Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT)

Preparation of APT for WTDC-21

Agenda item:
Item 4
Summary:
This document contains a presentation summarizing APT preparations for WTDC-21.
Expected results:
IRM-1 is invited to note this document.
References:
N/A

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

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APT Preparatory Group for WTDC (1)

✅ **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 support 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;

- ✅ To assist APT members during the WTDC.

✅ **Terms of Reference**

- ✅ https://www.apt.int/APT-WTDC

APT Preparatory Group for WTDC (2)

- ✅ **Structure**
  - ✅ Working Group 1 (WG1) : Programme, Study Groups and Associated Questions
  - ✅ Working Group 2 (WG2) : Working Methods, Declaration and Action Plan
  - ✅ Working Group 3 (WG3) : General ICT Development Issues including Regional Initiatives
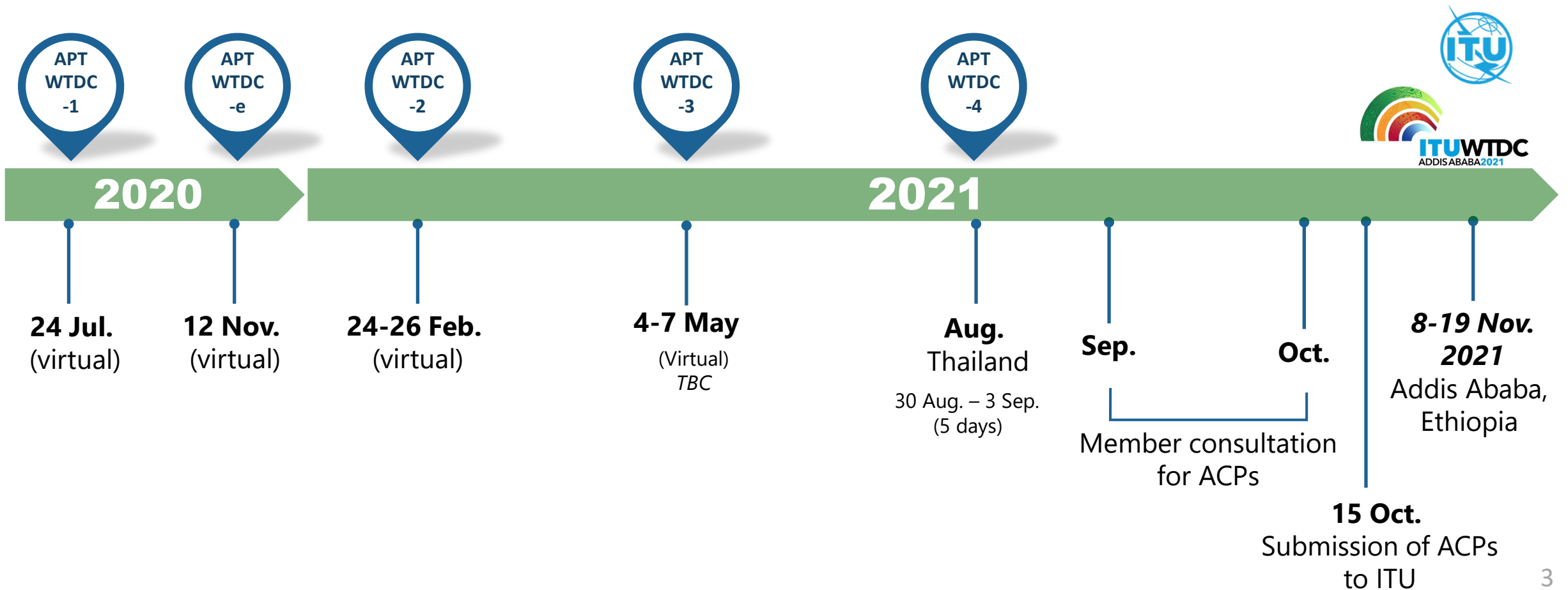
- ✅ **Office Bearers**

Plenary	Chairman – **Dr. A. R. Sharafat** (Islamic Republic of Iran) Vice-Chairmen – **Mr. Norifumi Yamaguchi** (Japan), **Mr. Sung Joon Choi** (Republic of Korea)		
WGs	**WG1**	**WG2**	**WG3**
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)

Work Plan for APT WTDC-21

✓ 4 times (+ extraordinary) of Preparatory meetings

APT WTDC-1

APT WTDC-e

APT WTDC-2

APT WTDC-3

APT WTDC-4

2020

2021

24 Jul.
(virtual)

12 Nov.
(virtual)

24-26 Feb.
(virtual)

4-7 May
(Virtual)
TBC

Aug.
Thailand
30 Aug. – 3 Sep.
(5 days)

Sep.

Oct.

Member consultation
for ACPs

15 Oct.
Submission of ACPs
to ITU

8-19 Nov. 2021
Addis Ababa,
Ethiopia

Deliverables of APT WTDC-21

✓ **APT Common Proposal (ACP)**
A document containing subject matter developed by the APT WTDC-21 and endorsed
by the required number of APT Members for submission by the Secretary General
as a multi-country proposal to another organization
*Note: Preliminary ACP (PACP) is under the direct remit of APT WTDC-21 (i.e., Plenary approval)
whereas ACP requires Members' endorsement*

✓ **APT Position**
A document containing an agreed view of APT Members on certain matters
to be used internally prior to or during the debate at international Conferences/Assemblies
Note: Plenary approval is required

✓ **APT View**
A view approved by the plenary of the APT WTDC-21 on certain matters, which can be submitted
to an international organization by the Secretary General on behalf of Members participating at
that plenary (for submission to the international organizations mainly at no higher level than ITU
Study Group activities or equivalent)
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.

Approval Procedures of APT on PACPs and ACPs (2)

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.

Outcomes of APT WTDC21-2 (1)

- **APT View** on **Draft Regional Initiatives of Asia-Pacific** (APT WTDC21-2/OUT-04)

  - **ASP1**: Addressing special needs of least developed countries, small island developing states, including Pacific island countries, and landlocked developing countries;

  - **ASP2**: Harnessing information and communication technologies to support the digital economy and inclusive digital societies;

  - **ASP3**: Fostering development of infrastructure to enhance digital connectivity and connecting the unconnected;

  - **ASP4**: Enabling policy and regulatory environments to accelerate digital transformation

  - **ASP5**: Contributing to a secure and resilient ICT environment

Outcomes of APT WTDC21-2 (2)

- ✓ Thematic Priorities WTDC-21
  - ✓ APT WTDC21-2 agreed to the draft Thematic Priorities of WTDC21 which is contained in APT WTDC21-2/INF-06
- ✓ Ongoing discussion on Draft Addis Ababa Declaration
- ✓ Ongoing discussion on Study Questions:
  - ✓ Q4, Q5 and Q7 of SG1
- ✓ ICT Index
  - ✓ Ongoing discussion on Revision of Resolution 8 aims to improve the mechanism to introduce, review, and revise indicators and methodology of ITU's future ICT index
- ✓ Emergency Communication
  - ✓ Ongoing Revision of Resolution 34 (*as required*)

Outcomes of APT WTDC21-2 (3)

- ✅ Ongoing discussion on New Resolutions:
    - ✅ "Using information and communication technologies to combat pandemic such as COVID-19 infection"
    - ✅ *Digital Economy* (focusing on building a guiding framework for the development of a digital economy and helping member states)

Way Forward

- APT members are encouraged to attend ITU RPM-ASP (9-10 March) and IRM (11 March)

- APT members are invited to submit contributions to the future APT Preparatory meetings:
  - APT WTDC21-3: *tentatively* 4-7 May 2021 (virtual)
  - APT WTDC21-4: 30 August – 3 September (Thailand)

- RTOs and ITU are invited to these APT Preparatory meetings