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DEFINITIONS

CONTRIBUTION: a proposal that a CITELE Member State presents to the Working Group for further discussion and approval as an Inter-American Proposal.

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DIAP): A contribution that receives the support of at least one other CITELE Member State.

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Upcoming CITELEL WTDC-21 Preparatory Meetings

Working Group (WGCONF) on WTDC & WTSA

January 17, 2022

CITEL Assembly

February 16 – 18, 2022

40th PCCI and Working Group (WGCONF) on WTDC

April 5 – 9, 2022

PCC.I – Permanent Consultative Committee I, Telecommunications/ICT



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KEY ISSUES 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



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- 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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AMERICAS REGIONAL PRIORITIES

AMS1: Deployment of modern, resilient, secure and sustainable telecommunication/ICT infrastructure

Expected results:

- Assistance in the design, funding and implementation of national, regional and sub-regional broadband plans and resilient networks, including support to community networks, with special attention to indigenous communities, underserved and unserved areas, critical environment areas and vulnerable populations, taking into account innovative connectivity solutions that can be locally deployed and managed, including access to spectrum and high-speed networks;
- Assistance in the development, funding and implementation of national emergency telecommunication plans and network infrastructure;
- Enhanced and strengthened confidence and security in the use of ICTs, including capacity building and support for the development of national cybersecurity strategies;
- Effective use of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs to mitigate climate change and enhance environmental sustainability;
- Assistance in the design of effective spectrum management plans, enabling affordable access to backbone facilities, development of IXPs, and appropriate use of universal service funds.



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AMS2: Enhancement and expansion of digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion programs, especially among vulnerable populations.

Expected results:

- Support for the development of human capacity through national, regional and sub-regional capacity building projects, such as training programs or workshops, to exchange expertise and knowledge, as well as national and international experiences to provide practical skills and tools to bridge digital divides, including the gender digital divide, in order to contribute to the development of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs, enhancing competition, investment and innovation;
- Provision of diligent assistance in the planning, implementation and evaluation of projects and programs on digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion.



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AMERICAS REGIONAL PRIORITIES

AMS3: Effective support for the digital transformation and innovation ecosystems through scalable, funded and sustainable connectivity projects.

Expected Results:

- Assistance in the planning and implementation of foundational infrastructure and special purpose e-services;
- Increased capacity building and multi-stakeholder cooperation to facilitate and enhance innovation in telecommunications/ICTs in support of digital transformation in the region, with special focus on all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, indigenous communities, in particular youth and women in rural, remote, unserved or underserved areas and communities;
- Promotion of the active engagement of civil society, international financial institutions, industry partners, academia and other relevant stakeholders.



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AMERICAS REGIONAL PRIORITIES

AMS-4 - Development of enabling policy and regulatory environments to connect the unconnected through accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs that support the achievement of SDGs and the progress towards the digital economy.

Expected results:

- Support and promotion of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs in all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, and protected areas for emergency communications and to protect, restore and promote a sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems;
- Support for the development of an enabling policy and regulatory environment and to facilitate investment and innovation to connect the unconnected and achieve the SDGs;
- Support for Member States in the implementation of policy and regulatory strategies to connect the unconnected with a focus on affordability, including support of small operators and community networks;
- Enhanced outreach to all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, for greater participation in ITU processes and access to finance and expertise;
- Support for digital financial inclusion and fostering implementation of electronic transactions.



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NoW4WTDC (AMS): Network of Women for WTDC Americas Chapter –

a platform for collaboration & information exchange between new and experienced delegates to increase the participation and leadership of women in ITU-D

We invite administrations to consider, for their jurisdictions:

1. What can you do to contribute to NoW4WTDC objectives?
2. What is being done to increase the number of women delegates to the WTDC and those in leadership roles in ITU-D conference structures?
3. What is being done to increase the capacity and preparedness of women delegates to attend, engage in, and contribute meaningfully to WTDC?
4. What is being done to clarify the importance of appointing gender balanced delegations?
5. Have you reviewed WTDC RESOLUTION 55 (Buenos Aires, 2017) ***Mainstreaming a gender perspective for an inclusive and egalitarian information society?***
6. Are you willing to assist with the gathering of information and data as the basis for monitoring and evaluation of progress within sector ***leadership?***
7. Are there any ways in which the NoW4WTDC can help you?



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CITEL WTDC-21 PREPARATIONS

Focus on:

Status of proposals as of December 14, 2021

10 IAPs / 14 DIAPs



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Inter-American Proposals (IAPs)

- SUP WTDC Res. 81 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) - Electronic Working Methods
- SUP WTDC Res. 61 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) - Chairs and Vice Chairs
- MOD WTDC Res. 86 (Buenos Aires, 2017) - Six Languages of the Union
- MOD WTDC Res. 78 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) - Misuse of ITU-T Numbering Resources
- MOD WTDC Res. 11 - Telecommunications/ICTs in rural and indigenous areas
- MOD WTDC Res. 24 (Rev. Dubai, 2014) - TDAG
- MOD WTDC Res. 46 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) – Assistance and promotion for indigenous communities
- MOD WTDC Res. 58 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) - Accessibility
- MOD WTDC Res. 64 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) – Protecting and Supporting Consumers/Users

- TDAG Inter-American Contribution – Thematic Priorities



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Draft Inter-American Proposals (IAPs)

- MOD WTDC Res. 62 – Human Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields
- MOD WTDC Res. 79 – Counterfeit
- MOD WTDC Res. 22 – Alternative Calling Procedures
- MOD WTDC Res. 37 – Bridging the Digital Divide
- MOD WTDC Res. 1 – Rules of Procedure
- MOD WTDC Res. 66 – ICT and Climate Change
- MOD WTDC Res. 8 – Statistics
- MOD WTDC Res. 47 – Conformance and Interoperability
- MOD WTDC Res. 82 – Multilingualism on the Internet
- MOD WTDC Res. 73 – ITU Centres of Excellence
- MOD WTDC Res. 59 – Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU sectors
- MOD WTDC Res. 85 – IoT and Smart Cities and Communities
- MOD WTDC Res 84 – Mobile Telecommunication Device Theft



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Candidacies for Leadership Positions ITU-D Study Groups and TDAG

• Roxanne McElvane Weber	• US / TDAG Chair
• Agustina Brizzio	• ARG / TDAG Vice-Chair
• Andrea Grippa	• BRA / TDAG Vice-Chair
• Roberto Mitsuake Hirayama	• BRA / SG1 Vice-Chair



Thank you

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