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| **Summary:**  This contribution includes proposals for preparation for WTDC-21  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to consider this document and support the proposals contained therein.  **References:**  Resolution 31 (Rev. Buenos-Aires, 2017) WTDC  Documents TDAG-20/8 and TDAG-20/37 | |

1. **Introduction**

By [Circular Letter No. 19/45](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-SG-CIR-0045/) of 3 October 2019, ITU Member States were informed that the next World Telecommunication Development Conference 2021 (WTDC-21) will be held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 8 to 19 November 2021 by the kind invitation from the Government of Ethiopia

Thus, a year and a half remained before the start of WTDC-21.

BDT TDAG-20/8 only provides information on the location and dates of WTDC-21.

Unfortunately, the ITU-D website in the WTDC section currently only contains information on WTDC-17.

There is no information on the website about the place and time of WTDC-21, about preparation for it, instructions for preparing contributions to the conference, regional meetings and other necessary materials.

A number of regional organizations have already begun preparations for WTDC-21, in particular, the RCC has already held two preparatory meetings.

TDAG is expedient, as before, to organize correspondence groups to prepare for WTDC, including on working methods and streamlining of resolutions, as well as on a draft Conference Declaration.

We support Canada's proposals on this issue (document TDAG-20/37).

1. **Proposals**
   1. TDAG to recommend the Director of BDT to immediately organize the WTDC-21 website, where all the necessary information for the preparation of the conference, including the preparation of contributions, will be posted.
   2. To establish TDAG Correspondence Groups to assist in the preparation of contributions on working methods, streamlining of resolutions.
   3. To consider the feasibility of establishing a TDAG Correspondence Group on a Development Strategy to consider proposals for further improving ITU-D activities, primarily in the interest of developing countries, with a view to reducing digital development and implementing the SDGs, as well as TDAG Correspondence Group to prepare a draft Conference Declaration .
   4. To request regional telecommunication organizations to inform BDT of their meetings for WTDC-21 prepare and contact persons.

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