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To Member States of ITU
cc Regional Telecommunication Organizations

Subject: **Nomination of candidates for the positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council Working Groups (CWGs) for the 2027-2030 period/cycle**

Dear Madam/Sir,

Further to CL-26/46 regarding the nomination of candidates for the positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council Working Groups (CWGs) for the 2027-2030 period/cycle to be appointed at the Council 2027 Extraordinary Session on 27 November 2026, I am pleased to invite you to **confirm current Chairs and Vice-Chairs**, if applicable, according to the conditions indicated in Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and Council Resolution 1333 found in Annex B of this letter, **or nominate new candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair positions** of the following Council Working Groups (CWGs).[1]

- CWG on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues
- CWG on WSIS&SDG
- CWG on Child Online Protection
- CWG on Financial and Human Resources
- CWG on the use of the six official languages of the Union

The list of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWGs for the past cycle is available in Document PP-26/56.

Should your administration/organization wish to nominate a candidate or confirm a current chair or vice-chair, please send an e-mail to contributions@itu.int by 1200 Doha time on 25 November 2026. Coordination in advance at regional level is strongly encouraged. For new candidates, please send the **candidate's full name and biographical profile**, highlighting the qualifications of the individual concerned (as indicated in Council Resolution 1333). All candidatures received will be posted on the Council website.

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[1] Pending final confirmation of the existing groups or the creation of any new groups by the Plenipotentiary Conference (Doha, 2026) as well as any revisions to Decision 11 by PP-26.

Kindly note that the positions of Council Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair are not considered "honorary" positions, and therefore, appointees will not be eligible to receive financial assistance from ITU. The commitment of time and resources required to fulfil the duties of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs will be borne by the candidates themselves and by their nominating administrations and/or organizations, up until the next Plenipotentiary Conference in 2030.

I very much look forward to receiving your nominations.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General

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ANNEX A

List of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups for 2027-2030 cycle

Current CWG	Chair	Region	Date of appointment	Vice-Chair(s)	Region	Date of first appointment
Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)					**AFR** **AMS** **ARB** **ASP** **CIS** **EUR**	
Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP)					**AFR** **AMS** **ARB** **ASP** **CIS** **EUR**	
Council Working Group on WSIS&SDGs (CWG-WSIS&DSGs)					**AFR** **AMS** **ARB** **ASP** **CIS** **EUR**	

Current CWG	Chair	Region	Date of appointment	Vice-Chair(s)	Region	Date of first appointment
Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)					**AFR** **AMS** **ARB** **ASP** **CIS** **EUR**	
Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages (CWG-Lang)	**(English)**				**Arabic** **Chinese** **French** **Russian** **Spanish**	

ANNEX B

RESOLUTION 1333 (C11, last amended C25)

(adopted at the eighth Plenary meeting)

Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups

The ITU Council,

considering

a) Articles 7 and 10 of the Constitution, according to which, in the interval between plenipotentiary conferences, the Council acts as governing body of the Union, on behalf of the Plenipotentiary Conference within the limits of the powers delegated to it by the latter;

b) Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the creation and management of Council working groups, identifying the main principles of the creation and work of the Council working groups;

c) Resolution 208 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the appointment and maximum term of office for chairs and vice-chairs of Sector advisory groups, study groups and other groups;

d) Decision 584 of the Council 2015, identifying the principles for appointment and term of office for CWG Chairs and Vice-Chairs,

resolves

1 that CWGs shall address issues, goals, strategies, and priorities identified in the Strategic and Financial Plans of the Union and in the decisions of the Plenipotentiary Conferences and the Council, and provide advice to the Council for its consideration;

2 that in creating a Council working group, the terms of reference (ToR) of CWGs shall be clearly defined, and duplication and overlapping of tasks shall be avoided with other CWGs; ToRs may be modified, as appropriate, in order to respond to changing requirements;

3 that appointment of CWG Chairs and at least two Vice-Chairs for each CWG should be guided by provisions of Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and the Procedure of the Annex 1, including submission of the information given in the Annex 2;

4 that term of office for Chairs and Vice-Chairs of CWG should not exceed two successive intervals between consecutive Plenipotentiary Conferences; that the period in office in one CWG does not count towards the period in office in other CWG; that steps should be taken to provide some continuity between CWG Chairs and Vice-Chairs;

5 that it is necessary to plan and conduct CWG meetings in an efficient and cost effective manner, within the limits of the budget allocated by the Council; a CWG should normally hold

one meeting and not more than two CWG meetings per year; and, if appropriate, one meeting of the CWGs can be integrated into the time allocation of the annual sessions of the Council; electronic meetings should be envisaged when necessary and feasible;

6 that meetings of CWGs shall not be held during major conferences and assemblies of the Union, or during meetings of the Sector advisory groups;

7 that, as far as possible, CWGs should advance their activity by electronic means and working methods;

8 that the report of a CWG meeting shall be published no later than 12 days after the end of the meeting and be approved, if possible, during the course of said meeting;

9 that termination of a CWG is executed after completion of tasks within the framework of the group's mandate or in accordance with other decisions of the Council and/or the Plenipotentiary Conference, including Decision 11 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022),

resolves further

that the number and mandates of the CWGs, in particular, on any modifications required to existing groups in response to this resolution and to changing requirements should be examined, on an ongoing basis,

instructs the Secretary-General

1 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;

2 to ensure uniformity of the CWG websites that includes, at a minimum, terms of reference, the objective, composition, chair and vice-chairs, the secretariat, key Decisions and Resolutions, CWG documents and Reports.

Annexes: 2

ANNEX 1

Procedure for the appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Council working groups

1 After a decision on the creation of a Council working group is adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference or by the Council, the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, will prepare and publish, on the Council's webpage, a list of candidates and their profiles for each working group.[1]

2 Appointment decision shall be taken on the corresponding session of the Council (immediately after the Plenipotentiary Conference or on the Council's session which has taken the decision to create a CWG) taking into account the competency of candidates and with a view to promoting equitable geographical distribution and gender balance.

3 If a CWG Chair could not continue his/her activity, a new Chair is nominated, as a rule, from the existing Vice-Chairs of this CWG; with the "partial" term of office not taken into account in the appointment for the next term.

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[1] Chair and Vice-Chairs of the working group on use of the six official languages of the Union are appointed through linguistic groups. Their term of office is determined by the Council considering proposals from corresponding linguistic groups.

ANNEX 2

Qualifications of Chairs and Vice-Chairs

In appointing Chairs or Vice-Chairs, particular consideration shall also be given to the following data on competency and qualifications:

- knowledge and experience in the corresponding field;
- experience in ITU meetings and other intergovernmental organizations;
- managerial skills;
- ability to immediately proceed to duties and continue working until the next Plenipotentiary Conference or the CWG termination;
- succession planning.

Particular reference to the above qualifications should be included in the biographical profile to be published by the Secretary-General.

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