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| PROPOSAL TO DISCUSS ABOUT MEANINGFUL INTERNET CONNECTIVITY FOR LLDCs | |
| **Purpose**  This contribution aims to address the challenges that Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) face in accessing and using the Internet due to, among other factors, affordability, limited technical infrastructure, poor connectivity and international public policy issues.  **Action required**  The Council Working Group on International Internet-related public policy issues is invited to **consider the proposals** herein and **take appropriate actions**, if needed.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **References**  [*Resolution 102 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-102-e.pdf)*;* [*Resolution 140 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts-2023/RES-140-e.pdf)*;* [*Council Resolution 1305 (Mod. 2019)*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0136/en)*;* [*Geneva Declaration of Principles*](https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/docs/geneva/official/dop.html) *and* [*Tunis Agenda for the Information Society*](https://www.itu.int/net/wsis/docs2/tunis/off/6rev1.html)*;* [*WCIT Resolution 1 (Dubai, 2012)*](https://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Documents/final-acts-wcit-12.pdf)*;* [*Measuring digital development – Facts and Figures: Focus on Landlocked Developing Countries (2024)*](https://www.itu.int/hub/publication/d-ind-ict_mdd-2024-2/)*;* [*Report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the activities of the Union (May 2023 – April 2024)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/planning/Documents/Report-activities-2023-2024.pdf)*;* [*Proposal to discuss about connectivity aspects for LLDCs*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-RCLINTPOL20-C-0003/en)*;* [*Report of the 20th meeting of the CWG-Internet*](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-RCLINTPOL20-C-0006/en) | |

Introduction

During the 20th meeting of the CWG-Internet (October 2024), the contribution [CWG‑Internet‑20/3](https://www.itu.int/md/S24-RCLINTPOL20-C-0003/en), titled “Proposal to discuss about connectivity aspects for LLDCs”, was presented by Paraguay with the support of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Central African Rep., Mexico, Nepal, and Zambia.

Noting the broad support for the contribution and the cross-regional interest in the subject matter, the Chair of the CWG-Internet invited the contributors to submit to the next meeting a revised proposal presenting an option for an open consultation topic and questions for the next cycle of consultations.

The following proposal is the revised version for consideration of the Group.

Proposal

Based on the discussions made, the following topic is suggested to the Council Working Group on the Internet for the next open consultation:

“Ensuring meaningful connectivity to the Internet for LLDCs”.

1 What strategies can be adopted to ensure meaningful connectivity to the Internet for LLDCs?

2 To promote meaningful connectivity to the Internet in LLDCs, what specific measures can be taken regarding:

– affordability

– quality

– investment

– infrastructure

– enabling environment.

3 What can ITU, governments, including transit countries, and other stakeholders do to ensure meaningful connectivity to the Internet for LLDCs?

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