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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| LIST OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS | |
| **Purpose**  Council Resolution 1333 (C11, last amended C16) 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 Council Working Group, their tenure of office, and region.  The table in annex to this document shows the list of current chairs and vice-chairs, as well as vacant posts and new candidatures received as of 13 May 2025.  **Action required by the Council**  The Council is invited to **note** this document and its [annex](#annex), and to **appoint** the new candidates for the chair and vice-chair positions of the groups for the 2023-2026 period/cycle.  **Relevant link(s) with the Strategic Plan**  Membership driven.  **Financial implications**  Within the allocated budget 2024-2025.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/DEC-011-E.pdf) *of the Plenipotentiary Conference;* [*Council Resolution 1333*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/Resolution-1333_C16.pdf)*; Council Documents* [*C24/21*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0021/en)*,* [*C24/121*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0121/en)*,* [*C24/122*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-CL-C-0122/en)*;* [*webpage of Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/Chairs-Vice-Chairs-2022-2026.aspx)*.* | |

Introduction

1 Council Resolution 1333 (C11, last amended C16) 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 Council Working Group (CWG), their tenure of office, and region.

2 At its 2024 session, in June, the Council approved the appointment of the new candidates for the following posts: chair and vice-chairs of the Informal Expert Group on WTPF (IEG-WTPF); vice-chairs of the Council Working Group for elaboration of the strategic and financial plans; vice-chair of the Council Working Group on child online protection; vice-chair of the Council Working Group on financial and human resources (CWG-FHR); vice-chair of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations; and vice-chair of the Expert Group on Decision 482.

3 Discussions undertaken on the appointment of the vice-chair of the Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages (CWG-LANG) for the Russian language had not enabled any consensus, and it was therefore decided to defer consideration of the matter to the Council in 2025.

4 The secretariat has been informed of the following: the departure of the chair of the CWG-LANG, who was also representing the English language; the departure of the vice-chair of the CWG-FHR for the Asia-Pacific region; the departure of the vice-chair of the IEG-WTPF for the Americas Region, and the passing away of the vice-chair of the Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet) from Europe.

4 The table in the [annex](#annex) presents the current list of chairs and vice-chairs of each group and their tenure of office and region as of 13 May 2025, and the proposed new candidates for the above-mentioned vacant positions. It is to be noted that the Expert Group on Decision 482 (EG-DEC482), as per its Terms of Reference (see Council [Decision 632](https://www.itu.int/md/S23-CL-C-0126/en) (C23)), shall submit its final report to the 2025 session of the ITU Council for action and possible revision of Decision 482. Therefore, and unless the Council decides otherwise, the EG-DEC482 will no longer meet after Council-25.

6 The proposed candidates for the vacant positions will be published on the Council website as received, at the following link <https://www.itu.int/en/council/Pages/Chairs-Vice-Chairs-2022-2026.aspx>, and Council-25 will be invited to appoint these candidates for the 2023-2026 period/cycle.

**Annex:** 1

ANNEX

List of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups (as of 13 May 2025)

| Current CWG | Chair | Region | Date of appointment | Vice-Chair(s) | Region | Date of first appointment |
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| **Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)** | **Mr Wojciech Berezowski**  (Poland) | EUR | 2023 | **Dr Ramy Ahmed** (Egypt)  **Ms Emilce Maria Portillo Gonzalez** (Paraguay)  **Mr Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi** (United Arab Emirates)  **Ms Xiao Zhang** (China)  **Mr Jeyhun Huseynzade** (Azerbaijan)  ***Vacant*** | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2023  2023  2017  2023  2023  – |
| **Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP)** | **Mr Abdelaziz Al Zarooni**  (United Arab Emirates) | ARB | 2018 | **Ms Stella Chubiyo Erebor** (Nigeria)  **Mr Kemie Jones** (Bahamas)  **Ms May Ali Alghatam** (Bahrain)  **Ms Jocelle Batapa Sigue** (Philippines)  **Ms Seljan Aghasarkari** (Azerbaijan)  **Mr Domenico Alfieri** (Italy) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2020  2023  2023  2023  2024  2023 |
| **Council Working Group on WSIS&SDGs  (CWG-WSIS&DSGs)** | **Ms Cynthia Lesufi**  (South Africa) | AFR | 2023 | **Ms Janet Umutesi** (Rwanda)  **Ms Renata Santoyo** (Brazil)  **Mr Ahmed Saleem** (Iraq)  **Ms Mina Seonmin Jun** (Korea (Rep. of))  **Ms Khayala Pashazade** (Azerbaijan)  **Ms Susanna Mattsson** (Sweden) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2020  2023  2023  2023  2023 |
| **Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)** | **Ms Vernita Harris** (United States) | AMS | 2020 | **Ms Seynabou Seck Cisse** (Senegal)  **Mr Ronaldo Moura** (Brazil)  **Ms Noha Gaafar** (Egypt)  ***Proposed new candidate*** *Ms Min Jung Park (Korea (Rep. of))*  **Mr Erzhan Meiramov** (Kazakhstan)  **Mr Szabolcs Szentleleky** (Hungary) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2023  2023  –  2024  2023 |
| **Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages (CWG-Lang)** | ***Vacant*** |  |  | **Dr Rim Belhaj**(Tunisia)  **Mr Jian Wang** (China)  ***Vacant***  **Ms Daphne Goudry** (France)  ***Vacant***  **Ms Blanca Gonzalez** (Spain) | **Arabic**  **Chinese**  **English**  **French**  **Russian**  **Spanish** | 2023  2023  –  2023  –  2017 |
| **Expert group on ITRs (EG-ITRs)** | **Ms Shahira Selim**  (Egypt) | ARB | 2023 | **Mr Guy-Michel Kouakou** (Côte d’Ivoire)  **Ms Ena Dekanic** (United States)  **Mr Omar Ali Alnemer** (United Arab Emirates)  **Mr Sunil Singhal** (India)  **Mr Ulugbek Azimov** (Uzbekistan)  **Mr Vilem Vesely** (Czech Republic) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2023  2023  2023  2024  2023 |
| **Informal Expert Group on World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum  (IEG-WTPF)** | **Mr Rodney Taylor** (Barbados) | AMS | 2024 | **Mr Dominic Ooko** (Kenya)  ***Proposed new candidate*** *Mr Ronaldo Moura (Brazil)*  **Mr Muath Alrumayh** (Saudi Arabia)  **Mr Ashok Kumar** (India)  **Ms Umida Musayeva** (Uzbekistan)  **Mr Tobias Kaufmann** (Germany) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2024  –  2024  2024  2024  2024 |
| **Council Working Group on the strategic and financial plans (CWG-SFP)** | **Mr Mansour AI-Qurashi**  (Saudi Arabia) | ARB | 2023 | **Mr Mulembwa Denis Munaku** (Tanzania)  **Mr Kenji Kuramochi** (Paraguay)  **Ms Maitha Al Jamri** (United Arab Emirates)  **Mr Yi Lun** (China)  **Mr Bakhtjan Smanov** (Uzbekistan)  **Mr Rafał Bartoszewski** (Poland) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2024  2024  2024  2024  2024  2024 |
| **Expert Group on Decision 482 (EG-DEC482)[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Ms Fenhong Cheng**  (China) | ASP | 2023 | **Mr Mostafa Mousa** (Egypt)  **Ms Anabel del Carmen Cisneros** (Argentina)  **Mr Abdulrhaman AlNajdi** (Saudi Arabia)  **Mr Meiditomo Sutyarjoko** (Indonesia)  **Mr Dilmurod Dusmatov** (Uzbekistan)  **Mr Cristian Ungureanu** (Romania) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2023  2023  2023  2024  2020 |

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1. The final report of the Expert Group on Decision 482 shall be submitted to the 2025 session of the ITU Council for action and possible revision of Decision 482. Therefore, and unless decided otherwise by the Council, this group will have finished its work and no longer meet after Council-25. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)