages of the Union prior to the deadline defined in Resolution ITU-R 2-7, for consideration at CPM19-2. In some cases technical studies are continuing in the relevant ITU-R Working Parties to finalize supporting ITU-R Recommendations/Reports. That work is expected to be completed prior to WRC-19.

4.2 As a result of the extensive, efficient, and successful work carried out by more than 1250 participants at CPM19-2, the final CPM report to WRC-19 has also been made available on the CPM webpage in the six official languages of the Union prior to the deadline defined in Resolution ITU-R 2-7. This report was also submitted to WRC-19 (see WRC-19 Document 3).

### 5. Regional preparations

Taking into account Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002), extensive preparations for RA-19 and WRC-19 are ongoing in particular through the Regional Telecommunication Organizations including APT, ASMG, ATU, CEPT, CITEL, and RCC. ITU has been assisting these preparations wherever possible, noting, in particular, Resolution 72 (Rev. WRC-07). In this regard, two ITU Interregional Workshops on WRC-19 Preparations were held in Geneva on 21-22 November 2017 and 20-22 November 2018, respectively. A third ITU Inter-regional Workshop on WRC-19 Preparation is planned to be held on 4-6 September 2019, just prior to RA-19 and WRC-19.

### 6. Economy measures for documents

In keeping with the spirit of PP-18 Decision 5 (Annex 2), and as was done already for RA/WRC-15, the understanding and assistance of administrations have been sought in having RA/WRC-19 as a fully paperless conference. These measures are outlined respectively for RA-19 and WRC-19 in the Radiocommunication Bureau Administrative Circulars CACE/889 and CA/245 referred to above.

### 7. Conclusion

The Council is invited to note this summary of the preparations for RA-19 and WRC-19. These preparations are continuing in order to ensure the efficient conduct of these events in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, and to facilitate a successful outcome.

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