



PLENARY MEETING

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Note by the Secretary-General

**CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE
RADIOCOMMUNICATION BUREAU (BR)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have the pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

Mr Mario MANIEWICZ (Eastern Republic of Uruguay)

for the post of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union.

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

*Misión Permanente del Uruguay
ante la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas y otras
Organizaciones Internacionales*



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The Permanent Mission of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and the Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union, Mr. Houlin Zhao, and has the honour to communicate that the Uruguayan government has decided to present the candidacy of Eng. Mario Maniewicz for reelection as Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau for the period 2023-2026, in the elections to be held during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Bucharest (Romania) in 2022.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva wishes to highlight the credentials, experience and recognized leadership that Mr. Mario Maniewicz has developed in his more than 30 years of service in the ITU, and his natural suitability for the position of Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau of the Organization, which he has carried out most satisfactorily in the current period. An updated curriculum vitae of Eng. Mario Maniewicz and the candidate's declaration of principles are attached.

The Permanent Mission of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay to the United Nations Office and the Other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union, Houlin Zhao, the assurances of its highest consideration.



Ginebra, October 11, 2021

To the Secretary General of the International Telecommunications Union, Houlin Zhao
International Telecommunications Union
Geneva



Mario Maniewicz

Candidate of Uruguay for a
second term as Director of the
ITU Radiocommunication
Bureau 2023-2026

Background and Career Highlights

Nationality: Uruguayan

Date of Birth: 13 November 1958

Marital Status: married, two children

Languages: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese

EDUCATION

- Electronic engineer specialized in Telecommunications, graduated from Universidad de la República – Montevideo, Uruguay (1984)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

International Telecommunications Union (1988 – present)

Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (since 2019)

- Organizes and coordinates the work of the Radiocommunication Sector with the purpose of:
 - Ensuring interference-free operations of radiocommunication systems by implementing the Radio Regulations and regional agreements, as well as updating these instruments in an efficient and timely manner through the processes of world and regional radiocommunication conferences;
 - Establishing Recommendations intended to assure the necessary performance and quality in operating radiocommunication systems;
 - Seeking ways and means to ensure the rational, equitable, efficient, and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite-orbit resources and promoting flexibility for future expansion and new technological developments.
- Manages the Radiocommunication Bureau ensuring the quality and reliability of the services provided.
- Assists administrations to resolve cases of harmful interference, as well as in reducing the digital divide and transitioning to the digital economy.
- Successfully organized and held the largest ever World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) with over 3,400 participants from 163 countries.
- Modernized BR information systems and software tools to provide governments with more user-friendly and efficient means to interact with the Bureau and manage their spectrum resources.

Deputy Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (2014 - 2018)

- Assisted the Director of the BR, Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia in the vital function of global management of the radiofrequency spectrum and satellite orbits
- Headed the Informatics, Administration and Publication Department
- Was the overall organizer of the World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15)
- Played a key role in WRC-15 serving as the Secretary of the Conference

Chief of Infrastructure, Enabling Environment and E-Applications Department (2011 – 2014)

- Directed the efforts to assist developing countries in bridging the digital divide by promoting the use of ICT-based networks, services and applications, while ensuring the use of appropriate technologies to build or extend their information and communication infrastructure, as well as adapt to the rapidly changing telecommunication/ICT environment.
- Led activities aimed at providing guidelines and tools for the development of policy and regulatory frameworks, financing policies and development strategies. These included promotion of pervasive broadband deployment, transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, spectrum management and monitoring, as well as other areas of ICT development such as deployment of telecommunication and IP-based networks and use of reliable and cost-effective ICT applications while enhancing cyber-security.
- Promoted access and use of telecommunications and ICTs for groups that have been marginalized in their access to current mainstream ICT services, including women, youth, indigenous people, persons with disabilities and people living in remote communities.

Chief of Policies and Strategies Department (2007 – 2011)

- Led the development of telecommunications and ICT policies and regulations to assist developing countries in promoting investment and enhancing their networks and services.
- Responsible for the organization of the Global Symposium for Regulators, enhanced the event by incorporating the Chief Regulatory Officers and the Regional Regulatory Associations meetings.
- Directed other activities in the policy and regulatory domain, as well as in the areas of ICT statistical data collection and analysis, Internet and IP networks development, and human capacity building.

Head of Human Capacity Building Division (2000 – 2007)

- Designed strategies and implemented projects on training, human resources management and development, organizational development and managerial development for telecommunications
- Assisted governments, regulators and operators of developing countries in the definition of their organizational and managerial strategies and policies, the identification of their Human Resource and Organizational Development needs, including training of top level managers in modern management and competitive transformation related aspects.

Regional Administrator, Brazil Regional Office (1993 – 2000)

- Managed projects in various fields such as rural telecommunication development, frequency management and monitoring, transformation of the telecommunication sector, strengthening of regulatory agencies and transformation of telecommunication operators, among others.

- Played a key role in the definition of policies and regulatory frameworks for the opening of the telecommunication sector to competition in the Americas Region.

Regional Administrator, Chile Area Office (1990 – 1993)

- Managed projects for the modernization and reorganization of incumbent telecommunication operators in the Americas Region.
- Attended to the sectorial development needs of the countries in the region.

Regional Expert, Field Office in Peru (1988 – 1990)

- Responsible for the assistance to operators and regulators in developing and implementing methodologies for production and delivery of modular training in telecommunications.
- Provided assistance to the countries in the region in the preparation of their top managers to face the changes in the sector, such as convergence and competition.

ANTEL (Telecommunications Operator of Uruguay) (1979 – 1988)

Director, ANTEL Training Centre (1987 – 1988)

Telecommunication Engineer (1985 – 1987)

Engineering Assistant (1979 – 1985)

Universidad de la República (Uruguay) (1984 – 1986)

Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Engineering, for the chair of Electronics & Circuits, as well as for the chair of Circuits & Electric Measurements (1984 – 1986)

Vision Statement

“Continuing to build on an already solid foundation”

We live in times of many challenges and fast-paced change. While this has become more evident in the effects of the COVID-19 global pandemic, we must also remember that proactivity and adaptiveness have always been required from the Telecommunication/ICT sector. Indeed, our sector has long exhibited a particularly high level of technological innovation and change, and this trend remains unabated today.

Terrestrial and space communications are broadening their frontiers each day. New technologies expand connectivity on land, air, and sea. On the earth, but also in the stratosphere, in low, medium or in high orbit. Using licensed or unlicensed technologies. Science and Industry will continue to bring us new technical advances, and the ITU-R is in a unique position to guarantee that the Radio Regulations enable the development of ICTs and support the creation of a better future.

The ITU Radiocommunication Sector is tasked with several vital roles in this regard, of which the most important ones are managing the frequency spectrum and satellite orbits, as well as developing globally harmonized regulations and standards.

During my first term as Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau, I have sought to maintain and strengthen the Bureau’s ability to successfully perform these roles. I am proud and honoured to report that not only have we been able to continue to perform well in pre-pandemic times (attaining particularly significant achievements, such as the organization of the largest ever World Radiocommunications Conference in 2019 and the upgrading of BR’s information systems), but we have also successfully taken on the major challenges posed by COVID-19.

Indeed, our teams have rallied to ensure a seamless continuation of ITU-R’s work during the global pandemic, providing all services according to plan and obeying by all regulatory deadlines. Despite the sanitary restrictions, we organized all the planned ITU-R meetings and events, which were attended by record numbers of participants. We are currently also streamlining our processes and reports, simplifying software tools, and making data more visible and accessible.

In other words, we have successfully adapted and responded to this new reality, and we have been actively seeking to take advantage of any new opportunity to increase our reach and create value for our constituents.

If Member States entrust me with a second term as Director of the BR, I intend to continue leading the Radiocommunication Bureau in pursuing the guiding objectives that have driven my first mandate: efficiency, transparency, and inclusiveness. Let us therefore continue to unite our strengths to foster accessible and affordable connectivity to all, enable the connection of billions of devices and accelerate global development through the use of Telecommunications and ICTs.