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| **Abstract:** | This TD presents the report of the Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF). Last meeting of the ISC-TF was held on January 9, 2020. The ISC-TF was established to enhance the coordination and collaboration among the three Bureaux and the General Secretariat, with a view to avoid internal duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources. |

**Action**:

TSAG is invited to note this document and provide feedback.

**Introduction**

The Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF) was established to enhance the coordination and collaboration among the three Bureaux and the General Secretariat, with a view to avoid internal duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources. The Terms of Reference of the ISC-TF were specified in [Service Order No. 16/13](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-INF-0019/en).

The ISC-TF has held 32 meetings in total since its inception in March 2015, the most recent in January 2020. The ISC-TF is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General, with the participation of: *a)* the Deputies to the Directors of the three Bureaux and the Chief of the Strategic Planning and Membership Department; *b)* the Inter-sectoral Focal Points responsible for specific thematic areas; *c)* the Regional Directors; *d)* the Chiefs of Departments of the General Secretariat; *e)* as an observer, the Head of the Internal Audit Unit, and *f)* at the invitation of the Chairman, the Chiefs of Departments of the Bureaux.

The areas of inter-sectoral interest coordinated by ISC-TF include the topics of Accessibility, Artificial Intelligence, Bridging the Standards Gap, Communications and Web Editorial, Emerging Trends, Emergency Telecommunications, Environment and Smart Sustainable Cities, Events Coordination, Gender, Geo-spatial activities (since 2019), Membership, Resource Mobilization, and SMEs. In 2019, the group:

* facilitated the exchange of information among the Sectors and the General Secretariat on the above-mentioned thematic areas by updating the members of the group on the developments and the progress achieved in each area;
* discussed and proposed solutions for the key issues raised by the focal points, escalating the issues if decisions could not be taken or resolved at the focal point level;
* leveraged the participation and contribution of the Regional Offices, which have been participating through remote participation to the ISC-TF discussions;
* continued the process of publishing and updating information on ITU’s work on the thematic areas on the relevant ITU webpages, in an open and transparent way;
* coordinated ITU’s participation in conferences and fora with the aim to rationalize ITU’s delegation/presence whilst ensuring inter-sectoral interests are represented; and
* facilitated better coordination of organization of ITU events and meetings, through the work carried out in that particular area.

In addition, the group achieved the following specific outcomes during the year:

* developed/updated the new webpage on inter-sectoral coordination ([www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/intersectoral-coordination.aspx](http://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/intersectoral-coordination.aspx)), in coordination with the Chair of the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Group on Issues of Mutual Interest (ISCG);
* drafted a Risk management action plan to be presented to Council;
* drafted an inter-sectoral coordination strategy;
* continued overseeing the implementation of pilot projects on the participation of SMEs in the work of the Union;
* continued reviewing the development of the digital content and engagement strategy;
* continued reviewing the detailed reporting on the status of Sector Membership by Sector and Region;
* reviewed/assigned the list of ITU Focal points for the UN system mechanisms;
* reviewed the risk management analysis to be included in the ITU operational plans; and
* reviewed the JIU programme of work for 2019, assigning the respective ITU focal points.

**Conclusion**

TSAG is invited to provide feedback on the work/results of the ISC-TF and, in particular, on possible ways of better articulating it with the work of the ISCG.

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