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| **Abstract:** | This document presents the report of the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF). Last meeting of the ISC-TF was held on September 20, 2022.  The ISC-TF was established to enhance the coordination and collaboration among ITU’s three Bureaux and the General Secretariat, with a view to avoid internal duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources |

**Introduction**

The Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF) was established in March 2015 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 46 meetings in total since its inception. The ISC-TF is chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General with the participation of the Deputies to the Directors of the three Bureaux; the Chiefs of Departments of the General Secretariat; the Inter-sectoral Focal Points responsible for specific thematic areas; the Regional Directors; as an observer, the Head of the Internal Audit Unit; and at the invitation of the Chair, the Chiefs of Departments of the Bureaux.

The areas of intersectoral interest coordinated by ISC-TF include the following topics: Accessibility, Bridging the Standards Gap, Communications & Web Editorial, Community Networks, Emergency Telecommunications, Emerging Trends and Artificial Intelligence, Environment and Smart Sustainable Cities and Communities, Events Coordination, Gender, Geospatial activities, Membership, Resource Mobilization and SMEs, and Multilingualism.

**Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force**

The ISC-TF had its last meeting on 20th September 2022. The 46th meeting took place virtually and was chaired by ITU’s Deputy Secretary-General, Mr Malcolm Johnson. The ISC-TF coordinates 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, including consolidated information by posting a report by themes on the [Intersectoral coordination](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/intersectoral-coordination.aspx) webpage.

Since the last report presented to TSAG, the ISC-TF has achieved the following outcomes:

* *Inter-sectoral coordination strategy*:
  + the secretariat continues efforts to further improve the reporting process by focusing on the common thematic areas of work, as it has been presented annually to Council since 2019, and also in the ITU Report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and the Activities of the Union Apr 2018-Feb 2022 (see Document [C22/35](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0035/en) and highlights [here](https://www.itu.int/highlights-report-activities/highlights-report-activities/));
  + a Secretariat Inter-sectoral Working Group, chaired by the Director of the BR, was established to compile the inputs from the bureaux and the General Secretariat to support the work of the Council Working Group for the Strategic and Financial Plans which was established by C21-VCC-1. The results of this work can be found in the ITU’s Strategic and Financial Plans for 2024-2027 that was approved by the Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 by [Resolution 71 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022)](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-PP-C-0202/en);
  + a report of the ISC-TF, by thematic areas of work, is published after each Task Force meeting on the Intersectoral Coordination webpage, and can be access by means of the ITU TIES Account;
  + the ISC-TF coordination with the ISCG, by identifying “themes” where all actors could be involved and work together to propose methods of improved collaboration; and
  + a Conference Coordination Group (CCG) was created, within the ITU secretariat, to improve cooperation, coordination, and harmonization in the preparation of the main conferences planned for 2022 (WTSA, WTDC and PP).
* *Webpages by theme:* activities across ITU are consolidated and updated on the ITU website, on the following themes:

[Emergency Telecommunications](https://www.itu.int/en/action/emergency/Pages/default.aspx)

[Environment and climate change](https://www.itu.int/en/action/environment-and-climate-change/Pages/default.aspx)

[Gender Equality](https://www.itu.int/en/action/gender-equality/Pages/default.aspx)

[Multilingualism](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/multilingualism/Pages/default.aspx).

* *Remote participation*: the Zoom platform has been integrated with the ITU’s registration, authentication, and access control system (CRM), ensuring global access by means of the ITU User Account. Consequently, ITU has started to use the Zoom platform for all virtual events. Although TSB will continue to use two different platforms (Zoom and MyMeetings) due to the number of events in parallel for which the MyMeetings platform does not require multiple licenses. All ITU events can be accessed through the [Events Overview](https://www.itu.int/en/events/Pages/default.aspx) portal.
* *Joint Inspection Unit of the UN System (JIU):* all recommendations received are endorsed and supported by the Task Force and a complete report on its implementation was presented to the Council in 2022 (see Document [C22/61](https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-C-0061/en)).
* The ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 (PP-22) took place from 26 September to 14 October in Bucharest, Romania. Among the issues of interest for the ISCG, PP-22 reviewed Resolution 191 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) “Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union”. Other 56 resolutions were reviewed, and 6 new resolutions were approved. PP-22 Final Acts, in the 6 official languages, can be found in: <https://pp22.itu.int/en/documents/official-documents/> .

The last report on the themes addressed by the ISC-TF is available in the [Intersectoral coordination](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/intersectoral-coordination.aspx) website.

TSAG is invited to note this report and provide feedback on the work and outcomes of the ISC-TF.

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