

Advance Training Course

Strengthening Asia and the Pacific Engagement in ITU Conferences (SAPEIC)

Modules 2

WTDC Decision Making and Outcomes

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WTDC Outcomes

WTDC outcomes include:

- Theme and Declaration
- Action Plan and BDT Priorities
- Regional Initiatives
- Resolutions and Recommendations
- ITU-D Study Questions
- Appointments (TDAG and Study Groups)

WTDC Outcomes

Theme and Declaration:

- TDAG Working Group on Declaration
- https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/tdag32/c/D22-TDAG32-C-0018!R3!MSW-E.docx
- Proposed Theme for WTDC 2025: **Universal, meaningful and affordable connectivity for an inclusive and sustainable digital future**

WTDC Outcomes

Action Plan and BDT Priorities:

- TDAG Working Group on Priorities
- https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/tdag32/c/D22-TDAG32-C-0021!R3!MSW-E.docx
- Proposed ITU-D Priorities: **Affordable Connectivity, Digital Transformation, Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment, Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation, and Inclusive and Secure Telecommunications/ICTs for Sustainable Development**

WTDC Outcomes

Regional Initiatives:

- Regional Preparatory Meetings and Regional Telecommunication Organizations
- Areas of Focus for ITU Regional Offices

WTDC Outcomes

Proposed Regional Initiatives for Asia and the Pacific:

- ASP1: Addressing special needs of Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, including Pacific Island countries, and Landlocked Developing Countries
- ASP2: Harnessing telecommunications/ICTs to support inclusive and sustainable digital transformation
- ASP3: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected
- ASP4: Enabling an innovative and sustainable telecommunication/ICT sector
- ASP5: Supporting a safe, secure, and resilient telecommunication/ICT environment

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Resolutions and Recommendations:

- TDAG Working Group on Streamlining Resolutions
- https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/tdag32/c/D22-TDAG32-C-0020!R1!MSW-E.docx

WTDC Outcomes

Action Plan and BDT Priorities:

- TDAG Working Group on Future Study Questions
- https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/md/22/tdag32/c/D22-TDAG32-C-0019!R2!MSW-E.docx
- Five Study Questions per Study Group
- New topics: **Emerging technologies (including AI), and device availability and affordability**

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Appointments:

- TDAG Chair and Vice Chairs
- Study Group Chairs and Vice Chairs

WTDC Structure

WTDC structure include:

- Steering Committee (WTDC Chair, 6 WTDC Vice Chairs, and other Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, Chair of Plenary Ad-hoc Group)
- Committee 2 – Budget Control
- Committee 3 – Objectives
- Committee 4 – ITU-D Working Methods
- Committee 5 – Editorial Committee
- Working Group of the Plenary

WTDC Structure

Steering Committee:

- To **coordinate** all matters connected with the smooth execution of work; and to **plan the order and number of meetings**, avoiding overlapping wherever possible in view of the limited number of members of some delegations

WTDC Structure

Committee 2 – Budget Control:

- To determine the organization and facilities available to the delegates;
- To examine and approve the accounts for expenses incurred throughout the duration of the conference; and
- To present a report to the Plenary Meeting showing the estimated total expenses of the conference and the estimated financial needs of ITU-D up to the next WTDC, as well as an estimate of the costs that may be entailed by the execution of the decisions taken by the conference.

WTDC Structure

Committee 3 – Objectives:

- To review and approve the agenda and make proposals for the organization of work;
- To review and approve the outputs and outcomes for objectives;
- To review and agree on the related ITU-D Study Questions and associated regional initiatives and establish appropriate guidelines for their implementation;
- To review and agree on relevant resolutions; and
- To ensure that the output is in accordance with a results-based management approach aiming to improve management effectiveness and accountability.

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Committee 4 – ITU-D Working Methods:

- To review and approve the agenda and make proposals for the organization of work;
- To examine proposals and contributions relating to cooperation among members;
- To evaluate the working methods and functioning of ITU-D study groups and TDAG;
- To assess and identify options to for maximizing programme delivery and to approve changes to strengthen synergies between study Questions, programmes and regional initiatives; and
- To submit reports to the Plenary Meeting, including proposals on ITU-D working methods for implementation of the ITU-D work programme, on the basis of TDAG and study group reports to the conference and the proposals of ITU Member States, ITU-D Sector Members and Academia.

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Committee 5 – Editorial:

- To perfect the wording of texts arising from WTDC deliberations, such as resolutions, without altering the sense and substance, and
- To align the texts in the official languages of the Union, with a view to their submission for approval to the Plenary Meeting.

WTDC Structure

Working Group of the Plenary – ITU-D Contribution to the Strategic Plan for the Union for 2028-2032 and WTDC Declaration:

- To draw up a draft WTDC declaration, and
- To prepare the input of ITU-D to the strategic plan for the Union to be adopted at the next plenipotentiary conference.

Questions?