

RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)

Establishment of study groups

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Baku, 2025),

considering

- a) that the mandate for each study group needs to be clearly defined, in order to avoid duplication between study groups and other groups of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) established pursuant to No. 209 a) in Article 16 of the ITU Convention and to ensure the coherence of the overall work programme of the Sector;
- b) that, for carrying out the studies entrusted to ITU-D, it is appropriate to set up study groups, as provided for in Articles 17 and 20 of the Convention, to deal with specific task-oriented telecommunication questions of priority to developing countries¹, taking into consideration the ITU strategic plan and goals, and prepare relevant outputs in the form of reports, guidelines and/or Recommendations for the development of telecommunications/information and communication technologies;
- c) the need as far as possible to avoid duplication between studies undertaken by ITU-D and those carried out by the other two Sectors of the Union;
- d) the results of the studies under the study Questions adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Dubai, 2014) and the World Telecommunication Development Conference (Buenos Aires, 2017) and assigned to the two study groups,

resolves

- 1 to carry out the work within the Sector of two study groups, with a clear responsibility and terms of reference, as set out in Annex 1 to this resolution;

¹ These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

- 2 that each study group and its relevant groups will conduct studies within the framework of the ITU-D study Questions adopted by this conference and assigned to it in accordance with the structure shown in Annex 2 to this resolution, and the ITU-D study Questions adopted or revised between two world telecommunication development conferences (WTDCs) in accordance with the provisions of Resolution 1 (Rev. Baku, 2025) of this conference;
- 3 that the organization of the study groups should lead to increased synergy, transparency and efficiency with minimal overlap between ITU-D study Questions;
- 4 that ITU-D study Questions should be linked with the implementation of WTDC and Plenipotentiary Conference resolutions, and also with the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) programmes set out in the ITU-D action plan, so that the study groups and the BDT programmes benefit from each other's activities, resources and expertise, and jointly contribute to the achievement of ITU-D objectives;
- 5 that the study groups should make use of the relevant outputs and materials of the other two Sectors and the General Secretariat relevant to their terms of reference and collaborate closely with study groups in the other Sectors on issues of mutual interest;
- 6 that the study groups will be managed by the chairs and vice-chairs as shown in Annex 3 to this resolution.

ANNEX 1 to RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)

Scope of ITU-D study groups

1 Study Group 1

Universal meaningful connectivity² for bridging the digital divide

- National policy and regulatory aspects of broadband telecommunication/ICT development
- Economic aspects in the field of national telecommunications/ICTs, including facilitating the implementation of the digital economy and the provision of telecommunication/ICT services, including for rural and remote areas
- National approaches for providing access to telecommunications/ICTs in rural and remote areas, with special focus on developing countries, including least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition
- Access to telecommunication/ICT services to enable inclusive communications, especially for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs
- Migration and adoption of digital technologies for broadcasting for different environments
- Use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management, particularly in developing countries
- Consumer information, empowerment, protection and rights for telecommunication/ICT services, especially for vulnerable groups
- New and emerging telecommunications/ICTs, including applications of artificial intelligence (AI), in delivering universal meaningful connectivity

² Meaningful connectivity is a level of connectivity that allows users to have a safe, satisfying, enriching and productive online experience at an affordable cost.

2 Study Group 2

Digital transformation

- Telecommunications/ICTs for digital transformation, including e-health and e-education
- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs
- Using telecommunications/ICTs for monitoring and mitigating the impact of climate change, and consideration of circular economy and safe disposal of electronic waste
- Combating counterfeit telecommunication/ICT devices and theft of mobile telecommunication devices
- Implementation of conformance and interoperability testing for telecommunication/ICT devices and equipment
- Human exposure to electromagnetic fields
- Challenges and prospects for developing countries in access to emerging telecommunication/ICT technologies, platforms, applications and use cases
- Using telecommunications/ICTs to create smart cities and the information society
- Adoption of telecommunications/ICTs and improving digital skills
- Availability and affordability of user devices
- Utilization of new and emerging telecommunication/ICT technologies

ANNEX 2 to RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)

Questions assigned by the World Telecommunication Development Conference to the ITU-D study groups

Study Group 1

- **Question 1/1:** Enabling policies and strategies for universal connectivity with a focus on underserved, remote and rural areas
- **Question 2/1:** Enabling policies and regulations for adopting digital telecommunication/ICT services and technologies for distribution and broadcasting
- **Question 3/1:** Use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management
- **Question 4/1:** Economic aspects of national telecommunications/ICTs
- **Question 5/1:** Consumer protection and empowerment, and meaningful accessibility for all, especially for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs

Study Group 2

- **Question 1/2:** Enabling telecommunications/ICTs for digital transformation and smart sustainable cities and communities
- **Question 2/2:** ICTs for the environment, and assessment of human exposure to electromagnetic fields
- **Question 3/2:** Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity
- **Question 4/2:** Availability and affordability of user devices, and telecommunication/ICT equipment issues, including conformance and interoperability
- **Question 5/2:** Adoption and utilization of new and emerging telecommunication/ICT services and technologies, and development of digital skills

ANNEX 3 to RESOLUTION 2 (Rev. Baku, 2025)

List of chairs and vice-chairs

Study Group 1

Chair:

Mr Roberto Mitsuke Hirayama (Brazil)

Vice-Chairs:

Ms Hadiza Kachallah (Nigeria)

Mr Malick Ndiaye (Senegal)

Mr Francisco Antonio Casaccia Torres (Paraguay)

Mr Abdelwaheb Galizra (Algeria)

Mr Ali Rasheed Hamad Al-Hamad (Kuwait)

Mr Wesam Sedik (Egypt)

Ms Memiko Otsuki (Japan)

Mr Dao Ngoc Tuyen (Viet Nam)

Ms Sha Wei (China)

Mr Sunil Kumar Singhal (India)

Mr Ilgar Abdullayev (Azerbaijan)

Ms Anastasia Konukhova (Russian Federation)

Ms Umida Musayeva (Uzbekistan)

Ms Cristina Aguiar (Portugal)

Mr Mehmet Alper Tekin (Türkiye)

Mr Teddy Woodhouse (United Kingdom)

Study Group 2

Chair

Mr Fadel Digham (Egypt)

Vice-Chairs

Ms Imelda Salum Banali (Tanzania)

Mr Mohamed Lamine Minthe (Guinea)

Ms Fifatin Carrelle Lucrece Toho (Benin)

Mr Víctor Antonio Martínez Sánchez (Paraguay)

Ms Aisha Al Marzooqi (United Arab Emirates)

Ms Maha Ziad Yousef Mouasher (Jordan)

Mr Hideo Imanaka (Japan)

Mr Sandeep Kumar Gupta (India)

Mr Tongning Wu (China)

Mr Javokhir Aripov (Uzbekistan)

Ms Uliana Stoliarova (Russian Federation)

Ms Lidia Stepinska-Ustasiak (Poland)

Ms Carmen-Madalina Clapon (Romania)