WTDC-21 Preparatory Process

Towards an effective WTDC-21

5 November 2020

Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT)

The journey towards a more effective WTDC

2019 TDAG – Need for improvements

Pre TDAG Web Dialogues

TDAG 2020/1 and TDAG 2020/2

TDAG Working Group Meetings

TDAG 2020/3

WTDC-21

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March and April Web Dialogue Outcomes

The deliberations at the web dialogues were collated into three high level concepts for WTDC preparations, submitted by the BDT Director to TDAG-20

1. **Preparatory Process**

   a. Comprehensive preparatory process that includes a non-binding Inter-Regional coordination meetings (IRMs) with clear format, agenda

   b. Representation in IRMs with co-ordination between RPMs and RTOs

   c. Coordination on conference theme

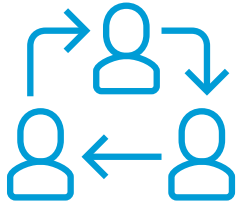   d. Leverage on selected high profile events to promote WTDC

2. **During the Conference**

   a. Merge high level segment and side events into thematic events (development track)

3. **Strategic Plan**

   a. WTDC would not discuss the ITU-D Contribution to ITU Strategic Plan in detail. The Strategic Plan would be addressed by a TDAG Group.

WTDC-21 Preparation Process - TDAG-WG-Prep

Working Group on WTDC-21 Preparations (TDAG-WG-Prep)

Chair – Santiago Reyes-Borda, Canada

❑ Review WTDC preliminary proposals on WTDC-21 preparatory process;

❑ In consultation with ITU membership and the TDAG Bureau, make recommendations for arrangements with preparatory meetings and events prior to the conference;

❑ Develop proposals and make recommendations that might enhance the arrangements for the conference, including:

- ○ Conference content;
- ○ Determination of conference theme(s);
- ○ Consider the Thematic tracks;
- ○ Key Stakeholders

WTDC Preparations
TDAG-WG-Prep – Update

Addition of a new, 2-3 day, Development/Partnership Segment or track with expanded participation, more interactive sessions, and delivering concrete development outputs
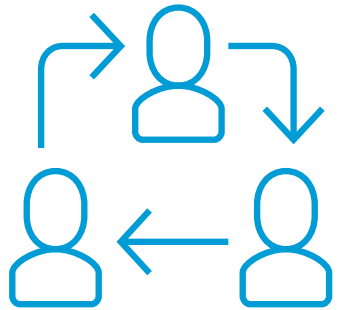
Development/Partnership segment should incorporate the HL segment with changes to the approach to policy statements
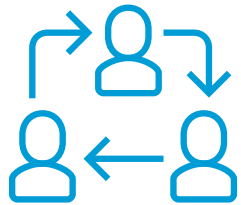
Working Group recommends a minimum of two and a maximum of three Inter-regional Meetings, to be held back-to-back with RPMs

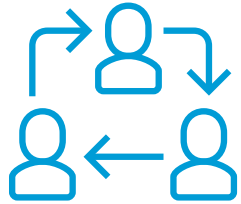To be finalised at meeting on 4 November 2020

TDAG-WG-Prep – Schedule

- Second meeting of TDAG-WG-Prep was held on 7 September 2020, 5 contributions were made (Russian Federation, Indonesia, ESOA, Lithuania and Zimbabwe)

- Third Meeting was held on 30 September 2020, three contributions were made (Argentine, Brazil, Canada and USA) as well as a Temporary Document comprising a Secretariat Concept Note

- Fourth meeting held on 20 October 2020, and continued on 4 November 2020

- Final report will be published by 6 November 2020 and will be submitted to TDAG 2020/3 on 23 November 2020

WTDC-21 Preparation Process – TDAG-WG-RDTP

Working Group on Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP)

Chair – Dr. Ahmad Sharafat, Iran

- Review WTDC resolutions, examine their number and subject matter, and consider streamlining, to avoid repetitions and duplication with the Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

- Align the ITU-D thematic priorities, proposed regional initiatives and proposed study group questions;

- Propose elements and make recommendations to ITU membership for the future draft Declaration;

- Report its outcomes to TDAG.

WTDC Preparations
TDAG-WG-RDTP – Update

Just concluded under the Fourth Block of meetings the last meeting of WG-RDTP before the extra-ordinary session of TDAG

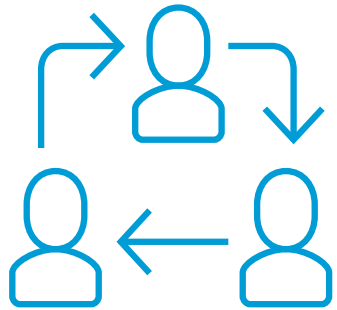Discussions were on Streamlining Resolutions, the Declaration, and Thematic Priorities

Two Liaison Statements were received from the two Chairs of ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2, and the TDAG Working Group on Strategies and Operations Plans
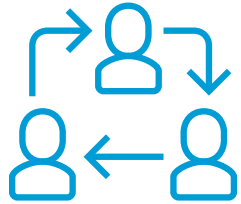
The WG-RDTP Chair submitted three documents with annexes on the three topics (Resolutions, Declaration, and Thematic Topics.

The Report coming out of the meeting held on 21 October 2020, will now be submitted to TDAG by the Chair of the Working Group
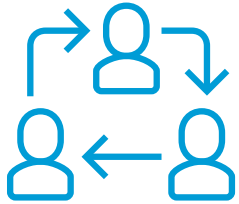
WTDC-21 Preparation Process – TDAG-WG-SOP

Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plan (TDAG-WG-SOP)

Chair – Dr. Blanca Gonzales, Spain

- To review the Strategic Plan and to prepare proposals for the draft new ITU-D contribution to the Strategic Plan for the next period (2024-2027).

- To review the status of implementation and impact of the Buenos Aires action plan and its links with the Operational Plan.

- To review the status of implementation and impact of the four-year rolling Operational Plan, identify areas of improvement, and develop recommendations for the Draft Operational Plan prior to consideration by Council.

- Outcomes to WTDC-21
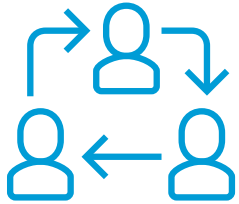
TDAG-WG-SOP – Framing Questions
Review of Strategic Plan, Buenos Aires Action Plan and 4-year rolling plan

1. Where has BDT excelled in building on the "One-ITU" framework, and where is there need for improvement?

2. How well is BDT on track quantitatively meeting objective targets?

3. Which adjustments are recommended to better align with the strategy?

4. What are the recommendations to reduce duplication with other Sectors?

5. How should we coordinate with TDAG-WG-Prep to align our position on regional initiatives?

TDAG-WG-SOP – Framing Questions

Proposals for ITU-D contribution to ITU strategic plan (2024-27) and draft Operational Plan

1. What products and services portfolio will help us attract and retain partners, and which organizations should be targeted for cooperation?

2. How should BDT streamline, consolidate and prioritize its offering?

3. What competition is expected and how should BDT adapt strategically for a competitive advantage in this environment?

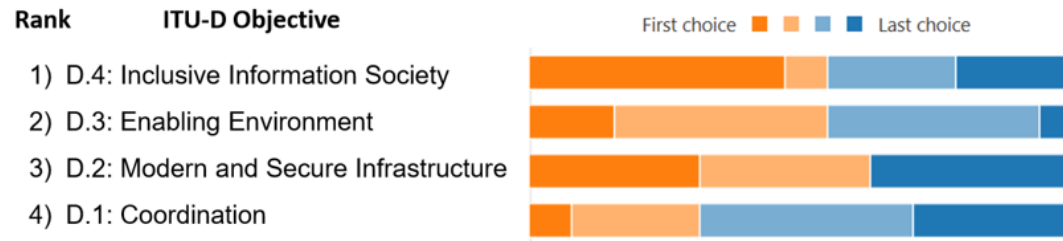4. What specific objectives, outcomes and outputs should be envisioned?
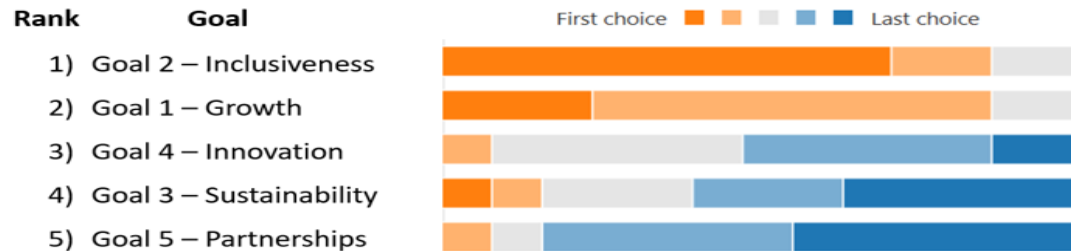
WTDC Preparations
TDAG-WG-SOP – Update

1. One contribution (Mexico/Canada/USA) on Procedure proposing modifications to Resolutions 1 and 24 supported by TDAG-WG-SOP;

2. Liaison statements on the above provided to TDAG-WG-PREP and TDAG-WG-RDTP;

3. Agreement on prioritization of the Goals and ITU-D Objectives (poll outcome) towards the new Strategic Operational Plan and Action Plan; and

4. Contribution questions and framing questions provided to TDAG for discussion.
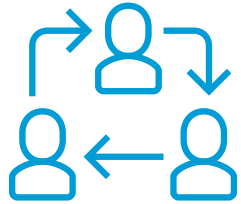
Graph 1: Ranking of prioritization for ITU-D Objectives

Rank	ITU-D Objective
1)	D.4: Inclusive Information Society
2)	D.3: Enabling Environment
3)	D.2: Modern and Secure Infrastructure
4)	D.1: Coordination

First choice ■ ■ ■ ■ Last choice

Graph 2: Ranking of prioritization for Goals

Rank	Goal
1)	Goal 2 – Inclusiveness
2)	Goal 1 – Growth
3)	Goal 4 – Innovation
4)	Goal 3 – Sustainability
5)	Goal 5 – Partnerships

First choice ■ ■ ■ ■ Last choice

TDAG-WG-SOP – Schedule

- Second Meeting was held on 1 October 2020, one contribution received (USA) and various secretariat presentations made on issues related to the Strategic Plan

- Interim report published, will be sent to the extraordinary meeting of TDAG scheduled for 23 November 2020

- Additional meetings will be held, on dates TBC, following TDAG 2020/3

- Its final report will first go to the 2021 meeting of TDAG, and will include the progress report on the Buenos Aires Action Plan as well as proposals regarding the ITU-D component of the Strategic and Operational Plans

How to Participate

- Contributions to WGs:

    - WG-Prep – Final Meeting held on 4 November 2020. Report to be published by 6 November 2020;

    - WG-RDTP – Next meeting to be determined at/after TDAG-3/2020, contribution deadline will be decided once meeting date is established

    - WG-SOP – Next meeting to be determined at/after TDAG-3/2020, contribution deadline will be decided once meeting date is established

- TDAG-3/2020 – 23 November 2020

Thank you!

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