

Network of Women (NoW) for WRC-19

Mentorship programme

Participant Guide

"Gender equality and women's empowerment will not be achieved without science, technology, and innovation and conversely these fields will suffer without the benefit of women's talents, perspectives, and knowledge."

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Network of Women – Who Are We?

The **Network of Women** initiative aims at building capacity early on in the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) process in order to encourage a larger participation of women as delegates, chairs, vice-chairs, etc. We invite you to participate in its first mentorship cycle, which will start at the WP 4A* meeting in **May 2017 at ITU in Geneva**.

In this cycle we focus on the technical topics of WP 4A in relation to the WRC-19. More information is available [here](#). If you are an experienced delegate or you are new to the WRC process, we invite you to be a part of the programme as **mentor** or **mentee**.

How Do We Do This?

We gather your WP4A topic preferences through a survey. We then set pairs or groups of mentors and mentees following these patterns.



1:1 Mentors and mentees are matched in pairs. The mentor shares her experience and skills. The mentee should have the skills, knowledge and desire to achieve her goals, whereas the mentor must be able to guide the mentee.



1:n Depending on the number of mentors and mentees working on a given topic, two mentees may be matched together and work on their goals (peer mentorship format). They will then be matched with a mentor to guide and coach them on their specific needs.

How Do We Proceed?

We suggest that the first mentorship cycle starts with a face-to-face meeting on site at the WP 4A event between mentor and mentee in order to:

- Build trust and mutual respect by sharing experiences;
- Share visions, mutual expectations and understanding of the mentorship programme and its goals set around WP 4A;
- Establish a clear understanding and a plan of what steps will be undertaken - when, where and why.

You can meet in person on site at the WP 4A session and after, continue remotely your mentorship activities.

The suggested timeframe for this mentorship cycle is 3 months after which your feedback will be appreciated.

Just Remember... (Basic principles)

Informal. Note that this mentorship programme is an informal interpersonal mentorship across ITU-R members, and is independent from any specific entity or other HR programme

Trust and confidentiality. All exchanges between participants to this mentorship programme are confidential. The relation is based on trust and mutual respect.

Time. The mentoring arrangement between mentor and mentee is brought to an end by mutual agreement.

What Do We Want?

Through this mentorship programme, we aim to:

- Foster interdisciplinary cooperation and teamwork in preparation for the WRC-19;
- Expand your professional network;
- Share knowledge and skills;
- Learn from each other's experience;

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