



**First Inter-Regional Meeting (IRM-1) to
prepare for the WTDC-21**
Virtual, 11 March 2021



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Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL)

American preparations for WTDC-21

Agenda item:

N/A

Summary:

This document contains a presentation summarizing CITEL preparations for WTDC-21.

Expected results:

IRM-1 is invited to note this document

References:

N/A

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1st ITU Inter-Regional Meeting for WTDC-21
March 11th, 2021



PRIORITIES FOR CITEL

- **“Fit4Purpose ITU”**: WTDC-21 as a propulsive environment to foster the design and implementation of concrete and effective solutions for the expansion and use of connectivity and ICTs in developing and least-developed countries, landlocked countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)
- **Increased participation of developing, least developed countries, landlocked countries and SIDS in the work of ITU-D, particularly of stakeholders from the Americas region, including SMEs and Academia**
- **WTDC-21 geared to effectively address critical ICT for Development (ICT4D) priorities identified by the regions, focused on closing the Digital Divides, reaching marginalized regions and communities, promoting community networks, ensuring gender equity/equality and an on-going engagement by young people**
- **WTDC-21 outcomes reflected by concrete and coordinated efforts and policies among all stakeholders (Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Civil Society, NGOs, IFIs, Private Sector and Development Banks)**
- **Bottom-up approach: Policies targeted to beneficiaries or recipients whose views are fundamental to know where to address and focus ITU’s collective efforts.**
- **Increased cooperation with all ITU Regions and RTOs**



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AGENDA OF WORK

- **Regional Initiatives / Priorities: Connectivity under Principles of Universality, Equity and Affordability**
- **BDT Thematic Priorities Optimization (output WG-RDTP)**
- **Study Groups and Questions Restructuring (output WG-RDTP)**
- **Streamlining Resolutions**
- **WTDC-21 Declaration to be linked with WTDC Theme: “Connecting the Unconnected for Sustainable Development”**
- **Revision of ITU Regional Presence**



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DEFINITIONS

CONTRIBUTION:

A proposal that a CITEL Member State presents to the Working Group for further discussion and approval as an Inter-American Proposal (IAP)

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DIAP):

A contribution that receives the support of at least one other CITEL Member State

INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP):

A DIAP that has been supported by at least six CITEL Member States and is not opposed by more than 50% of the number of supports obtained.



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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

2020:

- **TDAG Web Dialogues (March, April and May)**
- **3 TDAG Working Groups: 9 meetings**
- **3 TDAG Meetings**
- **The Road to Addis Series**

2021:

- **CITEL WGCONF: February, March, April, August**
- **TDAG WG-RDTP: March**
- **IRMs: March, May and September**
- **RPM for Americas and PCCI Meetings : April / August**
- **RTOs Preparatory Meetings**
- **TDAG: May**
- **The Road to Addis Series**

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