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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS | |

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| Summary  The 2016 session of the Council adopted a revision of Resolution 1333 on the guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council Working Groups. The Resolution instructs the Secretary-General to submit to each Plenipotentiary Conference and to each Council a table that identifies the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each CWG, their tenure of office, and region. The table in Annex provides an update based on the document submitted and approved during Council-19, as well as on decision of the Additional 2019 session of the Council on matters pertaining to Council Working Groups.  Action required  The Council is invited to **nominate** and **confirm** the Chair of the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources, as well as the new vice-chairs for the Council Working Groups and to note the table in annex.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*PP Decision 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/DEC-011-E.pdf)*,* [*Council Resolutions 1333*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/Resolution-1333_C16.pdf)*,* [*1379*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0125/en)*,* [*1384*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0117/en)*;* [*Document PP-18/54*](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0054/en)*; Council document* [*C19/21*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0021/en), [*C19-ADD/6*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLADD-C-0006/en)*.* |

1. The 2016 session of the Council adopted a revision of [Resolution 1333](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/Resolution-1333_C16.pdf) on the Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups. The Resolution instructs the Secretary-General to submit to each Council a table that identifies the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each CWG, their tenure of office, and region.
2. The 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) confirmed the continuation or nomination of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following groups for the next cycle between two Plenipotentiary Conferences (2019-2022):

* Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)
* Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP)
* Council Working Group on WSIS & SDGs (CWG-WSIS&SDG)
* Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)
* Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages of the Union (CWG-LANG)
* Council Expert Group on Decision 482 (EG-DEC-482)
* Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)

1. The 2019 session of the Council decided to convene Informal Expert Group to prepare the WTPF-21 (IEG-WTPF-21) and confirmed its Chair.
2. The complete list of Chairs and Vice-Chairs is contained in Annex. It includes new candidatures for the following positions:
   1. Chair of CWG-FHR
   2. Vice-Chair of CWG-COP from the African and Asia-Pacific Regions
   3. Vice-chair of CWG-WSIS from the Americas
   4. Vice-chair of CWG-FHR from the Americas and Asia-Pacific Regions
   5. Vice-chair of Expert Group on Decision 482 from the African and European Regions
3. The Council is invited to approve the nomination of new Chair of CWG-FHR as well as new vice-chairs and to note the table in Annex.

**CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COUNCIL WORKINGS GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS (as of 4 May 2020)**

| Current CWG + Secretary | Chair | Region | Date of appointment | Vice-Chair (s) | Region | Date of appointment |
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| **CWG on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues**  (Sec: Mr Preetam Maloor) | Mr Majed Al Mazyed  (Saudi Arabia) | ARB | 2009 | Mr Silulami J. Doyi (South Africa)  Mr César Martinez (Paraguay)  Mr Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi (United Arab Emirates)  Mr YGSC Kishore Babu (India)  Mr Kamal Mammadov (Azerbaijan)  Mr Paul Blaker (United Kingdom) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019  2017  2017  2019  2017 |
| **CWG on Child Online Protection**  (Sec: Ms Carla Licciardello) | Mr Abdelaziz Al Zarooni  (United Arab Emirates) | ARB | 2018 | Vacant  Ms Ellen Blackler (The Walt Disney Company)  Ms Maha Z.Y. Mouasher (Jordan)  Vacant  Ms Aysel Hadiyeva (Azerbaijan)  Mr Giorgio Tosi Beleffi (Italy) | **AFR**  **AMS (Sector Member)**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2017  2019  2017 |
| **CWG on WSIS&SDGs**  (Sec: Mr Catalin Marinescu) | Mr Vladimir Minkin  (Russian Federation) | CIS | 2006 | Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda)  Vacant  Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia)  Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Isl. Rep. of Iran)  Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan)  Mr Wojciech Berezowski (Poland) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2017  2019  2019  2019 |
| **CWG on Financial and Human Resources**  (Sec: Mr Alassane Ba/Mr Eric Dalhen) | **Proposed candidate:** Ms Vernita Harris (United States) |  |  | Ms Seynabou Seck Cisse (Senegal)  Vacant *(if Ms Vernita Harris is confirmed as Chair)*  Mr Mohamed Almazroei (United Arab Emirates)  Vacant  Mr Andrei Sergeevich Zhivov (Russian Federation)  Mr Vilem Vesely (Czech Republic) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2019  2017  2019 |
| **CWG on the use of the six official languages** (Sec: Mr Xin Liu) | Ms Monia Jaber Khalfallah  (Tunisia) | ARB | 2018 | Mr Paul Najarian (USA)  Ms Sameera Belal (Kuwait)  Mr Cai Guolei (China)  Mr Vladimir Minkin (Russian Federation)  Ms Blanca Gonzalez (Spain)  Mr Frédéric Paruta (France) | **English**  **Arabic**  **Chinese**  **Russian**  **Spanish**  **French** | 2013  2017  2013  2013  2017  2017 |
| **Expert group on ITRs** (Sec: Mr Preetam Maloor) | Mr Lwando Bbuku (Zambia) | AFR | 2019 | Mr Guy-Michel Kouakou (Côte d’Ivoire)  Mr Santiago Reyes-Borda (Canada)  Mr Ahmad Al Rajehi (Egypt)  Mr Xiping Huang (China)  Mr Aleksei Sergeevich Borodin (Russian Federation)  Mr Simon van Merkom (Netherlands) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019  2019  2019  2019  2019 |
| **Expert group on Decision 482** (Sec: Mr Alexandre Vallet) | Mr Nikolay Varlamov (Russian Federation) | CIS | 2018 | Vacant  Mr Andrew Feltman (United States)  Mr Mustapha Mousse (Egypt)  Mr Yuansheng Xie (China)  Mr Rizat Nurshabekow (Kazakhstan)  Vacant | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019  2019  2019 |
| **Informal Expert Group on WTPF-21** | Mr Fabio Bigi (Italy | EUR | 2019 | - | **-** | - |

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