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Moderator: Stephen Bereaux, Deputy to the Director, BDT

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Welcoming Remark

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WTDC “Case for Change”

- Doreen Bogdan-Martin, BDT Director

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Summary and Next Steps





- In 1994 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference \(WTDC-94\)](#) took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 21 to 29 March.
 - 12 programmes
 - 11 Resolutions
 - 2 Recommendations
 - 166 page outcome document



- In 1998 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference \(WTDC-98\)](#) took place in Valletta, Malta, from 23 March to 1 April.
 - 6 programmes +LDC special programme
 - 22 Resolutions
 - 11 Recommendations
 - 146 page outcome document





- In 2002 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference \(WTDC-02\)](#) was in Istanbul, Turkey, from 18 to 27 March.
 - 6 programmes, 4 special initiatives
 - 38 Resolutions
 - 5 Recommendations
 - 2 RI (same for all regions)
 - 199 page outcome document



- In 2006 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference \(WTDC-06\)](#), took place in Doha, Qatar, from 7 to 15 March.
 - 6 programmes + 2 activities
 - 6 special initiatives
 - 47 Resolutions
 - 3 Recommendations
 - 1 Decision
 - 25 RIs (5 per region..)
 - 272 page outcome document



- In 2010 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference](#) (WTDC-10) took place in Hyderabad, India, from 24 May to 4 June.
 - 5 programmes
 - 60 Resolutions
 - 30 RIs (5 per region)
 - 322 page outcome document



- In 2014 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference](#) (WTDC-14) took place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 March to 10 April.
 - 11 programmes – 5 objectives
 - 68 Resolutions
 - 7 Recommendations
 - 30 Ris
 - 716 page outcome document



In 2017 the [World Telecommunication Development Conference](#) (WTDC-17) took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 9 to 20 October

- 11 programmes – 4 objectives
- 66 Resolutions
- 5 Recommendations
- 30 Ris
- 820 page outcome document





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Topic 1: Preparatory Process

Co-moderators:

- Ms Cristiana Flutur, Romania
- Ms Andrea Grippa, Brazil

Firestarter: Mr Kwame Baah-Acheamfuor, Ghana





Topic 1: Preparatory Process

- Is our preparatory process still fit for purpose?
- How can it be better integrated with the preparatory process of the regional telecommunication organizations?
- Should informal inter-regional meetings be organized, and, if so, what format should they take?
- Should informal inter-regional meetings be used to foster agreement ahead of the conference (for instance on administrative issues) to free-up conference time to discuss critical ICT development issues?





Topic 2: Content and Structure

Moderator:

- Mr Christopher Kemei, Kenya

Firestarter:

- Mr Bruce Gracie, Chairman TSAG, Ericsson-Canada





Topic 2: Content and Structure

- How can the scope of the conference be refocused on critical ICT development challenges and donor commitments to finance ICT4D projects?
- How can we improve WTDC's contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan? Is WTDC the most appropriate forum to discuss ITU-D's contribution to the ITU strategic plan?
- How do we improve the linkage between the work of Study Groups and the thematic/programmatic work and how do we make Study Group outcomes more useful, relevant and timely?
- Should each region develop separate regional initiatives?





Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement

Co-moderators:

- Mr Bocar Ba, SAMENA
- Ms Jane Coffin, Internet Society

Firestarter:

- Mr John Giusti, GSMA





Topic 3: Stakeholder Engagement

- Who are the current and new constituent groups that need to attend WTDC (e.g. governments including representatives from other Ministries, other UN organizations, multilateral/bilateral finance institutions, CEOs, academia, civil society, youth), and in what proportion?
- What can we do at WTDC to ensure these constituents and their top-level decision makers attend and participate actively?
- How do we engage these stakeholders in the WTDC preparatory process (e.g. in line consultations, Town Hall type meetings, preparatory meetings)?





Topic 4: Side Events

Co-moderators:

- Ms Anne-Rachel Inné, ARIN
- Mr Majid Almadhloum, UAE

Firestarter:

- Ms Boutheina Ghermazi, World Bank





Topic 4: Side Events

- Should the current side events remain side events or should they become an integral part of the conference?
- What topics should be discussed during these side-events and the Youth Summit?
- How should these topics be structured (e.g. thematic tracks, high-level programme, exhibition, etc.?)
- What should the output of the events be?





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Closing Remarks

- Doreen Bogdan-Martin, BDT Director
- Roxanne McElvane Webber, TDAG Bureau Chair (USA)





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Thank you for having participated!

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