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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-EUR P2C Roundtables and it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner 2 Connect Digital Coalition.

CONTRIBUTION FORM

ORGANIZATION: Network of Women in ITU-D (ITU-D NoW)

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TITLE: Promoting the activities of Network of Women for ITU-D in Europe

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION: [Provide a brief description up to 500 words]

The Network of Women for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (NoW4WTDC) was established in 2021 to generally promote gender balance participation in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), and specifically in the activities leading up to the WTDC and beyond. Following WTDC-22, the network was renamed to “Network of Women in ITU-D” (ITU-D NoW), to reflect the objective to work in activities beyond WTDC.

The main objective of the Network is to promote the active participation of women in WTDC, wider activities of ITU-D and the sector in general. This is envisaged to provide visibility to women and empower them for larger responsibilities in their respective delegations. The network aims to build a community where female delegates support each other, expand their network, advocate, and share experience and knowledge. Through the network, women starting in the ICT profession will be mentored by more experienced professionals, in order to create a stronger base for women in the digital space.

NoW seeks for consolidated actions of BDT and all stakeholders of Europe region (Member States, Private Sector, Academia) to promote gender equality and engage in related initiatives of NoW, mainly following three major trends of action:

1. Engagement and Partnerships

Objective: To develop the Network including more participants, also, to lobby for funding for networking events, fellowships and other financial resources to facilitate the capacity of women to participate more actively in the ITU.



- Networking: all ITU-D events and major ITU events should be used for special sessions of Network of Women giving a possibility to network, learn more about activities of NoW, elaborate on new ideas and encourage wider participation in NoW.

- Focal Points: appointment of regional and national Focal Points. Members of Advisory Board may act as regional Focal Points. Administrations of ITU Member States shall be asked to nominate a representative to be main Focal Point for all initiatives of Network of Women in ITU-D in their respective country. Focal Points would be reminded about the expectation to include more women in the delegations and/or specific ITU-D activities.

- Fellowships: when applying for fellowships, the gender balance shall be sought for.

- Building partnerships: wider inclusion of all stakeholders (Private Sector, Academia, regional and other organizations, Networks of Women from other ITU sectors) shall be encouraged to generate more ideas on the activities Network of Women in ITU-D and collaboration opportunities for more inclusion of women in ITU.

2. Empowerment through Capacity building

Objective: To enhance capacity and knowledge sharing of ITU-D female delegates. Special training opportunities can be useful to build confidence for women to participate in ITU activities/national delegations for big conferences, other events.

- Training about ITU: dedicated training via ITU Academy platform for women, especially for newcomers, explaining the main facts about ITU organization structure, processes, goals, with special focus on NoW activities and gender balance, but open to everybody.

- Training about main ITU-D activities: may be accessible via ITU Academy platform and live presentations, especially before the WTDC, explaining the main processes and goals, possible ways of live engagement, encouraging to be active and seek for leadership in specific topics or groups.

- Mentoring programs: for women with specific focus on leadership skills. Peer-to-peer engagement can be used.

- Workshops and seminars: dedicated to specific topic or themes where more women engagement would be beneficial, building their knowledge and expertise.

3. Visibility for Raising Awareness

Objective: To share information about activities of NoW, especially by storytelling and role modelling, on the media.

- Using of dedicated web site and social media: a special channel could be created to inform constantly about Network of Women in ITU-D, to share latest updates on events and initiatives related to NoW, present good examples and members of Network. Special information campaigns could be developed, (e.g. before Girls in ICTs day, other), explaining the value of more women engagement in activities of NoW. Also, the dedicated website should be updated on regular basis.

- On regional/national level: regional organizations and national administrations should be encouraged to share information about Network of Women in ITU-D using their social media, web sites, other means, also to generate their own content on the subject.



COUNTRIES in FOCUS: All countries of Europe region.

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☒ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ EUR1: Digital infrastructure development

☐ EUR2: Digital transformation for resilience

☒ EUR3: Digital inclusion and skills development

☐ EUR4: Trust and confidence in the use of telecommunications/ICTs

☐ EUR5: Digital innovation ecosystems

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital Transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☒ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, [here](#).

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services

☐ Digital applications

☐ Enabling environment

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, [here](#)



RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

- ☒ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development
- ☐ C2: Information and communication infrastructure
- ☒ C3: Access to information and knowledge
- ☒ C4: Capacity building
- ☐ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- ☐ C6: Enabling environment
- ☐ C7: ICT applications
- ☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content
- ☐ C9: Media
- ☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society
- ☒ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED SDG: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 2: Zero Hunger | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 4: Quality Education | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 13: Climate Action |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDG 5: Gender Equality | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 14: Life Below Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 15: Life on Land |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | |

