Preparation of APT for WTDC-21

The APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21 (APT WTDC21)

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✅ Objectives

The main objective of APT-WTDC is to coordinate on regional activities for World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDCs) to ensure that the interests of APT members on ICT development issues are properly represented. The activities include, but not limited to:

- ✅ to assist APT members to prepare for World Telecommunication Development Conferences in coordinating issues of regional interest and the submission of regional contributions to the Conference;

- ✅ to develop proposals from APT members that considers the interest of the Asia-Pacific region as inputs for WTDCs Assembly;

- ✅ to assist APT members during the WTDC.

✅ Terms of Reference

- ✅ https://www.apt.int/APT-WTDC

Working Group Structure of APT WTDC21 (1)

✅ Structure

Working Groups	Title (Scope)
1	Programmes, Study Groups and Associated Questions
2	Working Methods, Declaration and, Action Plan
3	General ICT Development Issues including Regional Initiatives

✅ Working Group 1 (WG1) : **Programmes, Study Groups and Associated Questions**

   ✅ Consider matters relating to ITU-D Programmes, Study Groups and Associated Questions taking into account the strategic goals and objectives of the ITU in particular to those of ITU-D;

   ✅ Assess the achievements of the relevant parts of the Buenos Aires Action Plan,

Working Group Structure of APT WTDC21 (2)

- Structure of Working Groups (2)

  - Working Group 2 (WG2) : **Working Methods, Declaration and, Action Plan**

    - Review the ITU-D's Working Methods, particularly in regard to the organization of and procedures associated with meetings of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) and Study Groups, in the interests of optimizing and enhancing their effectiveness and efficiency during the forthcoming period;

    - Identify any issues that need stronger support and commitment of the APT Members and to prepare draft inputs for Declaration and Action Plan of the WTDC,

  - Working Group 3 (WG3) : **General ICT Development Issues including Regional Initiatives**

    - Identify key issues for the regional ICT development, including general policy and cooperation among memberships, taking into account the needs of the region and the relevant Strategic Plan of the APT;

    - Discuss and develop proposals for Regional Initiatives for Asia-Pacific region;

    - Consider other matters not covered by WG1 and WG2,
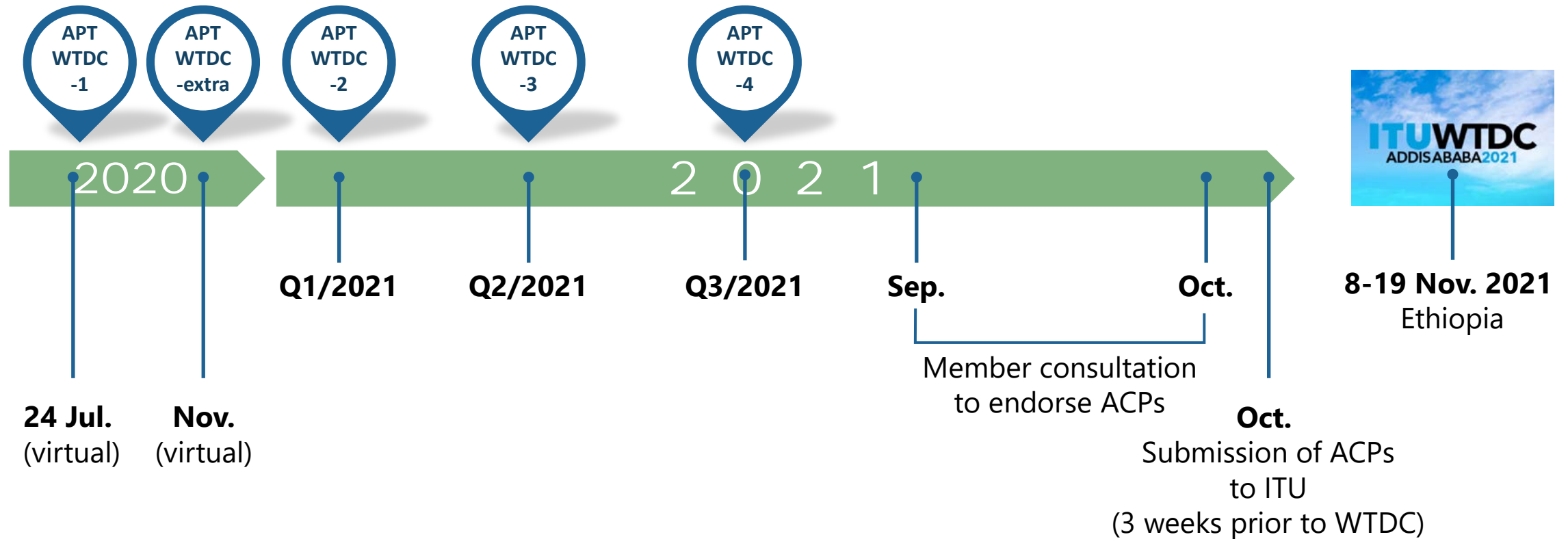
Office Bearers of APT WTDC21

Plenary	Chairman Vice-Chairmen	**Dr. A. R. Sharafat** (Islamic Republic of Iran) Mr. Norifumi Yamaguchi (Japan) Mr. Sung Joon Choi (Republic of Korea)	
WGs	**WG1** Programmes, Study Groups and Associated Questions	**WG2** Working Methods, Declaration and, Action Plan	**WG3** General ICT Development Issues including Regional Initiatives
Chair	Ms. Mina Seonmin Jun (Republic of Korea)	Ms. Alexandra Borthwick (Australia)	Ms. Memiko Otsuki (Japan)
Vice-Chairs	Ms. Yapeng Wang (People's Republic of China) Ms. Maryam Espandar (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Ms. Thasawan Samorwong (Thailand)	Ms. Anna Amalina Imam Baweh (Malaysia) *to be nominated* (India)

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Work Plan for APT WTDC21

✅ (at least) 4 times of Preparatory meetings are planned

- APT WTDC-1 — 24 Jul. (virtual)
- APT WTDC-extra — Nov. (virtual)
- APT WTDC-2 — Q1/2021
- APT WTDC-3 — Q2/2021
- APT WTDC-4 — Q3/2021
- Sep. – Oct.: Member consultation to endorse ACPs
- Oct.: Submission of ACPs to ITU (3 weeks prior to WTDC)
- ITU WTDC ADDIS ABABA 2021 — 8-19 Nov. 2021, Ethiopia

Deliverables of APT WTDC21

✅ **APT Common Proposal (ACP)**
A document containing subject matter developed by the APT WTDC21 and endorsed by the required number of APT Members for submission by the Secretary General as a multi-country proposal to another organization
Note: Member consultation is required

✅ **APT View**
A view approved by the plenary of the APT WTDC21 on certain matters, which can be submitted to an international organization by the Secretary General on behalf of Members participating at that plenary
Note: Plenary approval is required

Approval Procedures of APT on PACPs and ACPs (1)

Conditions for PACPs

✅ PACPs should be, as far as possible, be adopted by consensus at the Plenary of APT-WTDC;

✅ However, if there is a difference of opinion at the Plenary and further discussion cannot produce consensus then, as a last resort, document can be adopted provided that:

   ✅ the document is supported by at least one quarter (25%) of the APT Members present at the Plenary; AND,

   ✅ the document is not opposed by a number of Members present at the Plenary greater than the number of Members who support it.

Conditions for ACPs

- ✅ PACPs are required to be circulated to all APT Members (38 Members) through the APT Secretariat for endorsement. Once the PACPs meet the criteria below, the PACPs become ACPs,

- ✅ On confirmation of a proposal as a PACP, all APT Members will be asked to consider inclusion of heir country name as a signatory to that proposal. A PACP becomes an ACP provided that:

  - ✅ the proposal is supported by at least one quarter (25%) of the APT Members; AND

  - ✅ the proposal is not opposed by more than 50% of the number of Members who support it.

Future Plan of APT WTDC21

- ✅ Extraordinary meeting of APT WTDC21 will be organized to discuss the outcomes of TDAG Working Groups and

  - ✅ November 12, 2020 / virtual

- ✅ The 2nd meeting of APT Preparatory meeting (early February 2021)

  - ✅ To follow up the outcome of TDAG meeting

  - ✅ To discuss on issues for the WTDC-21 and identification of potential topics for APT Common Proposals

  - ✅ To prepare APT inputs to RPM, in particular draft Regional Initiatives

  - ✅ To review of the Structure and Work Plan of the Group

  (Representatives of RTOs are kindly invited to observe the meeting)