



Shedding light on hidden collections: making the decision to digitize

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What are hidden collections?

- Overlooked
- Undervalued
- Unprocessed
- Inaccessible
- Unknown
- Neglected
- Potentially forgotten



Documents can tell a story

Learn about an organization's history by understanding the role and function of documents





The future...

- Expand the digital collections to include more series of documents
- Add more information pages
- Look for new and innovative ways to tell TU/e's story
- Explore different ways of displaying information by incorporating maps and timelines

Scan frequently requested documents



2005



**Take books off library
shelves and scan**

**Provide digital copies
instead of photocopies**

Review scans for accuracy

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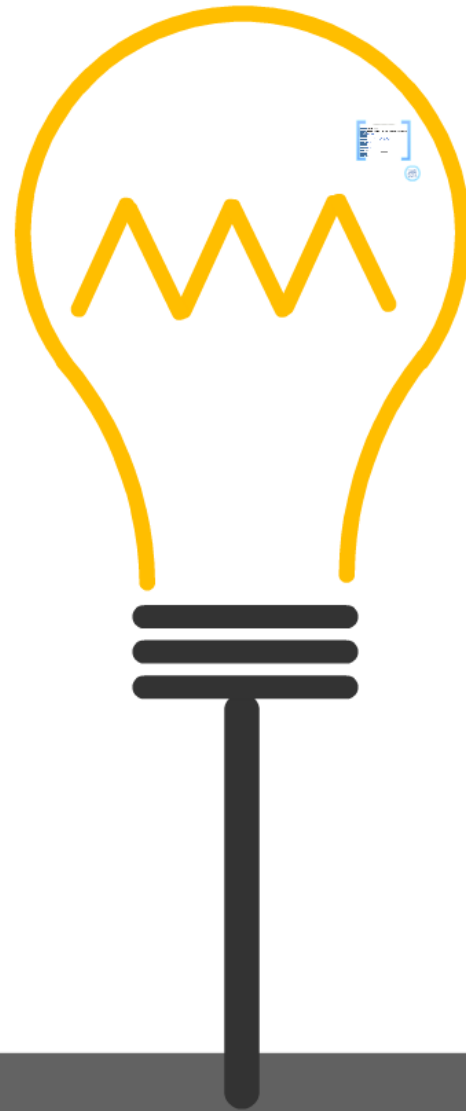
2007



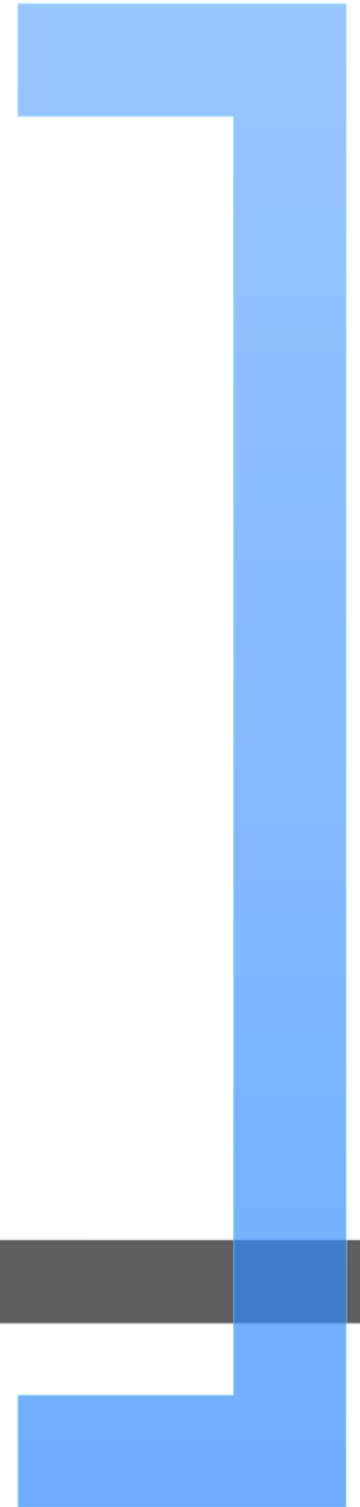
**Assess and evaluate source
publications**

**Review scans to ensure accuracy
and quality of digital copies**

Catalogue all ITU publications



2007



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Convention internationale des télécommunications (Genève, 1959)...

Primary Material:	Monograph (Print, Microform, Electronic, etc.)
Author(s):	International Telecommunication Union
Conference Name:	Plenipotentiary Conference (1959 : Geneva, Switzerland)
Title:	Convention internationale des télécommunications (Genève, 1959) [French version] [print edition] : protocole final à la convention; protocoles additionnels à la convention; résolutions, recommandations et vœu / Secrétariat général de l'Union internationale des télécommunications.
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Create robust catalogue records that capture detailed bibliographic information and make links to specific events, such as conferences, in order to keep track of the origins of the documents

**Completing our first digitization project:
ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences**



2009



**Present the documents in a way
that traces their development
and function**

**Indicate how the content has
shaped the work of the
organization**

Creation of the History of ITU Portal

From
digi



2010

Plenipotentiary Conference (Geneva, 1959)

14 October - 21 December 1959 - Geneva, Switzerland



The Plenipotentiary Conference of 1959 completed the process of integrating ITU into the United Nations system by assimilating the Union into the common system of working conditions, salaries, pensions, etc. It also decided that the Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary-General should henceforth be elected directly by the Plenipotentiary Conference and not, as before, by the Administrative Council.

The Conference adopted Resolution No. 25 instructing the Union to provide, on request, technical assistance in the telecommunication field to developing countries. A provision was added to the Convention that included the development of telecommunications in developing countries as one of the basic purposes of the Union (Article 4). In connection with this decision, a Department of Technical Cooperation was created in 1960 within the ITU General Secretariat

under the direct authority of the Secretary-General.

Conference Outcomes

Conference Documents

Quick Facts

Further Reading

Complete list of Plenipotentiary Conferences

International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959)

(English)

 [PDF \(acrobat\)](#)

Convention internationale des télécommunications (Genève, 1959)

(Français)

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Convenio internacional de telecomunicaciones (Ginebra, 1959)

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International Telecommunication Convention (Geneva, 1959)

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**Increase the visibility of our
collections**

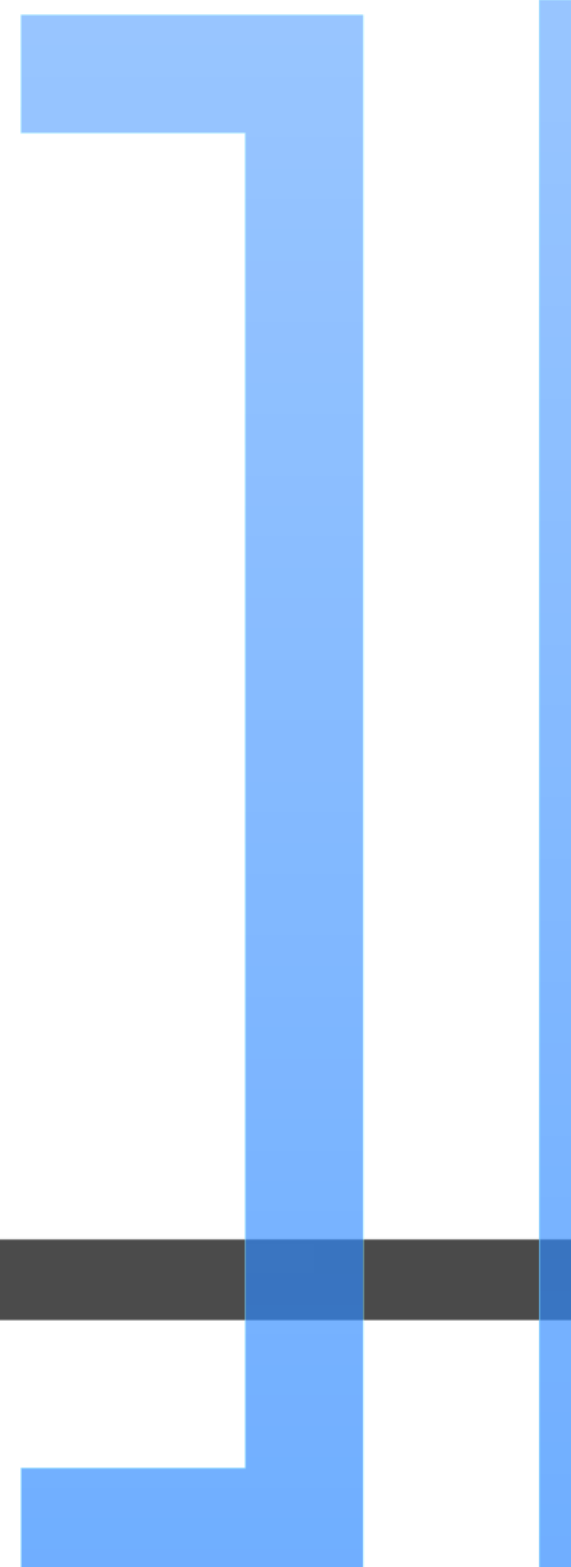
**Attract more visitors by making
documents available online**

**Collections are no longer limited
to only those who can visit the
actual library**

From digitization project to
digitization programme



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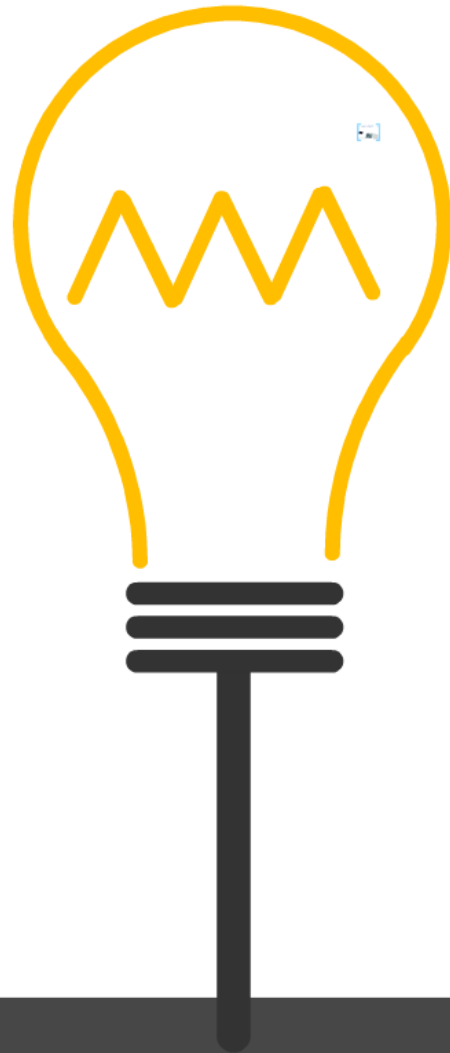
**Evaluate processes and
identify areas in need of
improvement**

**Assess resources
required to move forward**

**Streamline procedures
and workflows**

Add human interest element

Re-org



2011

Identify and incorporate documents and materials that provide a human dimension to the major events in ITU's history

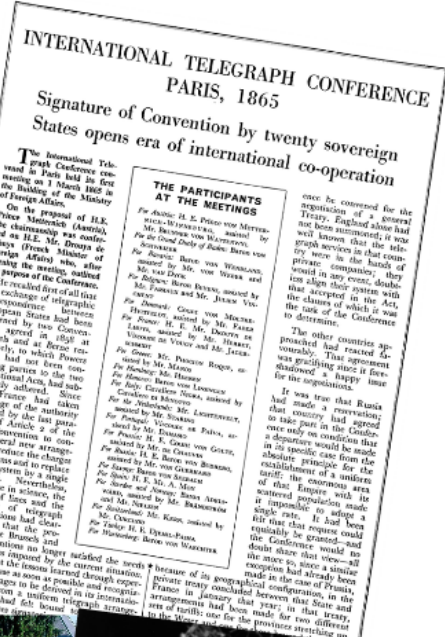
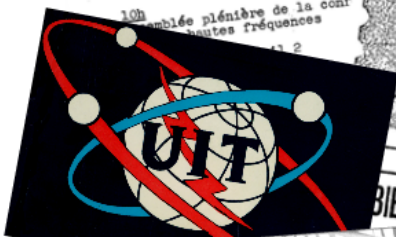


Ideas and Achievements

The new Radio Regulations

One thousand eight hundred and sixteen registered delegates (1703 from 171 countries) submitted the written and printed proposals to a plenary assembly of plenipotentiaries, group and sub-group plenipotentiaries, committee members and plenipotentiaries. The 2000 in Spanish and the 2000 in French were handled by a familiar style of ITU style of doing things.

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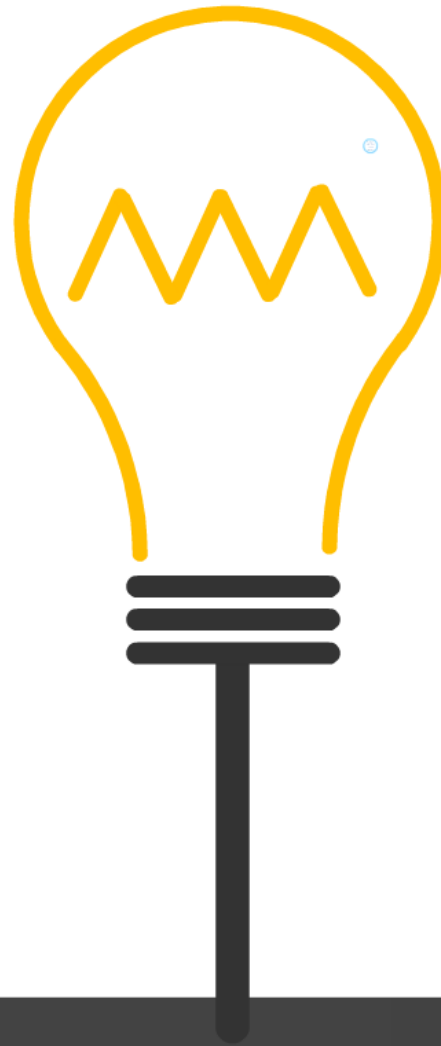
THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE METHODS

- For Austria: H. E. Pöschl von Matras...
- For Belgium: J. P. de Weert...
- For Denmark: J. P. de Weert...
- For France: J. P. de Weert...
- For Germany: J. P. de Weert...
- For Italy: J. P. de Weert...
- For the Netherlands: J. P. de Weert...
- For Prussia: J. P. de Weert...
- For Russia: J. P. de Weert...
- For Spain: J. P. de Weert...
- For Sweden: J. P. de Weert...
- For Switzerland: J. P. de Weert...
- For the United Kingdom: J. P. de Weert...
- For the United States: J. P. de Weert...
- For the Vatican: J. P. de Weert...

The Convention was signed in Paris on 3 July 1865. It provided for the establishment of the International Telegraph Union. The Convention was the first international treaty in the field of telecommunications.

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Re-organizing and re-designing



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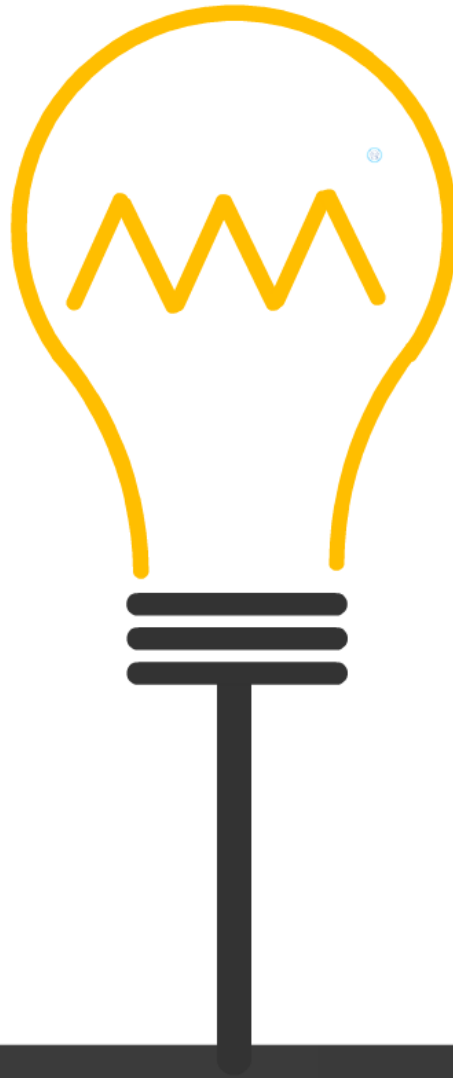
**Develop a better way to
store data**

Re-design the web site

**Implement tools for
browsing**

**Increase access points to
the documents**

Telling the story of ITU



2012



**Provide more than just
digitized documents**

**Bring together a variety of
information that helps to
tell the story of ITU**

**Increase visibility of ITU by
telling its history**



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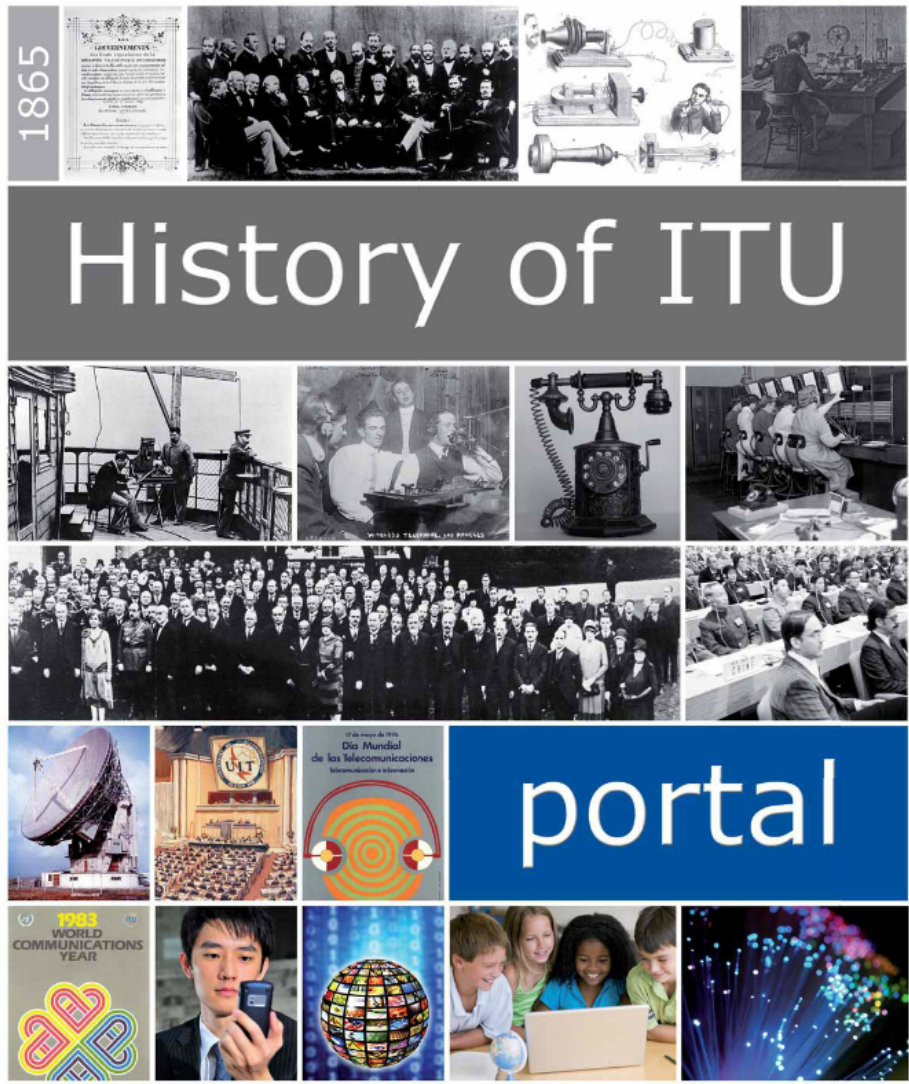
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Researching, understanding, and providing an authoritative record of ITU's history has become central to our work

Our decision to digitize has allowed us to:

- **Demonstrate the value of our collections**
- **Increase the visibility of ITU's history**
- **Create a lasting record of the documents and other information related to ITU**
- **Use our documents to tell the story of ITU**



History of ITU

www.itu.int/history

