

An introduction and overview of the ITU Development Sector

6 September 2021

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Webinar mission statement:

The purpose of this webinar is to motivate people to participate in the work of the ITU Development Sector and its activities

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Overview of the ITU Development Sector and the work of BDT



Overview and setting the scene

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ITU is the United Nations
**specialized agency for
information and communication
technologies (ICTs)**



Our members



Our sectors

*Each sector has a **separate mandate**, but all work towards **connecting the world***

ITU Radiocommunication (ITU-R)

Coordinating radio-frequency spectrum and assigning orbital slots for satellites

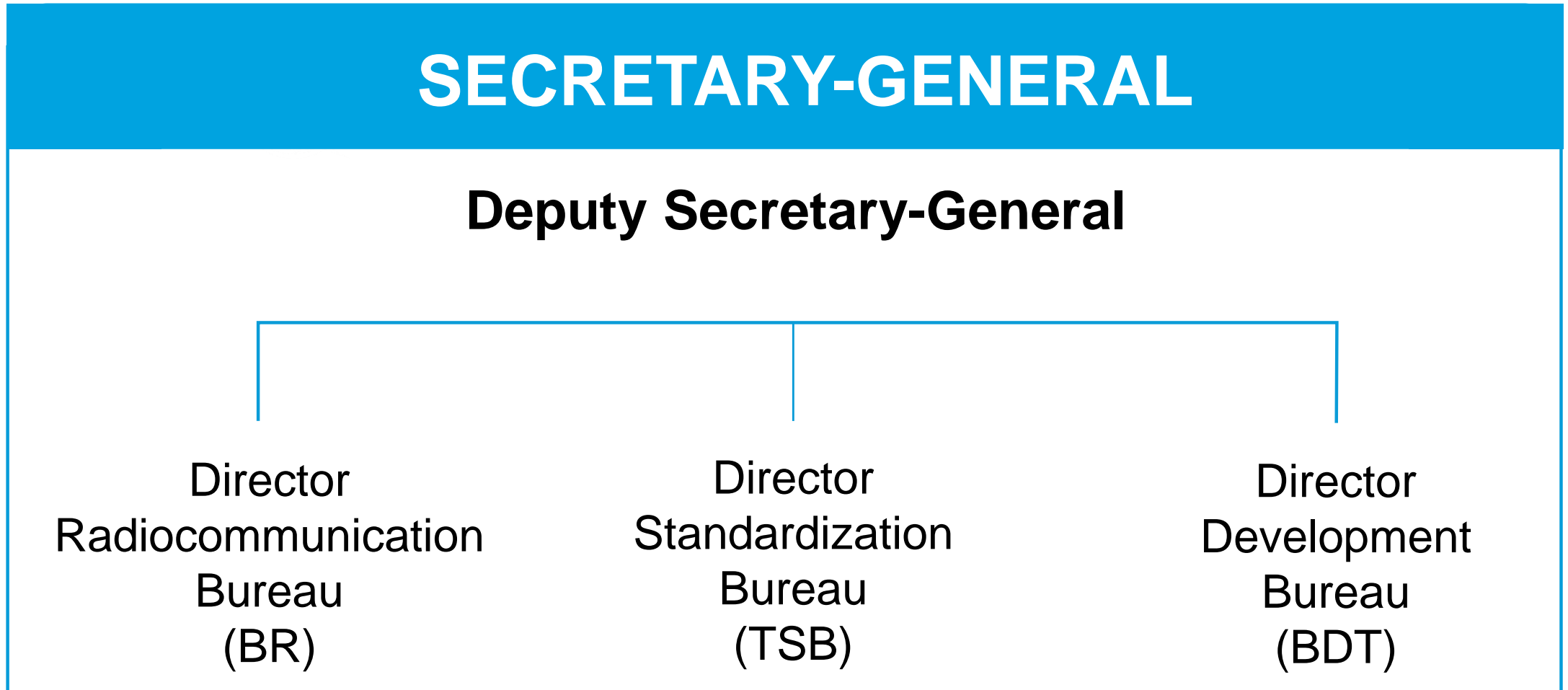
ITU Standardization (ITU-T)

Establishing international standards

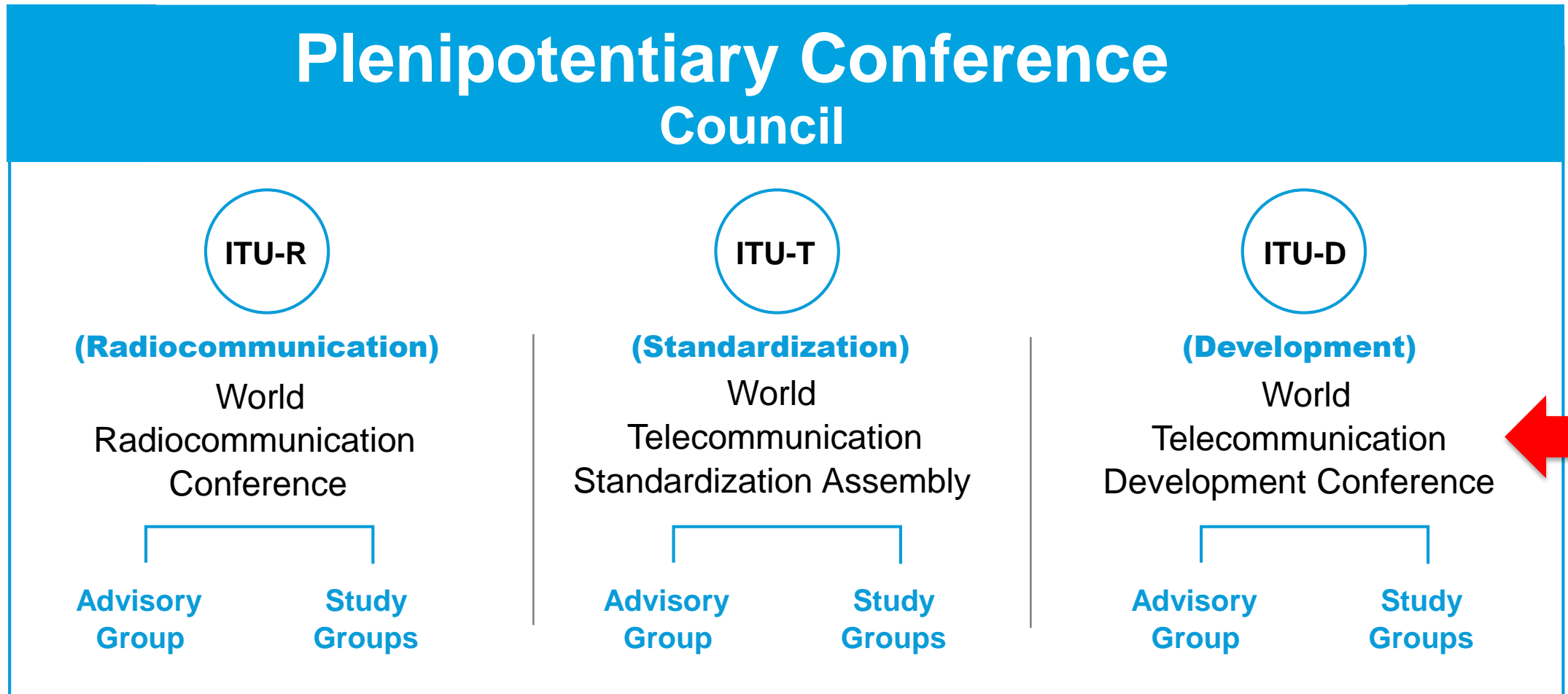
ITU Development (ITU-D)

Bridging the digital divide

Our governance



Our leadership



Our offices

Globally:

Bangkok
Brasilia
Bridgetown
Geneva (HQ)
Jakarta
Moscow
New York
Santiago
Tegucigalpa

On the African continent:

Addis Ababa (Africa regional office)
Dakar (Western Africa area office)
Harare (Southern Africa area office)
Yaoundé (Central Africa area office + Madagascar)
Cairo (Arab States regional office)



ITU's five strategic goals

ITU Strategic Plan 2020-2023

(Plenipotentiary Resolution 71
(Rev. Dubai, 2018))

ITU's mission: To promote, facilitate and foster affordable and universal access to telecommunication/information and communication technology networks, services and applications and their use for social, economic and environmentally sustainable growth and development.

Goal 1



Growth

Goal 2



Inclusiveness

Goal 3



Sustainability

Goal 4



Innovation

Goal 5



Partnership

Goal 1 – Growth. *Enable and foster access to and increased use of telecommunications/ICT in support of the digital economy and society.*

Goal 2 – Inclusiveness. *Bridge the digital divide and provide broadband access for all.*

Goal 3 – Sustainability. *Manage emerging risks, challenges and opportunities resulting from the rapid growth of telecommunications/ICT.*

Goal 4 – Innovation. *Enable innovation in telecommunications/ICT in support of the digital transformation of society.*

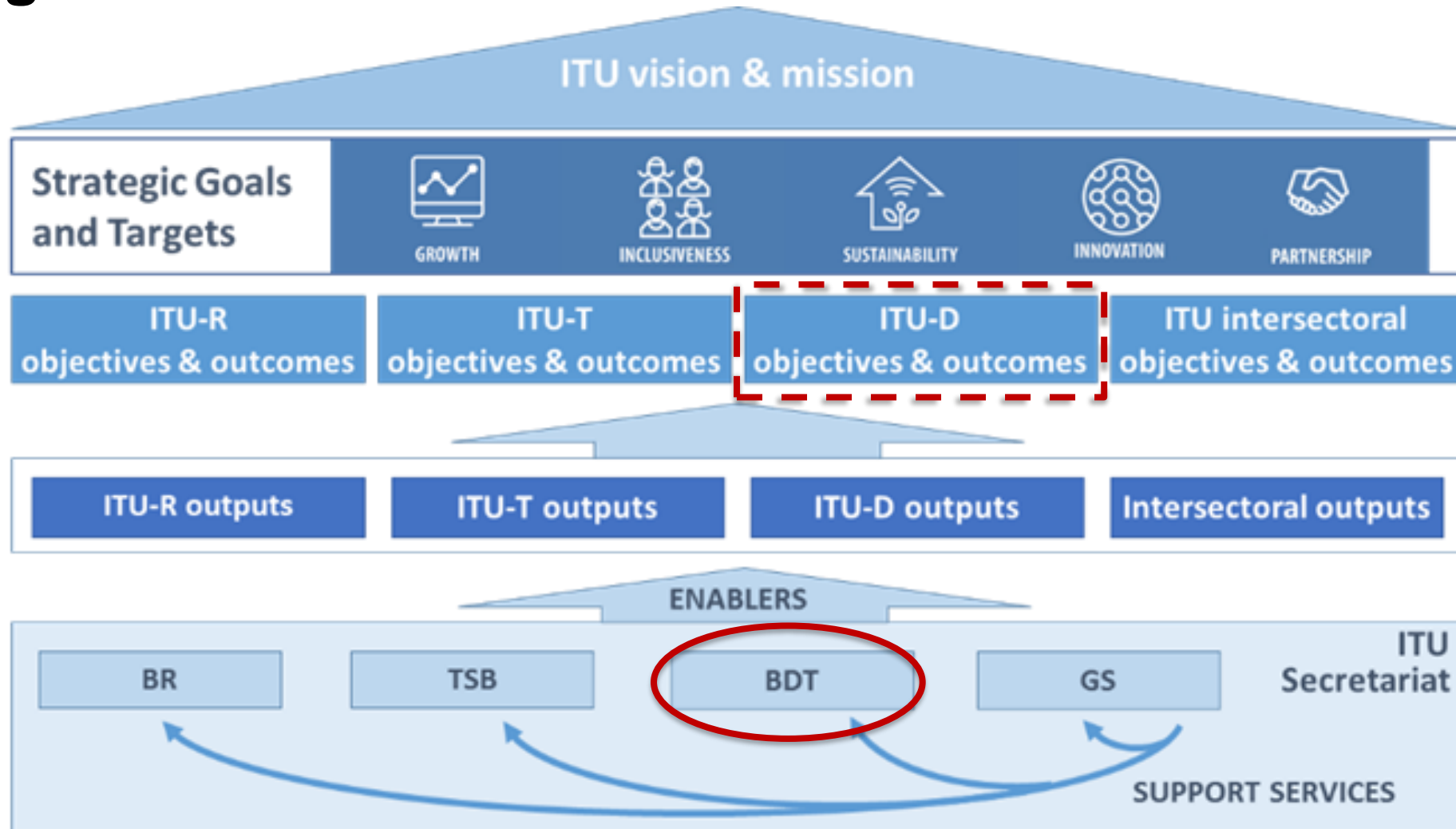
Goal 5 – Partnership. *Strengthen cooperation among the ITU membership and all other stakeholders in support of all ITU strategic goals.*

What about ITU-D?

Four fundamental objectives were set for ITU-D and the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) for 2018-2021.

- **D.1 Coordination:** Foster international cooperation and agreement on telecommunication/ICT development issues
- **D.2 Modern and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure:** Foster the development of infrastructure and services, including building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs
- **D.3 Enabling environment:** Foster an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development
- **D.4 Inclusive digital society:** Foster the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications to empower people and societies for sustainable development

...and how it fits in: ITU-D Operational Plan and the ITU Strategic Framework for 2020-2023



ITU-D's mission and mandate

The core mission of ITU-D is to foster international cooperation and solidarity in the delivery of technical assistance and in the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication/ICT equipment and networks in developing countries.

The ITU-D core mandate is to discharge, within its specific sphere of competence, the Union's dual responsibility as a United Nations specialized agency and executing agency for implementing projects under the United Nations development system or other funding arrangements, so as to facilitate and enhance telecommunication/ICT development by offering, organizing and coordinating technical cooperation and assistance activities.

ITU-D works through:

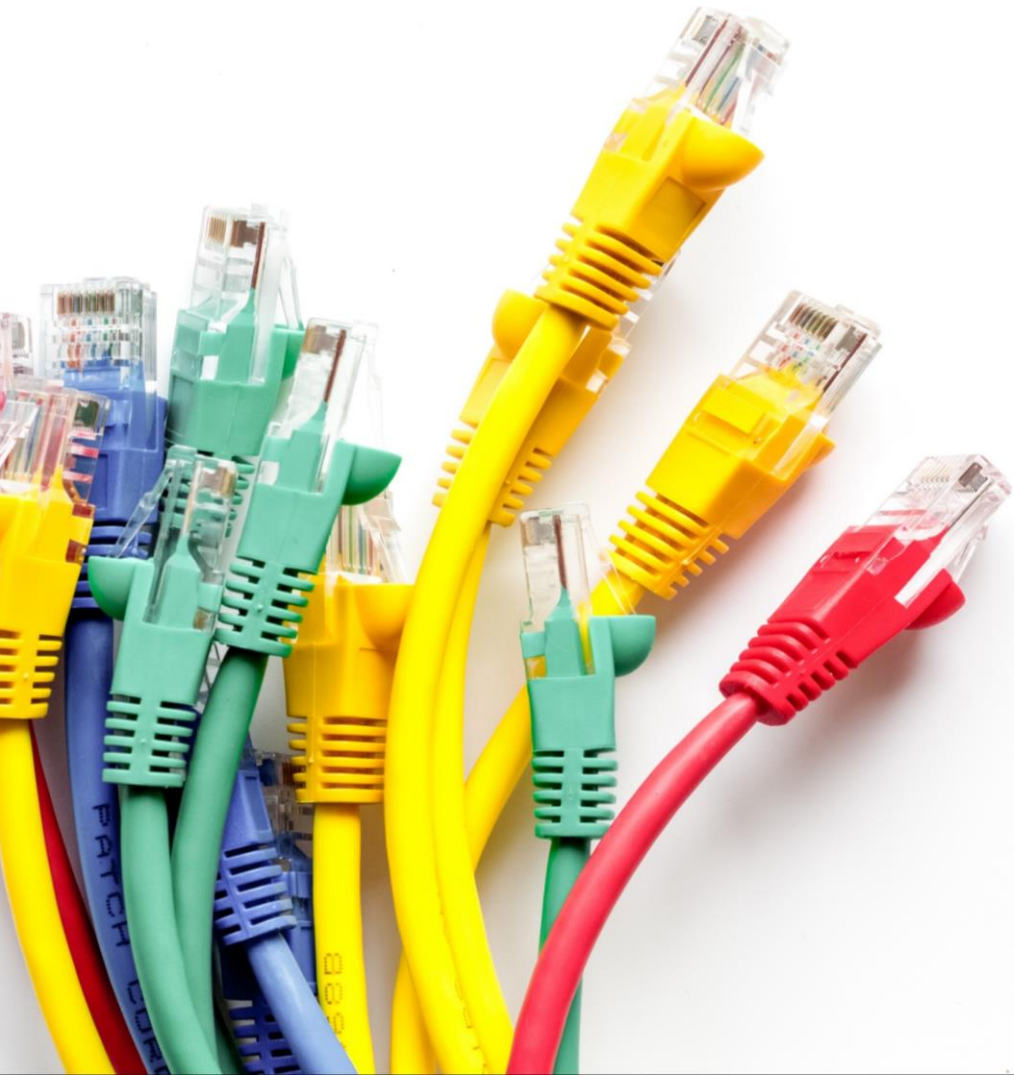
- world and regional telecommunication development conferences;
- the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group;
- the Telecommunication Development Study Groups; and
- the **Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)** headed by the elected Director.

ITU-D's membership

At present, ITU has a **membership of 193 countries and 900+ private-sector entities and academic institutions.**

ITU-D has four types of members:











- **Member States** : Administrations of all ITU Member States are members of right of ITU-D.
- **Sector Members** include any recognized operating agency, scientific or industrial organization, financial or development institution or other entity dealing with telecommunication matters approved by the Member State concerned. Regional or other international telecommunication organizations. Can participate in **all ITU-D activities**, such as [conferences](#), [industry groups](#), [Tech Talks](#), study groups, etc.
- **Associates** are only entitled to participate in the work of a single selected study group and its subordinate groups.
- **Academia** includes colleges, institutes, universities and their associated research establishments concerned with the development of telecommunications/ICTs that wish to participate in TDAG meetings, ITU-D study groups, seminars, workshops, etc. **Africa NoW4WTDC**



ITU's key role in the region

- Spreading equitable and affordable access to telecommunications to help stimulate social, economic and human development.
- Strengthening capacities in developing and least developed countries in the field of digital technologies.
- Contributing to empowering everyone to reap the benefits that connectivity delivers
- Advancing digital transformation through meaningful connectivity to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs

Our thematic priorities providing a structure for the work undertaken globally, in the region and in the countries

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  Networks & digital infrastructure |  Capacity development |
|  Cybersecurity |  Statistics |
|  Emergency telecommunications |  Digital services & applications |
|  Digital policy & regulation |  Digital inclusion |
|  Digital innovation ecosystems |  Environment |

Our Regional Initiatives for Africa (2018-2021)



AFR RI 1: Building digital economies and fostering innovation in Africa

Objective: To build digital economies and foster innovation in Africa. Countries in the Africa region are in need of interventions that would help them transform into digital economies. It is necessary that ITU assist Member States in the Africa region to reap the full benefits of the digital economy by addressing the emerging policy and regulatory challenges. In line with growing digital economies, information and communication technology (ICT)-based innovations, which have demonstrated their potential to contribute to the socio-economic development of countries, are also growing. ITU is called upon to support Member States in the Africa region to build more effective ICT-based innovation ecosystems.



AFR RI 2: Promotion of emerging broadband technologies

Objective: To promote emerging technologies to assist the Africa region in securing the full benefits of high-speed, high-quality broadband.



AFR RI 3: Building trust and security in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technology

Objective: To assist Member States in developing and implementing policies and strategies, standards and mechanisms to enhance the security of information systems and networks, ensure interoperability of digital technologies, protect data and people and guarantee digital trust. To protect information and communication technology (ICT) and its applications.



AFR RI 4: Strengthening human and institutional capacity building

Objective: To strengthen human and institutional capacity building in the Africa region. Countries in the Africa region are in dire need of human and institutional capacity-building interventions that would help them transform society as a whole in preparation for the emerging digital socio-economic environment. The Africa region therefore seeks ITU's assistance in enhancing the region's capacity to effect this transformation. Although some training institutions in Africa that provide information and communication technology (ICT)-related training and capacity building to the membership already exist, there may be a need to enhance their capacities.



AFR RI 5: Management and monitoring of the radio-frequency spectrum and transition to digital broadcasting

Objective: To assist Member States in ensuring the transition to digital broadcasting and efficient and economical management of the radio spectrum and orbital resources.



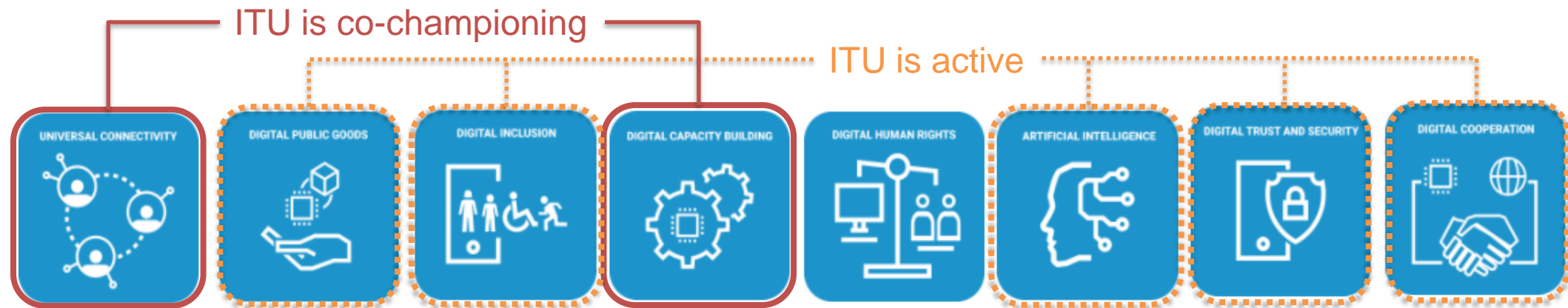
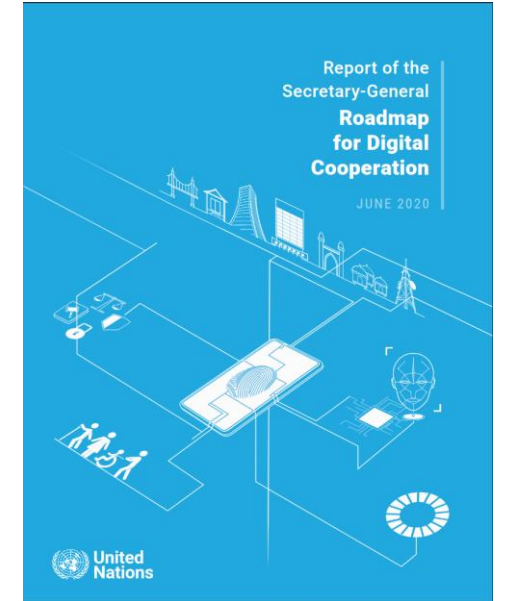
Collaboration with the UN system

Partnering with UN agencies across all the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

The UN Secretary General's Roadmap for Digital Cooperation

A set of recommended actions for the international community to help ensure all people are **Connected**, **Respected** and **Protected** in the digital age.

Eight roundtable groups assigned to follow-up the Roadmap implementation, facilitated by the UN Tech Envoy's Office.



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**Contributions from the membership to ITU-D
study groups, TDAG, regional preparatory
meetings and the WTDC**



WTDC and its related activities

Anne Rita Ssemboga

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World Telecommunication Development Conference 6-15 June 2022

Connecting the unconnected to achieve sustainable development

Foremost global policy conference shaping the future of digital development

Brings together not just ITU's 193 Member States, but leaders from ITU's 900+ sector members

Sets digital strategies & objectives for the coming 4 years

What's new @ WTDC:

- Generation Connect Global Youth Summit
- Partner to Connect for Digital Development with focus on innovative partnership models
- **Network of Women for WTDC @WTDC!**



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Preparations for WTDC

Regional Preparatory Meetings

Joint ITU-ATU Regional Preparatory Meeting for Africa (RPM-AFR) (29-30 March 2021)

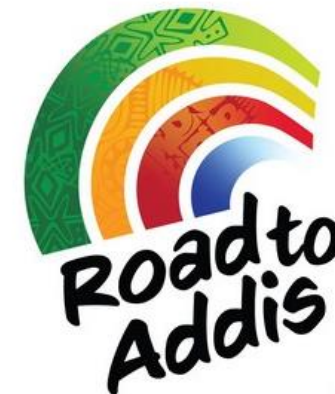
Inter-regional Meetings

The 'Road to Addis' series of events

*Recent: **Innovate2Connect:** Mainstreaming entrepreneurship-driven innovation to accelerate digital transformation (21 July)*

*Recent: **Youth2Connect:** Empowered Youth Shaping the Digital Agenda (12 August)*

Establishment of Regional Youth Groups



What are we hoping to achieve at WTDC?

In addition to what was mentioned around the Youth Summit, Partner2Connect, and other activities:

- Appointment of ITU-D TDAG, study group chairs and vice-chairs;
- Adoption of ITU-D study group questions;
- Adoption of the regional initiatives for Africa;
- Revised resolutions and recommendations stemming from the preparatory work;
- Conference Declaration and Action Plan
- ...



Generation Connect Africa Youth Group and Youth Summit

Sophiyat Sadiq

ITU Generation Connect Youth Group for Africa



Digital Inclusion

ITU's Youth Strategy

Generation Connect

An overarching initiative of the ITU Youth Strategy aims to engage global youth and encourage their participation as equal partners alongside the leaders of today's digital change, empowering young people with the skills and opportunities to advance their vision of a connected future.

GC – Africa Youth Envoys

- GC- AFR youth envoys contributing to the preparatory process for the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit and the World Telecommunication Development Conference
- Youth participation in impactful regional events such as forums, roundtables, workshops, and challenges.

Global Youth Summit

2 GC-AFR Youth Envoys in the Generation Connect Youth Summit Co-Design Team participated in 2 co-design workshops.

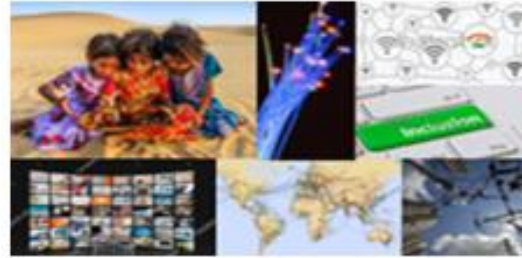
Workshop 1: Discussing the Contents, Structure and the 'Look and Feel' of the Summit.

Workshop 2: Discussing the Selection Process for Participants, Outcomes and Communication Strategy.



STUDY GROUP 1

Enabling environment for the development of telecommunications/ICTs



STUDY GROUP 2

ICT services and applications for the promotion of sustainable development



ITU-D study groups – an insight for working together

Rosheen Awotar-Mauree

ITU-D Study Group Advisor

ITU-D SGs focus on **hot topics of practical importance for development** of ICTs



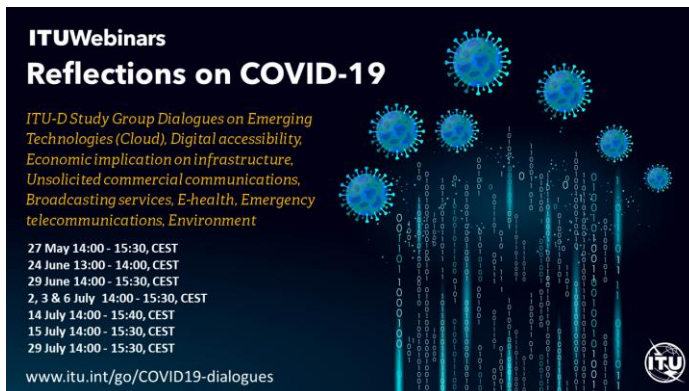
The seventh **World Telecommunication Development Conference** (WTDC-17) considered the **latest trends** in telecommunication/information and communication technology (ICT) development and established the **priorities** of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) for the interval between two WTDCs.

WTDC-17 (Resolution 2) established **2 Study Groups** in ITU Development Sector and assigned **7 hot topics (Questions)** to each Study Group. The assigned topics have **practical importance** for the development of ICTs, and ITU membership expects **timely, in-depth, concise, focused, and forward-looking reports**.

ITU-D Study Groups (SGs) .. What & How ?



- Managed by Chairperson, Vice Chairs, Rapporteurs (lead Questions) and Vice Rapporteurs with BDT HQ and regional focal points
- Information exchange: contribution-driven and multi-stakeholder – **for members by members**
 - Capacity building mechanism: meetings and workshops online/ in headquarters & **in the regions**
 - Knowledge platform: repository of case studies, lessons learned, best practices and reports
 - Expert exchange: engaging communities of experts on thematic of interest for implementation and for facilitating partnerships and collaboration
- **Reports, Guidelines and annual thematic Papers** (annual deliverables) based on inputs through contributions, case studies and surveys **in all UN languages**.



Detailed ITU-D SG activities for 2018-2021 cycle in the Chairman Reports to TDAG
SG1 : [TDAG-21/8](#) and SG2 : [TDAG-21/9](#)

ITU-D SGs Management team



The ITU-D study groups work under the leadership of appointed chairmen, vice-chairmen (from **regions**), rapporteurs and vice-rapporteurs (from **regions**), and are supported by BDT HQ and **Regional** focal points and the Study Group Secretariat.

ITU-D Study Group 1 : Enabling Environment for the Development of Telecommunications / ICTs

Chairperson is Ms Regina Fleur ASSOUMOU-BESSOU (Cote D'Ivoire)

Vice Chairpersons from Africa Region are

- Mr Amah Vinyo CAPO (Togo)
- Mr Peter Ngwan MBENGIE (Cameroon) **term ending at WTDC**

ITU-D Study Group 2 : ICT services and applications for the promotion of sustainable development

Chairperson is Mr Ahmad Reza SHARAFAT (Islamic Rep. of Iran) **term ending at WTDC**

Vice Chairpersons from Africa Region are

- Mr Roland Yaw KUDUZIA (Ghana)
- Mr Henry Chukwudumeme NKEMADU (Nigeria)

Out of 2 Vice Chairs from Africa region, there are **no women**

Out of 43 (Co)Rapporteurs and Vice Rapporteurs from Africa region, there are **10 women**

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Future Appointments



Chairs and Vice Chairs

- SG Chair/Vice-Chairs ending their second-term: **1 AFR**, **2 AMS**, **1 ARB**, **4 ASP**, **1 CIS**, **1 EUR**
- In accordance with [Resolution 208 \(Dubai, 2018\)](#) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) and [Resolution 61 \(Rev. Dubai, 2014\)](#) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC)
- Name and biographical profile sent preferably by **28 February 2022**
- **Additions in PP Res. 208 (Dubai, 2018) compared to WTDC Res. 61 (rev. Dubai, 2014):**
 - increase from two to **three candidates per region**
 - encourage **candidates from countries without current chairmanship or vice-chairmanship**
 - single individual to hold **1 vice-chair position in 1 Sector**, only in exceptional cases in more than 1 Sector
 - respect equitable **geographical distribution** and promote **developing countries**
 - promote the nomination of **women candidates**

Rapporteurs and Vice Rapporteurs

Circular letter will be issued by ITU **after next WTDC** for ITU-D Membership to submit nominations

More information https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC21/Pages/SG_TDAG_Appointments.aspx

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Working together



- ITU user login as ITU- D Member to **access** ITU-D Study Group content
- **Submit** Contributions in **all** Questions under Study
- **Join** our next meetings in **October 2021** and **intervene** with your experiences/questions

Meetings	Meeting dates	Deadline for interpretation requests	Deadline for documents with translation	Deadline for documents without translation
SG1	11-15 Oct 2021	26 August 2021	26 August 2021	28 September 2021
SG2	18-22 Oct 2021	26 August 2021	2 September 2021	5 October 2021

- Be more **active as Rapporteur or Vice Rapporteur or as a Chair/Vice Chair**
- Represent ITU-D Study groups as a **speaker** in **events** RED Africa Region 2020 (Vice-Chair Mr Capo), RDF Africa Region & NoW (SG1 Chairperson), NoW (Q5/1 Co-Rapporteur Ms Nyamutswa)
- **Expert** to elaborate/review reports, toolkits, training material with ITU Last Mile Connectivity Toolkit

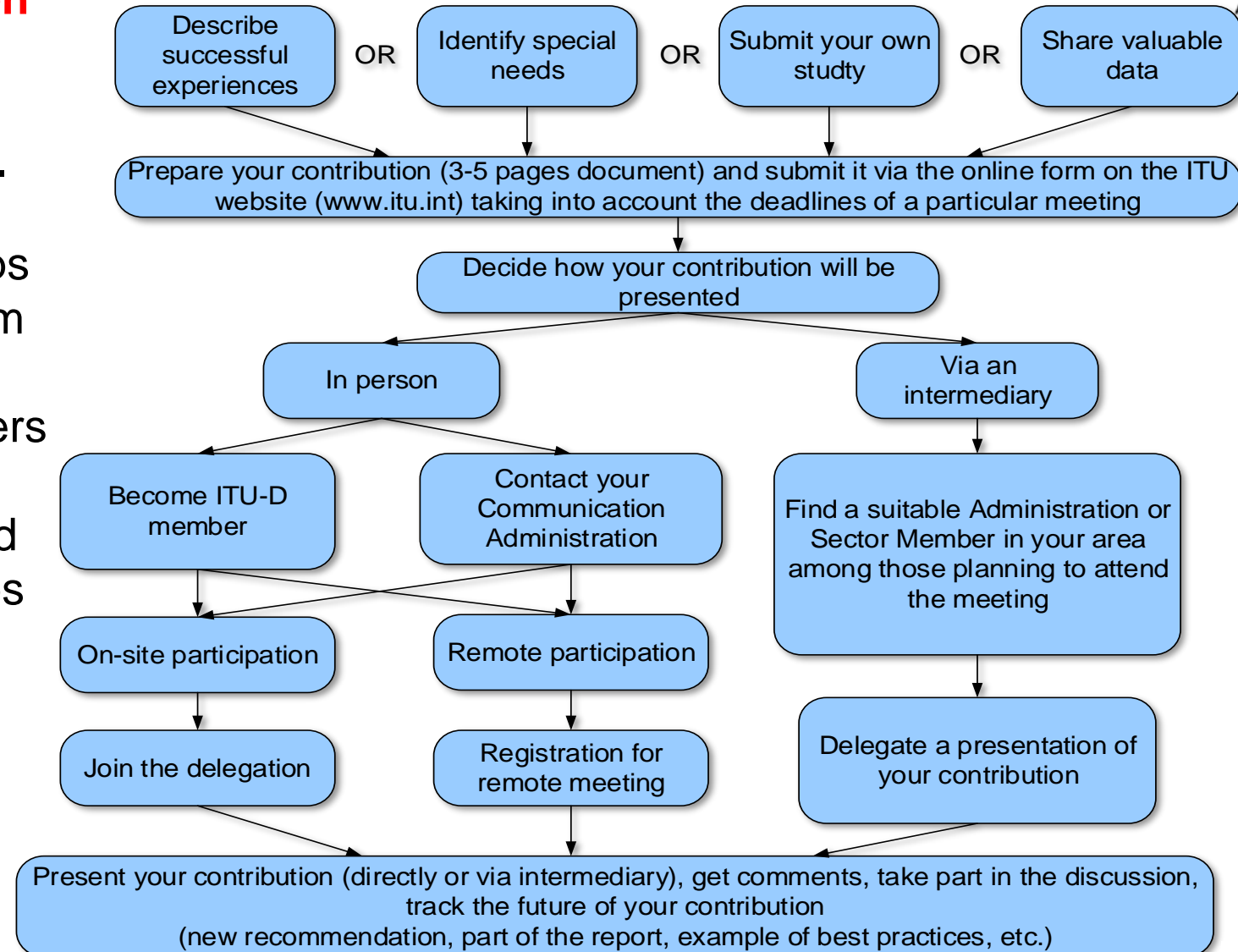
Register NOW for October 2021 meetings

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Working together at ITU-D SG level

Provide a written contribution
(max 5 pages) which are
translated and provided to
member in all UN languages.

The work of ITU-D study groups is based on **contributions** from ITU Members and Administrations, sector members (industry), observers, other international organizations, and academia. Hence, study groups are in **continuous need of quality and substantive contributions, case studies and lessons learned.**

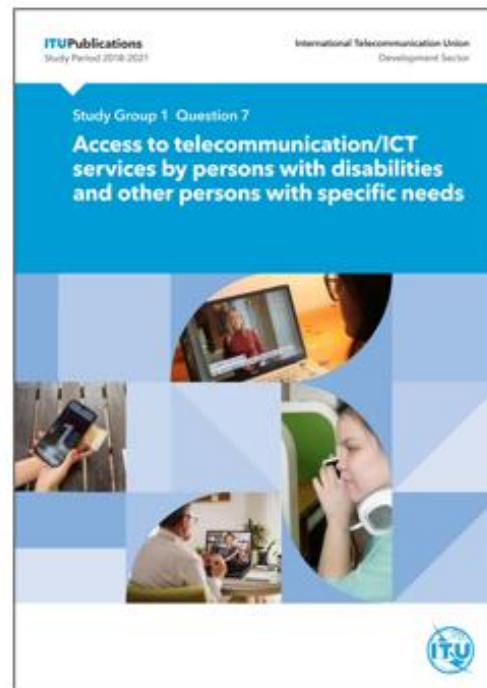
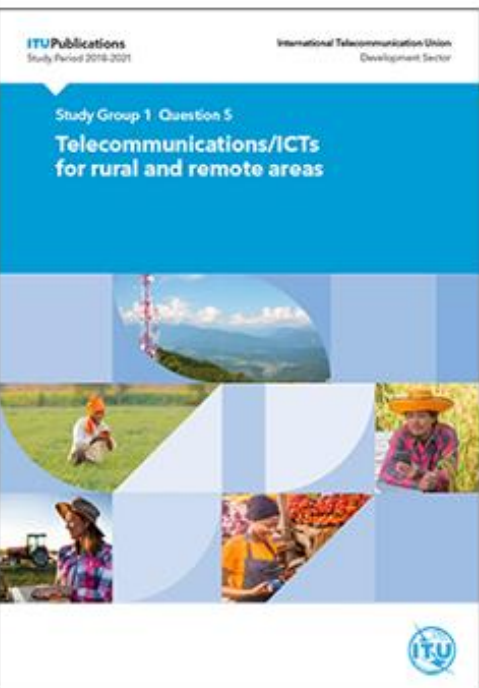
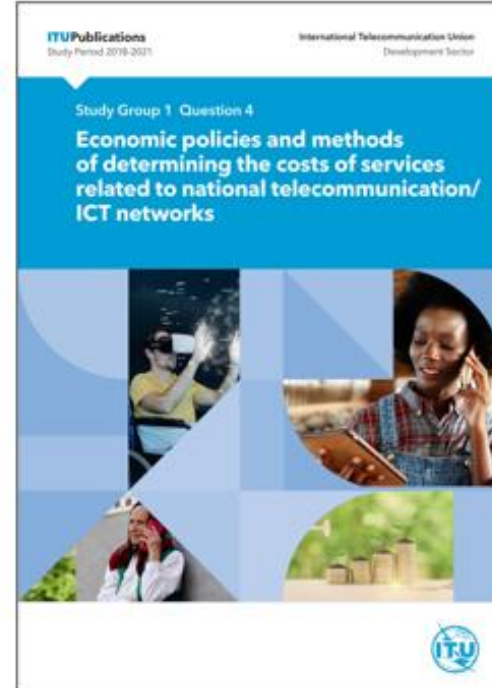


Working together at ITU-D SG level



Examples of contributions received from Africa region

- Implementation of ICT Technological Solutions to Improve Digital Literacy, Capacity Building, Empowerment and Accessibility of ICT Services in Underdeveloped Communities [[SG1RGQ/411](#)]
- Future of Questions [[1/452 & 2/409](#)]
- Initiatives de lutte contre les équipements de contrefaçon et le vol des terminaux mobiles [[2/390](#)]
- COVID 19 impact - Rethinking the approach on access to ICTs by people in rural and remote areas [[SG1RGQ/326](#)]
- New Trends in Mobile Services [[SG1RGQ/287](#)]



ONLINE - Free Public Access

All SG1 Reports

<https://www.itu.int/pub/D-STG-SG01>

OR

<https://www.itu.int/en/myitu/Publications>

Video Clips

Inclusive Connectivity (Q7/1)

<https://youtu.be/JkuiO7arvhM>

Affordable Connectivity (Q4/1)

https://youtu.be/IYsR0d7_MVo

More Information



ITU-D Study Groups home page: www.itu.int/itu-d/study-groups

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Overview of the WTDC preparatory process

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Preparations for WTDC-21

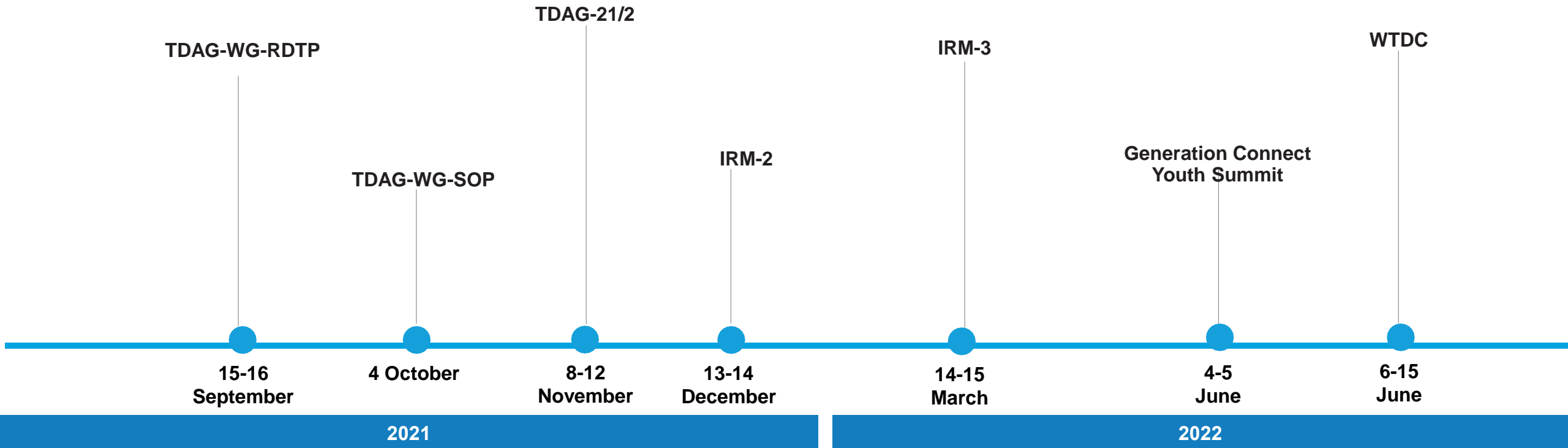
- 6 Regional Preparatory Meetings
– all held
- 3 Inter-regional Meetings
– one held
- The 'Road to Addis' events
– ongoing



TDAG Working Groups

- **TDAG Working Group on WTDC Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP)**
 - Chair: Dr. Ahamad Reza Sharafat
 - Work:
 - draft BDT Thematic Priorities
 - draft Addis Ababa Declaration
 - drafts of Resolution 1, 2 and 9
 - Streamlining of Resolutions
 - Next meeting on **15-16 September 2021**
 - Will complete its work at **next TDAG Meeting** – 8-12 November 2021
- **TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP)**
 - Chair: Mrs Blanca Gonzalez
 - Will work on contribution to ITU Strategic Plan
 - As per TDAG-21 this will not preclude contributions which may be made at WTDC
 - TDAG-WG-SOP will also work on a draft Addis Ababa Action Plan
 - Next meeting **4 October 2021**
 - Will continue work until WTDC

Key Timelines towards WTDC



Conference structure

As approved by TDAG21/1

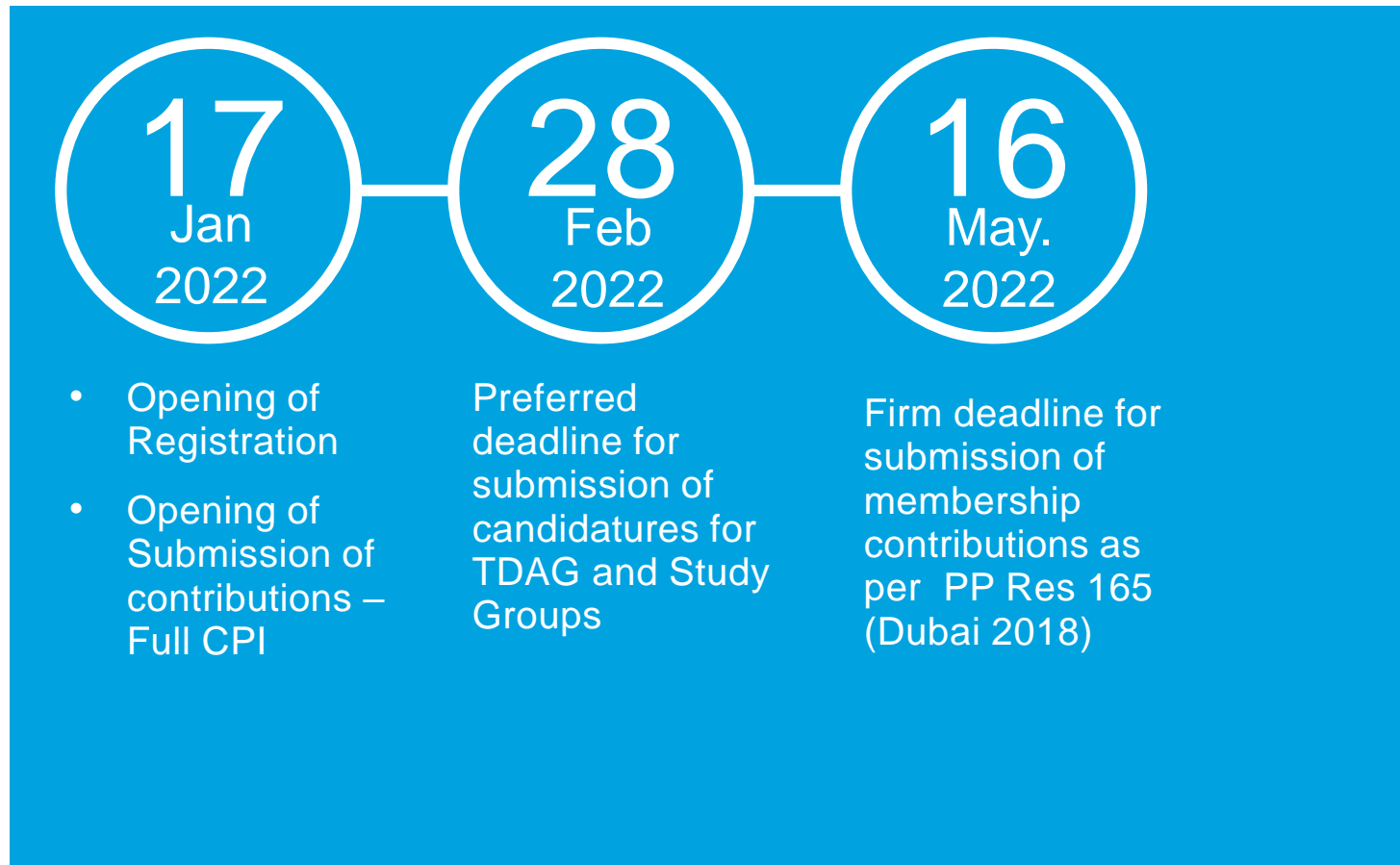
						
COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	Meetings of Heads of Delegation	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee	Budget Control	Objectives	ITU-D Working Methods	Editorial Committee	HODs	ITU Contribution to Strategic Plan and WTDC Declaration

Partner2Connect Summit

Open to ITU members and Non-members

[Description of Committee functions](#)

Important deadlines



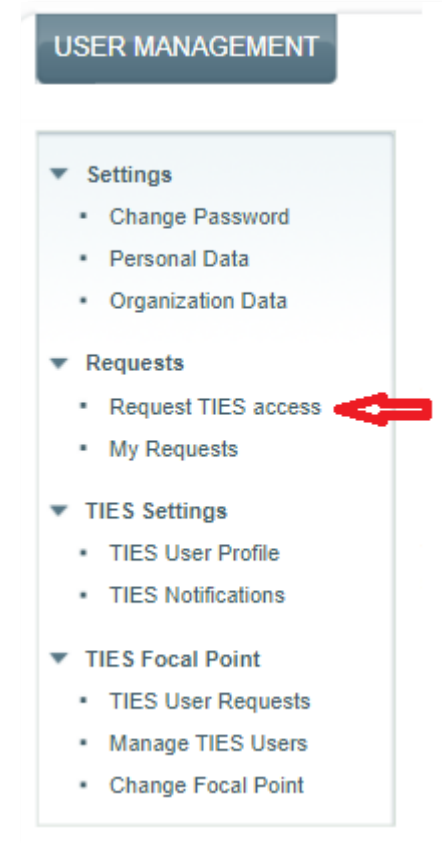
Submission of contributions to WTDC

- In order to facilitate preparation and submission of the proposals and speed up their processing, avoiding errors, membership are encouraged to use the [Conference Proposals Interface \(CPI\)](#);
- Submitted proposals will also be available for perusal on the [Proposals Management System \(WTDC-17 version\)](#);
- [Full documents](#) will be available on the WTDC website ([WTDC-17 documents page](#));
- Contact email: wtdc.documentcontrol@itu.int.

Who can use these resources?

In order to use these on-line services, an ITU user account with TIES access is required:

- To set up an **ITU user account** (no approval required): [here](#)
- To **request TIES access rights**, if participant from **membership** already has a user account (requires the approval of the TIES focal point):



SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

To facilitate the preparatory process and the revision of existing texts, such as Resolutions, and study group Questions, an interim Conference Proposal Interface (CPI) has been set up. This system allows membership to submit revisions and new text, and to view and amend other Members' proposals and is intended to be an important tool towards consensus building prior to WTDC.

Proposals will be submitted to a generic Inter-Regional Meeting and will be made available to all membership to browse and peruse.

- [Conference Proposals Interface \(CPI\) for IRM](#)
- Submitted proposals
- [User Guide](#)

A CPI for [IRMs](#) has been made available for membership to be able to access existing texts to be discussed and revised during their preparatory process.

They may also wish to submit proposals to IRMs.

Making sure one is able to participate in events

- [Online registration](#) is mandatory for all the events mentioned, whether virtual or physical;
- Given that they are statutory events, **DFP approval** is required (DFP = Designated Focal Point);
- Once the registration is approved, the participant receives a **confirmation email** (make sure you keep it) which:
 - Allows for badge pick-up (physical events);
 - Provides information to access the virtual meeting room (virtual events).

ITU-D CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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Number of meetings: 11

Meeting No	Title	Dates	Registration Activation Date	Place	List of DFPs	On-line Registration
27711	Africa Network of Women for WTDC (Africa NoW4WTDC) Webinar	06/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
26612	12th meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and 9th meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH)	13/09/2021 - 16/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
27674	ITU Regional Engagement Roundtable for Europe 2021	13/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27675	Multi-stakeholder Workshop on the Role of Telecommunication/ICTs for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction for the Americas	14/09/2021 - 16/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27682	7th meeting of the TDAG working Group on WTDC Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP)	15/09/2021 - 16/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
26657	ITU Regional Innovation Forum for Europe 2021	22/09/2021 - 23/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27717	Economic Experts Roundtable	28/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27681	3rd meeting of the TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP)	04/10/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
27665	ITU-D Study Group 1 Plenary and Rapporteur Group meetings	11/10/2021 - 15/10/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
27666	ITU-D Study Group 2 Plenary and Rapporteur Group meetings	18/10/2021 - 22/10/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here

Quicklinks

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The ideal composition of a country delegation to WTDC

What is the ideal composition of a country's delegation to the WTDC (recommended composition, roles that women can play at the conference, etc.) and why does this matter?

The ideal composition of a country delegation to WTDC

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Chair of ITU-D Study Group 1

TDAG Vice-Chair

Conference structure

As approved by TDAG21/1

						
COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	Meetings of Heads of Delegation	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee	Budget Control	Objectives	ITU-D Working Methods	Editorial Committee	HODs	ITU Contribution to Strategic Plan and WTDC Declaration

Partner2Connect Summit

Open to ITU members and Non-members

[Description of Committee functions](#)

13:30-13:40

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ATU PREPARATORY PROCESS FOR WTDC-21

2020

1st ATU Prep e-Meeting
chaired by Sudan, 11 – 13
October, 2020

Key outcomes

1. Identification of key issues and topics;
2. Receive preliminary Contributions;
3. Adoption of the preparation structure;
4. Appoint focal point for TDAG-WGs.

2021

Join ATU-ITU RPM-AFR
chaired by Burkina Faso, 29
–30 March, 2021

Key outcomes

1. Consideration of the WGs outcomes and preliminary AFCPs;
2. Discuss new contributions;
3. Candidatures for TDAG and WG 1&2

2022

February
2022

June
2022

2nd ATU prep e-meeting
chaired by South Africa, 2–4
August, 2021

Key outcomes

1. Consideration of the WGs outcomes and draft AFCPs;
2. Discuss new contributions;
3. Candidatures for TDAG and WG 1&2 and WTDC21 Committees

3rd and final ATU prep e-
meeting chaired by ??,
February 2022

Expected outcomes

1. Adoption of AFCPs;
2. Adoption of the WTDC-21 participation structure and coordination process;

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ATU STRUCTURE FOR WTDC-21 PREP & AFCPS DEVELOPMENT

	WG1	WG2
Scope	Working Methods, Declaration, Action Plan, and Regional initiatives	General ICT Development Issues and programmes including Study Group Questions
Related Ad-hoc groups	WG1_Adh1 on WTDC-21 Declaration and ITU-D thematic priorities WG1_Adh2 on Regional Initiatives WG1_Adh3 on Working Methods Revised Res. 1&2 WG1_Adh4 on Strategic and Operational Plans WG1_Adh5 on WTDC-21 format, stakeholders and side events	WG2_Adh1 on Study Questions WG2_Adh2 on revised and new draft WTDC resolutions
Chair	Mr. Richard ANAGO - Burkina Faso	Mr. Jim Patterson - South Africa
Vice – Chair	Mr. Amr Safwat- Egypt Mrs. Hilda Mutseyekwa - Zimbabwe -	Mr. Mohamed Elhaj - Sudan – Mr. Stanislas Kanvoli - Cote d'Ivoire.



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AFRICAN PRIORITIES FOR WTDC-21

- **Broadband Connectivity including in rural and remote areas**
- **Digital inclusion**
- **Cybersecurity and building confidence**
- **Spectrum management and bridging standardization gap (BSG)**
- **Enable environment for Digital transformation and SDGs implementation**
- **Promote Innovation ecosystems and the use of Emerging technologies for development**
- **WSIS outcomes review**



REVISED REGIONAL INITIATIVES FOR AFRICA

- **AFR-01:** Supporting digital transformation to usher a rapid transition to digital economy while accelerating innovation in Africa
- **AFR-02:** Implementation and expansion of broadband infrastructures, connectivity and emerging technologies
- **AFR-03:** Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/information and communication technology and protection of personal data
- **AFR-04:** Fostering Emerging Technologies and Innovation Ecosystems



AFRICAN COMMON PROPOSALS FOR WTDC-21

As of 31st August 2021

Members contributions being considered as draft AFCPs as follows:

- **Contributions to: Addis Declaration, IUT-D thematic priorities, Working Methods Res1&2; Regional initiatives and Study questions.**
- **Proposals to revise 12 ITU WTDC existing resolutions (1, 2, 11, 37, 46, 63, 80, 82, 47, 45, 34 and 72) and suppression of 1 existing resolution (53) ;**
- **01 new draft resolutions on Digital transformation**



ITU Women Candidates from the Africa Region for ITU-D – Elected Leaders and WTDC-21

African Administrations have expressed their interest in nominating candidates for the following positions:

TDAG and WG1&2

- ITU-D SG1 Chairperson (Mrs. Regina Fleur Assoumou – Cote d'Ivoire)
- ITU-D SG1 Vice-Chairperson (Mrs. Caecilia Nyamutswa – Zimbabwe)
- ITU-D SG2 Vice-Chairperson
- TDAG Vice-Chairpersons

WTDC-21 Committees

- Committee 3 (Objectives) Chairperson (Mrs. Regina Fleur Assoumou – Cote d'Ivoire)

Upcoming Africa NoW webinars

- * Africa NoW4WTDC webinar 'An introduction and overview of the ITU Development Sector' on 6 September 2021
- * Africa NoW4WTDC webinar 'Understanding the digital gender gap in Africa'
- * Africa NoW4WTDC webinar 'Bridging the digital gender gap: what role for education?'
- * Africa NoW4WTDC webinar 'Bridging the digital gender gap: what role for policy?'
- * Africa NoW4WTDC webinar 'Africa NoW in preparation for WTDC-22'

Thank you for joining us!

Looking forward to the next webinar

Join the Africa NoW4WTDC team

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