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| **Summary:** This document presents a compilation of membership proposals for ITU-D Thematic Priorities to be submitted to WTDC-21 for approval, based on document TDAG-WG-RDTP/35.**Action required:**TDAG-WG-RDTP is invited to examine this document and adopt the proposals contained therein.**References:**N/A |

**ITU-D Thematic Priorities**

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| 1. **Connectivity:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the deployment of modern, available, secure, accessible, and affordable broadband telecommunication/ICT infrastructure. This Thematic Priority would seek to foster the development of infrastructure and services by utilizing new and emerging digital technologies, including building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICT.
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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/44 - ATU****1. Connectivity:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the deployment of modern, available, secure, accessible, and affordable broadband telecommunication/ICT infrastructure. This Thematic Priority would seek to foster the development of infrastructure and services by utilizing new and emerging digital technologies, including building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICT. The following topics can be considered as supporting components of this Thematic Priority: ***Deployment of Future Networks, Resilient and Safe Digital Infrastructure*** *(*including EMF-related issues, availability, and reliability, interoperability)**, *Connectivity in the Era of Pandemics and Other Disasters***, and ***Emergency Telecommunications.*** |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/46 - France, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, the United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Bulgaria****NOC** |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL****1. Connectivity:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the deployment of modern, secure, accessible, and affordable broadband telecommunication/ICT infrastructure with a focus on connecting unserved and underserved populations and vulnerable populations[[1]](#footnote-1). This Thematic Priority would seek to foster the development of resilient and accessible telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services, by utilizing a combination of existing, new and emerging connectivity solutions, new business models and forms of connectivity partnerships, and would also include building confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICT as well as disaster mitigation and risk reduction. |
| 1. **Digital Transformation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications and services to close the Digital Divides and empower people and societies for sustainable development. This is of critical importance as societies adapt to the changes that are needed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In so doing, there is need to recognize the important role that women and youth can play in making the digital society a reality.
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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/44 - ATU****2. Digital Transformation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications and services to close the Digital Divides and empower people and societies for sustainable development. This is of critical importance as societies adapt to the changes that are needed to reengineer as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. In doing so, there is need to recognize the important role that women and youth can play in making the digital society a reality. The following topics can be considered as supporting components of this Thematic Priority: ***Digital Services and Applications*** *(health, education, agriculture, OTTs, etc.)*, ***Digital Economy*** (e-commerce, new business models, job market re-engineering, trade, and investment), ***Digital Innovation Ecosystems,*** and ***Environment*** *(climate change, and e-waste).* |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/46 - France, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, the United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Bulgaria****NOC** |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL****2. Inclusive Information Society:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications and services to close the Digital Divides and empower people and societies for sustainable development. This is of critical importance as societies adapt to the changes that are needed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In so doing, there is need to promote digital inclusion and accessibility, including recognizing the important role that women, youth and persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs can play in making the digital society a reality. The needs of developing countries, LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS should also be prioritized and given due attention. This is of critical importance as societies adapt to the changes that are needed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. This priority also advances telecommunication/ICT strategies and solutions on climate-change adaptation and mitigation.  |
| 1. **Enabling Environment:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on fostering an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development. This Thematic Priority comprises key enablers that underpin ITU’s work to deliver on the Connectivity and Digital Society priorities.
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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/44 - ATU****3. Enabling Environment:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on fostering an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development. This Thematic Priority comprises key enablers that underpin ITU’s work to deliver on the Connectivity and Digital Society priorities. The following topics can be considered as supporting components of this Thematic Priority:***Data and Market Analysis*** *(*statistics*),* ***Policy and Regulation****,* ***Consumer Protection and Privacy, Digital Inclusion*** (gender issues, persons with disabilities and specific needs, financial inclusion, youth, and indigenous people), ***Capacity and Skills Development,*** and ***Internet Related Issues.*** |
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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL****3. Enabling Environment:** This Thematic Priority comprises key enablers that underpin ITU’s work to deliver on the Connectivity and Digital Society priorities. The focus of this Thematic Priority is on fostering an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development and infrastructure investment, including helping support production of statistics which reflect development and trends in telecommunications/ICTs. This priority also seeks to enable innovation in telecommunications/ICTs in support of the digital transformation of society. |
| 1. **Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on mobilizing and attracting resources and fostering international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues. This Thematic Priority is also cross cutting by providing the resources and fostering international cooperation to deliver the relevant global outcomes. The needs of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS should be prioritized and given due attention.
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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/44 - ATU****4. Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on mobilizing and attracting resources and fostering international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues. This Thematic Priority is also cross cutting by providing the resources and fostering international cooperation to deliver the relevant global outcomes. The needs of LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS should be prioritized and given due attention.The following topics can be considered as the supporting components of this Thematic Priority: ***Projects, Partnerships, Mainstreaming the Needs of LDCS, LLDCs, and SIDS, WSIS and SDGs, Membership Engagement for Better Impact,*** and ***ITU-D Study Groups***. |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/46 - France, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Romania, Spain, the United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Bulgaria****NOC** |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL****4. Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on mobilizing and attracting resources and fostering international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues. This Thematic Priority is also cross cutting by providing the resources and fostering international cooperation to deliver the relevant global outcomes.  |
| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/44 - ATU**1. **Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs:** the focus of this thematic priority is related to assisting member states on technical and organizational aspects of cybersecurity and on building trust and confidence in the use of ICTs, the following topics can be considered as the supporting components of this thematic Priority ; ***Cybersecurity*** assisting member states in ***building national CERTs***, national cybersecurity strategies, legal aspects including cybercrime, ***securing telecommunications/ICTs networks and applications****,* including countering current and emerging cyber threats, ***Consumer protection and Privacy***.
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**Topics Pertaining to ITU-D Thematic Priorities**

The following activity areas/topics pertain to Thematic Priority “**Connectivity**”:

* ***Deployment of Future Networks***
* ***Resilient and Safe Digital Infrastructure*** *(*including EMF-related issues, availability, and reliability)**,**
* ***Cybersecurity****,*
* ***Connectivity in the Era of Pandemics and Other Disasters***, and
* ***Emergency Telecommunications.***

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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL**The following activity topics/supporting components pertain to Thematic Priority “**Connectivity**” considering advancing ITU-D Objective D.2: * ***Deployment of modern and resilient telecommunication/ICT infrastructure*** *(*including EMF-related issues, availability, and reliability)
* ***Connecting the unconnected and remote and rural areas***
* ***Cybersecurity****,*
* ***Connectivity in the Era of Pandemics and Other Disasters***, and
* ***Telecommunications/ICTs for Disaster mitigation and risk reduction.***
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The following activity areas/topics pertain to Thematic Priority “**Digital Transformation**”:

* ***Digital Services and Applications*** *(health, education, agriculture, emerging technologies/digital platforms, digital financial services, etc.)*,
* ***Digital Economy*** (e-commerce, new business models, job market re-engineering, trade, and investment),
* ***Digital Innovation Ecosystems,*** and
* ***Environment*** *(climate change, and e-waste).*

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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL**The following activity topics/supporting components pertain to Thematic Priority “**Inclusive Information Society**” considering advancing ITU-D Objective D.4:* ***Digital Services and Applications*** *(use of telecommunications/ICTs in support of health, education, agriculture, digital financial services, etc.)*,
* ***Digital Inclusion*** *(gender issues, persons with disabilities and specific needs, financial inclusion, youth, and indigenous people),*
* ***Mainstreaming the Needs of Developing countries, LDCS, LLDCs, and SIDS,***
* ***Digital Literacy***
* ***Environment*** *(use of telecom/ICT strategies and solutions on climate change adaptation and mitigation, and e-waste).*
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The following activity areas/topics pertain to Thematic Priority “**Enabling Environment**”:

* ***Data and Market Analysis*** *(*statistics*),*
* ***Policy and Regulation*** *(Internet related issues, Consumer Protection and Privacy, etc.)*
* ***Digital Inclusion*** (gender issues, persons with disabilities and specific needs, financial inclusion, youth, and indigenous people), and
* ***Capacity and Skills Development.***

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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL**The following activity topics/supporting components pertain to Thematic Priority “**Enabling Environment**” considering advancing ITU-D Objective D.3:* ***Data and Market Analysis, Statistics****,*
* ***Policy and Regulation***
* ***Telecommunications/ICT Innovation and digitalization ecosystems***
* ***Capacity and Skills Development.***
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The following activity areas/topics pertain to Thematic Priority “**Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation**”:

* ***Projects,***
* ***Partnerships,***
* ***Mainstreaming the Needs of LDCS, LLDCs, and SIDS,***
* ***WSIS and SDGs,***
* ***Membership Engagement for Better Impact,*** and
* ***ITU-D Study Groups***.

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| **TDAG-WG-RDTP/48 - CITEL**The following activity topics/supporting components pertain to Thematic Priority “**Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation**” considering advancing ITU-D Objective D.1: * ***Projects and implementation of regional priorities,***
* ***Partnerships,***
* ***WSIS and SDGs,***
* ***Membership Engagement for Better Impact,*** and
* ***ITU-D Study Groups***.
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1. Vulnerable populations are intended to include women and girls, persons with disabilities and specific needs, older persons, youth, marginalized communities and indigenous people. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)