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| DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [APT-NG] - ENHANCING THE ENGAGEMENT OF NEXT GENERATION EXPERTS IN ITU-T STANDARDIZATION ACTIVITIES |
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| **Abstract:** | This document contains the proposal for addition of new resolution, “Enhancing the engagement of next generation experts in ITU-T standardization activities”, mainly to encourage further participation of next generation experts in ITU-T. |
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Introduction

The proposed youth strategy developed by Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) recognizes the key role of the next generation experts’ engagement in shaping telecommunication/ICT standards.

Currently, existing ITU-T programmes, such as the bridging the standardization gap and newcomer sessions, should continue to be developed and extensively promoted to benefit the next generation of experts who are not familiar with ITU-T standardization. Furthermore, ITU-T should promote its role in standardization among next generation experts, and that it is necessary to expand ITU-T’s youth engagement activities beyond their current scope.

Therefore, this new resolution proposal mainly focuses on how to enhance further participation of next generation experts in ITU-T, particularly in standardization activities.

Proposal

Based on the background above, APT Member Administrations propose a new resolution on Enhancing the engagement of next generation experts in ITU-T standardization activities.

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DRAFT NEW RESOLUTION [APT-NG] (New Delhi, 2024)

Enhancing the engagement of next generation experts in ITU-T standardization activities

(New Delhi, 2024)

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (New Delhi, 2024),

recalling

*a)* No. 13 of Article 1 of the ITU Constitution, which establishes that the Union shall in particular facilitate the worldwide standardization of telecommunications, with a satisfactory quality of service;

*b)* Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, which recognizes the ITU Youth Strategy adopted by ITU members during the 25th meeting of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (June 2020), which is in line with Youth 2030: The United Nations Strategy on Youth and promotes meaningful youth engagement in digital development;

*c)* Resolution 76 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), which recognizes the need to promote information and communication technologies among young women and men for social and economic empowerment,

*d)* Resolution 123 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, and Resolution 44 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of this Assembly, which recognizes that bridging standardization gap is an ongoing work;

*e)* Resolution 34 (Rev. Geneva, 2022) of this Assembly, which recognizes that voluntary contributions are efficient instruments to finance extra activities of the Sector,

recognizing

*a)* that the next generation experts include not only young professionals who are willing to participate in standardization, but also include those experienced professionals who have interest in standardization;

*b)* that the next generation experts are digital natives, and can be valuable promoters of telecommunications/ICTs and a world force for progress;

*c)* that the proposed youth strategy developed by Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) should align with Resolution 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference and the ITU Youth Strategy, and recognize the key role of the next generation experts’ engagement in shaping telecommunication/ICT standards;

*d)* that the standardization gap is not only between developing and developed countries, but also between generations;

*e)* that the importance of supporting youth from developing countries to actively participate in ITU-T activities;

*f)* that compared to other careers, standardization may not be a career priority, nor is there sufficient training in standardization, for the next generation experts;

*g)* that to encourage the next generation experts’ engagement in standardization may require providing capacity building;

*h)* that Standards Developing Organizations have launched young professional programmes on promoting standardization to the next generation experts,

recognizing further

*a)* that the Kaleidoscope academic conferences should continue to be developed and extensively promoted to engage academia in the standardization activities of ITU-T;

*b)* existing ITU-T programmes, such as the bridging the standardization gap and newcomer sessions;

*c)* that ITU-T should promote its role in standardization among next generation experts, and that it is necessary to expand ITU-T’s youth engagement activities beyond their current scope,

resolves

1 that ITU-T should promote the engagement and participation of the next generation experts in its work;

2 that ITU-T should promote the general concept and basic knowledge of telecommunication/ICT standardization among academia, including using digital platforms, to encourage the engagement of next generation experts in standardization activities;

3 that ITU-T should establish incentives, such as awards, targeting the next generation experts to further promote ITU-T and its role in standardization,

instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, in collaboration with the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

1 to enhance the use of electronic channels such as online courses and webinars on standardization education, in close collaboration with the ITU Academy and other capacity-building initiatives of BDT;

2 to enhance the development, promotion and communication of the newcomer trainings by also providing an overview of ITU-T standardization work for the next generation experts;

3 to organize dedicated sessions/tracks in existing ITU-T events and provide opportunities for next generation experts to engage and participate in ITU-T standardization activities;

4 to report to TSAG and WTSA on the ITU-T next generation experts’ engagement initiatives,

invites Member States, Sector Members, Associate Members

1 to support ITU-T activities promoting engagement and benefits of next generation experts’ participation in standardization with voluntary contributions and sponsorships;

2 to include youth delegates in official delegations of ITU-T meetings and to support their integration through mentorship programmes,

invites Academia

1 to support and promote engagement of next generation experts in standardization, including access to information, fellowships and recognition for participation in ITU-T activities;

2 to involve early career researchers and students in relevant ITU-T activities and empower their effective participation therein, including through capacity building and skills development;

3 to collaborate closely with governments, industry and partner organizations to promote the concept of standardization in academic curricula.