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1 Key strategic priorities for ITU for the 2020–2023 period

a) Implement the texts resulting from the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS; UNGA Resolution 70/125) and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda; UNGA Resolution 70/1)

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development will require the introduction of consistent national and international sector policies, the development, transmission and dissemination of environmentally friendly technologies that are not resource-intensive, capacity building and development and the establishment of a regulated multilateral framework for trade that is open and non-discriminatory. Information and communication technologies (ICTs) will play a key role as catalysts for sustainable development. The transformation potential of ICTs must be used to accelerate the progress of humanity, by synchronizing ICT policies with national development plans and programmes in a way that promotes implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The Member States can use ITU's support to great advantage in their efforts to overcome these challenges. It is essential for ITU to strengthen the interaction between the process designed to achieve the 2030 Agenda sustainable development goals (SDGs) and the process designed to implement the goals of WSIS in order to ensure that the efforts made by the United Systems as a whole are consistent, concerted and coordinated to thus have maximum and sustainable impact. To this end, ITU should implement the following measures:

Openness

ITU must associate the representatives of civil society, the private sector and the worlds of science and politics closely with the action it takes in regard to the 2030 Agenda and WSIS processes. Collaboration between state and non-state actors will be essential in achieving the global goals. The rules of the game, policies and responsibilities will be defined within the framework of a new global partnership for sustainable development, and ITU has a major role to play in creating a conducive international environment and in following-up and reporting on achievement of the goals of these processes.

Transparency and accountability

In so far as sustainable development is ultimately possible only if the entire international community – and not only the States – is pulling in the same direction, ITU must establish closer ties and greater trust between civil society, the private sector and the worlds of science and politics. This will require ITU to make information available to the public on its decision-making processes, ensure that those processes are transparent, and be capable of clarifying the decisions taken.

Consistency (“United in action” & “One ITU”)

ITU is a member of the United Nations system for development. It must therefore join in with the consistent implementation of the “United in Action” initiative which is fundamental when it comes to taking up the challenges inherent in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

For its own benefit, ITU must not content itself with an elementary strategy of coordination and internal cooperation aimed at avoiding overlaps in activities and optimizing the use of resources between the three Sectors. A real spirit of unity must be created within the organization, reflected by values and goals shared by all colleagues (within the three Sectors as well the General Secretariat).

- b) **Remain the leading forum for matters relating to radio spectrum management and harmonization at global level**
- c) **Regain a leading role at global level as a standard-setting organization in the field of ICTs**

2 The key technological trends ITU should consider while planning its strategy

- Developments in the field of mobile communications, especially 5G.
- Smart objects (cloud-based artificial intelligence (AI) in the Internet of things (IoT))
- Artificial intelligence in self-managing networks and devices; Knowledge-centric networking).
- Building confidence in ICTs and security in the information society.
- Green ICT.

3 The top three challenges for ITU and the top three achievements you would like to see ITU accomplish in the 2020-2023 timeframe

See 1. above and:

- 1) Contribute tangibly to increasing connectivity to high-speed broadband links (for men and women without such access at the beginning of the period).
- 2) Pursue the success achieved in regard to ITU’s activities in coordinating, implementing and following up the outcome of WSIS, particularly the WSIS Forums.
- 3) Make tangible progress in raising the members’ awareness of the role played by information and communication technologies (ICTs) in advancing gender equality and in women’s social and economic empowerment.
- 4) Ensure that the Member States, Sector Members and Associates maintain and if possible increase their contributions towards defraying ITU expenses.
- 5) Establish ITU as a forum that generates effective international cooperation on matters relating to Internet-related international public policies that are well defined and approved by the membership, particularly regarding child online protection.
- 6) Give equal treatment to the six official languages of the Union on the ITU website.