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To Observer Member States

Subject: **Organization of the 2026 session of the Council, 28 April – 8 May 2026**

Dear Madam, Sir,

In accordance with Rule 1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council, I have the pleasure to inform you that the 2026 session of the Council will be held physically at ITU headquarters from **Tuesday, 28 April to Friday, 8 May 2026**.

In accordance with provision No. 60A of the Convention of the ITU, a Member State which is not a Member State of the Council may send **one observer** at its own expense to the meetings of the Council. Information on participation of observers at the Council is provided in Rules 7, 11, 12, 15 and 21 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council.

Additionally, as outlined in [CL-26/6](#) on the Follow-up of the Council Working Groups and Expert Groups, the following virtual information sessions will be held:

- Information session on the Methodology for provisions of estimates of the financial implications of proposed decisions and resolutions at ITU conferences and assemblies, Tuesday, 3 March, 1300-1400 hours; and
- Information session on the review of the regional presence, Thursday, 5 March, 1300-1400 hours.

On Monday, 27 April 2026, a meeting of the Council Working Group on the Strategic and Financial Plans for 2028-2031 (CWG-SFP) will be held from 0930 to 1230 hours followed by a joint meeting of the CWG-SFP and the Council Working Group on financial and human resources, from 1530 to 1730 hours in Room C.

Registration for these sessions will be carried out exclusively online [here](#).

Preliminary draft agenda

A preliminary draft agenda of the 2026 ordinary session is attached in the [Annex](#). A draft time management plan is under preparation and will be sent to you in due course.

As per Council rule of procedure 4.3, Member States of the Union shall communicate to the Secretary-General at least 8 weeks before the opening of the session (**before 3 March 2026**), any further item they would like to propose.

Registration

Registration for the 2026 session of the Council will be carried out **exclusively online** at the following webpage: council.itu.int/2026/en/participation/.

In line with Resolutions 70 and 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), I would like to invite you to support and encourage the participation of women and young people in your delegation.

Information related to badge collection will be made available in the e-confirmation of registration as well as on the Council website (council.itu.int/2026/en/participation/).

Documentation

In accordance with Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), paragraph 10, and in order to reduce cost of documentation, Council documents will be made available **exclusively online** on the website at council.itu.int/2026/en/documents/.

To facilitate the preparation of your delegation for the session, key resources on topics such as Financial and Human Resources matters, membership information, internal governance, etc. are available on the Council website [here](#), as well as the Basic Texts, Rules of Procedure of the Council, etc., [here](#).

An ITU C26 Sync Application will facilitate the download of C26 documents from the ITU server to your local drive. This application will be available on the Council website and is configured to synchronize the latest published documents. If you wish to be notified by e-mail when new or updated Council documents are posted, kindly update your TIES access at www.itu.int/en/ties-services/.

Contributions to the Council should be submitted as soon as possible to contributions@itu.int. In accordance with Council Decision 556, all contributions should be submitted no later than 14 calendar days before the opening of the meeting, i.e. **14 April 2026**. Member States are invited to send their contributions to the meeting by using the [template](#) available on the Council-26 website.

As per [ITU information/document access policy](#), Council input documents will be publicly accessible, unless otherwise requested by the submitter(s) of the document.

Machine translations will be available upon publication of documents and contributions pending the availability of the official translation if applicable.

Hotel accommodation

Reductions on hotel prices in Geneva have been obtained for delegates participating in ITU meetings. The list of the hotels concerned along with a reservation form **to be sent directly to the hotel** can be found at www.itu.int/net4/travel/index.aspx.

Social events

Coffee breaks, lunch-time gatherings, and evening receptions at the Council are highly appreciated occasions where participants connect, network, and refresh between meeting sessions.

The ITU Protocol Service maintains and centralizes a social events calendar to coordinate time slot reservations and provide relevant information to Member States. Member States planning to host a social event at the Council are encouraged to contact the ITU Protocol Service at protocol.service@itu.int as early as possible. The finalized calendar of social events will be published on the Council-26 website closer to the event dates.

I look forward to welcoming you in Geneva.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General

Annex: Preliminary draft agenda of the 2026 session of the Council

ANNEX

Preliminary draft agenda of the 2026 session of the Council

Agenda item	Title
PL 1	Building a fit-for-purpose ITU
	State of the Union
	Report on the implementation of the strategic plan and the activities of the Union for 2022-2026
	Update on ITU Transformation process and roadmap
PL 2	Delivering as one ITU (General policy, strategy, and activities)
	Draft four-year rolling operational plans for the Union for 2027-2030
	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group for the strategic and financial plans 2028-2031 (CWG-SFP), including the draft Strategic Plan 2028-2031
	Draft Financial Plan 2028-2031
	Strengthening the regional presence
	Final report of the review of the regional presence
	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on child online protection (CWG-COP)
	Four-year report of the CWG-COP
	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on languages (CWG-LANG)
	Four-year report of the CWG-LANG
	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)
	Four-year report of the CWG-Internet
	Final report of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunications Regulations (EG-ITRs)
	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on WSIS and the SDGs (CWG-WSIS&SDGs)
	Four-year report of the CWG-WSIS&SDGs
	Final and comprehensive report on the ITU activities for WSIS implementation and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
	Report on the outcomes of the UNGA WSIS+20 overall review in 2025
	Gap analysis on updating Council Resolutions 1332 and 1334 and PP Resolution 140 in light of the WSIS+20 outcomes
	ITU Internet activities: Resolutions 101, 102, 133, 180 and 206
	World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)
	UN80 and ITU

Agenda item	Title
	Artificial intelligence technologies and telecommunications/information and communication technologies
	Update on the implementation of the ITU Council Resolution 1408 on assistance and support to Ukraine for rebuilding their telecommunication sector
	Report on the implementation of the ITU Council Resolution 1424 on assistance and support to Palestine
	Report on the Standing Committee on Administration and Management
PL 3	Improving governance (ITU statutory conferences, assemblies, Council and CWG matters, RRB)
	Report on the 2025 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25)
	Preparations for the 2026 World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum (WTPF-26)
	Preparations for the 2026 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)
	Preparations for the 2027 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-27) and World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-27)
	Financial analysis of CWG clusters
	Proposed dates and duration of the 2027, 2028, 2029 sessions of the Council and the CWG clusters for 2027-2029
	Schedule of future conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union: 2026-2029
	Obsolete Council Resolutions & Decisions
ADM 1	Strengthening organizational excellence (Budget and finance)
	Report by the Chair of the Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)
	Four-year report of the CWG-FHR
	Report of the Budget Control Committee of the WTDC-25
	Annual review of revenue and expenses of the implementation of the budget 2026, including the global reduction of the budget 2026-2027
	Allocation of 2025 savings
	Contributory units: Provisional choices, Member State compliance, and methodology for review and revision
	Letter from Ecuador on its contributory defraying
	Satellite network filings - Cost recovery methodology
	Cost Recovery for the processing of satellite network filings
	Arrears and special arrears accounts
	Abrogation of the Council Decision 601 on IIN registration
	Information and Communication Technologies Development Fund (ICT-DF)

Agenda item	Title
	The After-Service Health Insurance (ASHI) liability
	Requests for fee exemption from international organizations
	Provisional participation of entities dealing with telecommunication matters in the activities of ITU
ADM 2	Strengthening organizational excellence (Accountability)
	Unaudited accounts: Unaudited Financial operating report for 2025
	Audited accounts: Audited Financial operating report for 2025 (<i>final meeting</i>)
	External Auditor report: Union's accounts 2025 (<i>final meeting</i>)
	Report from the Oversight Unit's internal audit function
	Report from the Oversight Unit's investigation function
	Oversight Unit two-year evaluation plan (2026-2027)
	Report from the Ethics Office
	Strengthening risk management and the internal control system
	Fifteenth report of the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC)
	JIU reports on United Nations system-wide issues for 2024-2025 and recommendations to executive heads and legislative bodies
ADM 3	Strengthening organizational excellence (Enabling environment, Human resources, IT, Headquarters)
	Progress report on the implementation of the Human Resources Transformation Plan and of Resolution 48
	Changes in the conditions of service under the United Nations common system
	ITU Human Resources Strategic Plan 2026-2027
	Report on progress on the Union's headquarters premises project
	Campus strategic plan
	Review of Council decisions related to the Headquarters premises project
	Report from the Member States Advisory Group (MSAG)
	Update on business continuity during the new ITU HQ building construction period
	Enhancing intersectoral coordination across ITU
	Strengthening ITU's internal digital foundations for transformation – Strategy, enterprise architecture, ICT governance and IT operating model
	Proposed selection process for host countries of ITU conferences and assemblies
	Reducing financial burdens on host countries of ITU conferences, meetings, and activities

Agenda item	Title
	INFORMATION DOCUMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS
	Situation of arrears of the Union at 31 March 2026
	ITU Council contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) 2025
	Report on voluntary contribution revenue 2025
	Collaboration with the UN system
	Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Council Working Groups, Expert Groups, and Informal Expert Groups
	PP-26 draft time management plan
	Guidelines for harmonizing Plenipotentiary Conference resolutions and decisions
	Report on the Results of the Employee Engagement Survey
	Report on the Dalberg recommendations for the General Secretariat Restructuring
	Follow up of Forensic Audit and Internal Audit recommendations
	Investigations statistics from the Oversight Unit
	Additional information on implementation of Council Decisions 600 and 601
	List of governance boards
	Statement by the Staff Council
