Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)

29th Meeting, Virtual, 8-12 November 2021

Directeur, Telecommunication Development Bureau

Newcomers session

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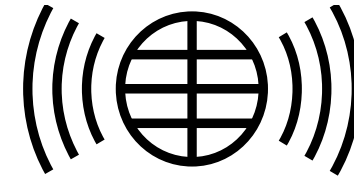
TDAG

Newcomers session

TDAG-21/2, 9 November 2021

Who are we?

ITU is the United Nations **specialized agency for information and communication technologies** (ICTs)

Enabling a
connected world

Who are we?

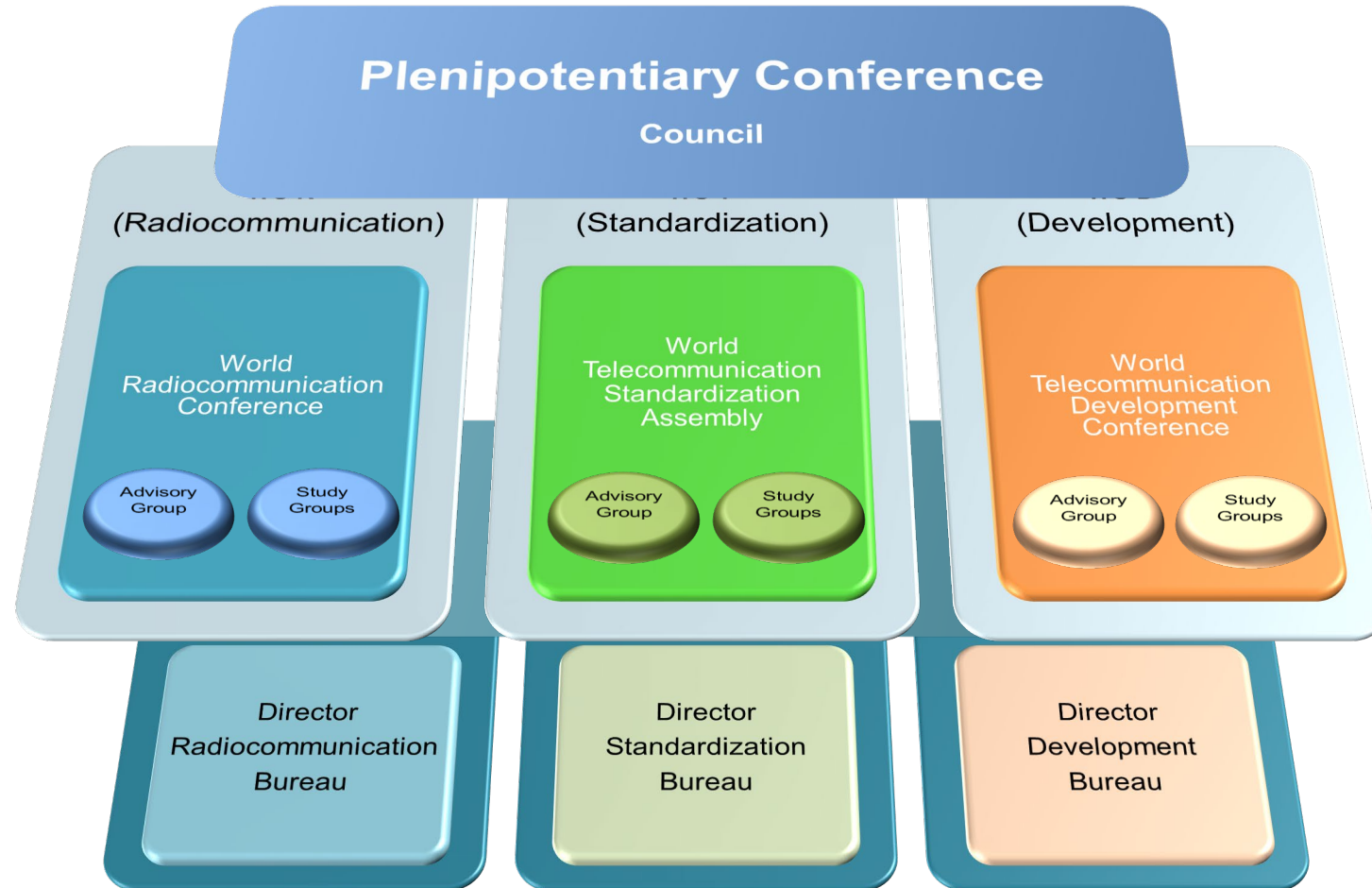*Our members*

193 MEMBER STATES

+800 PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS

+150 ACADEMIA MEMBERS

Who are we?

Our Governance

Plenipotentiary Conference
Council

(Radiocommunication)

(Standardization)

(Development)

World Radiocommunication Conference
Advisory Group | Study Groups

World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly
Advisory Group | Study Groups

World Telecommunication Development Conference
Advisory Group | Study Groups

Director Radiocommunication Bureau

Director Standardization Bureau

Director Development Bureau

Who are we?

ITU Elections

ITU officials

5 OFFICIALS

Secretary General

Deputy Secretary General

Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB)

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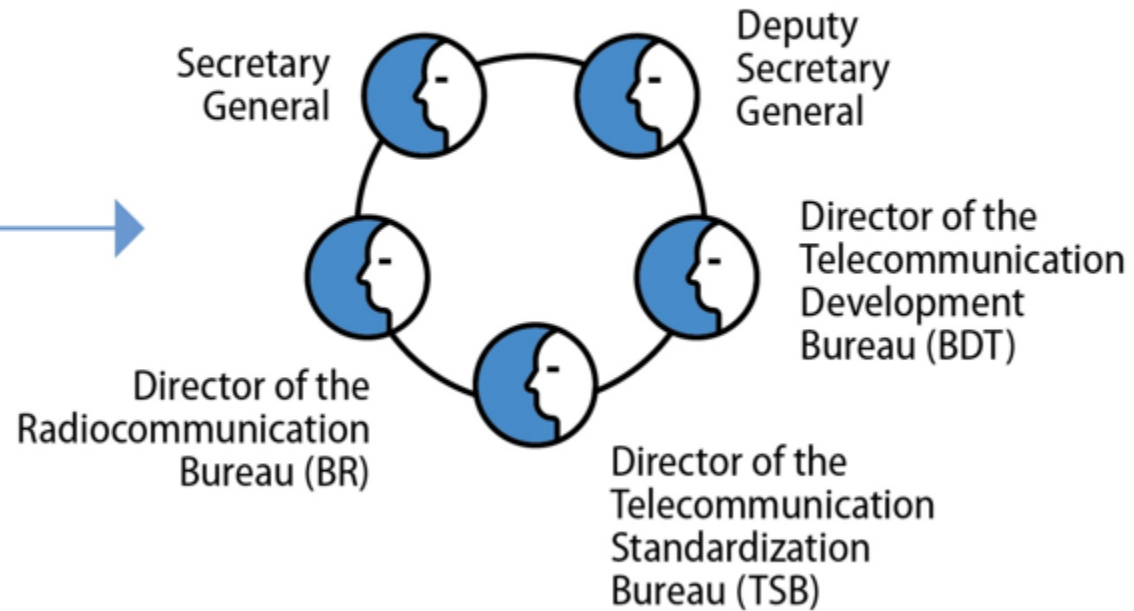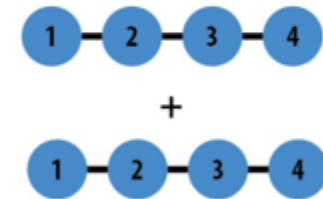
a maximum of two four-year terms in any elected post

Who are we?

ITU Elections

ITU Council

48
MEMBERS

Less than **25%** of member States

(193)

Region D
Africa (13 seats)

Region B
Western Europe (8 seats)

Region A
Americas (9 seats)

Region C
Eastern Europe (5 seats)

Region E
Asia and Australasia (13 seats)

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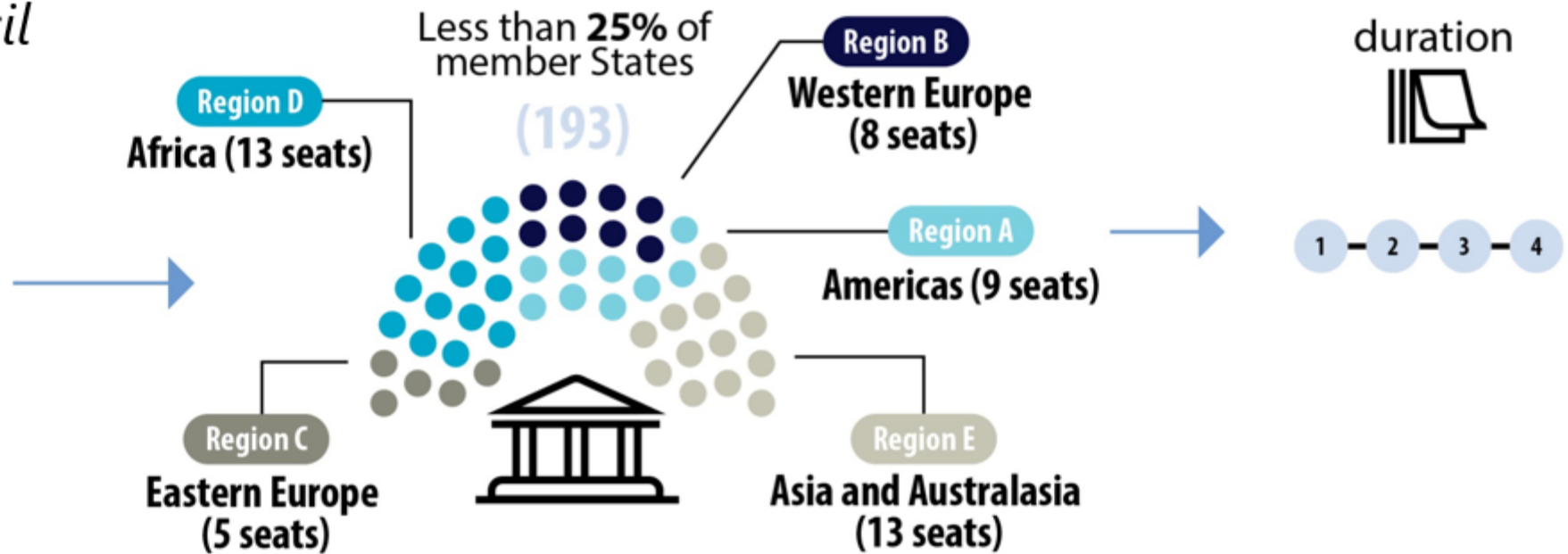
Who are we?

What we do?

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Sectors

'Committed to Connecting the World'
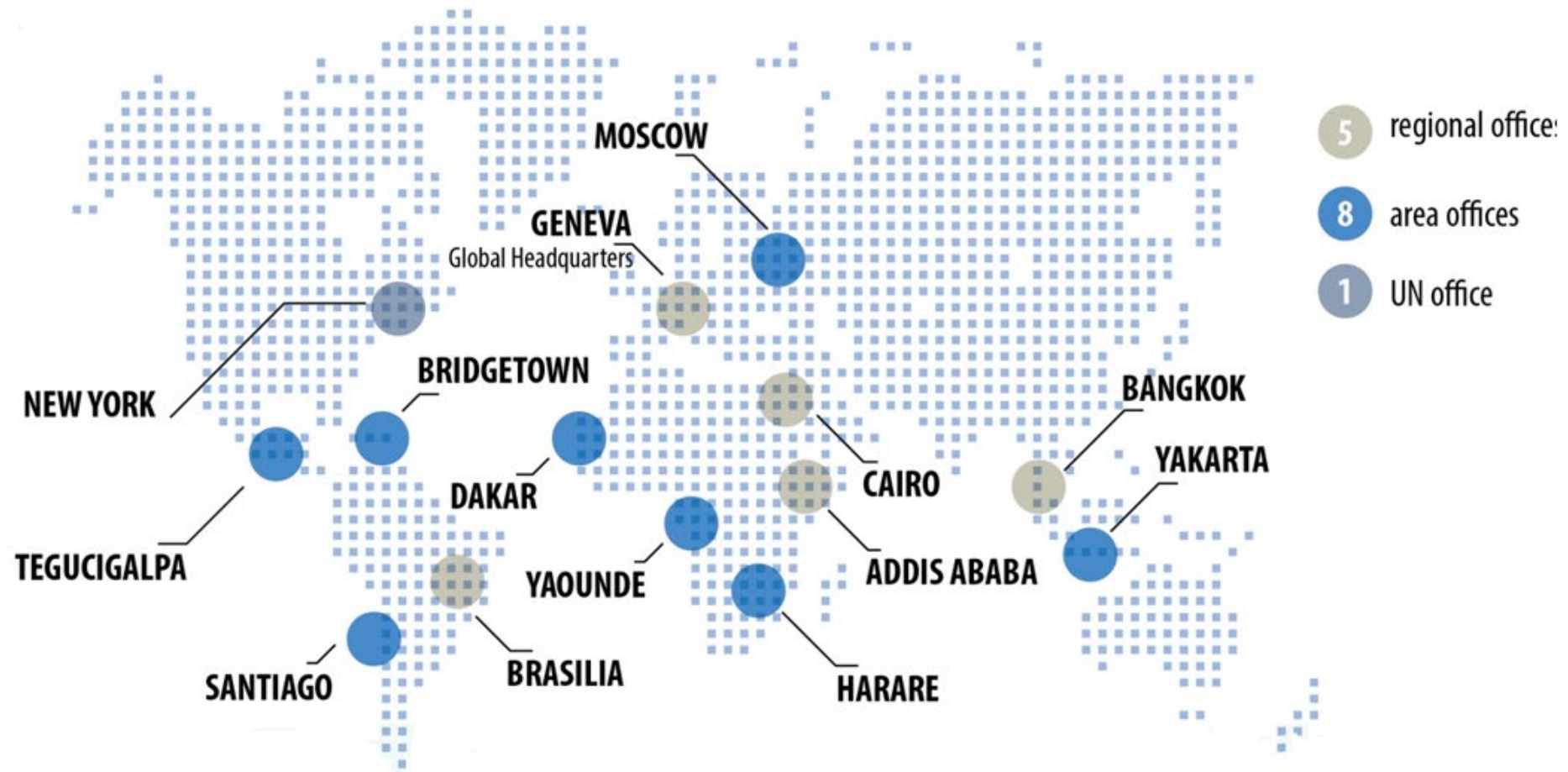
ITU Radiocommunication
Coordinating radio-frequency spectrum and **assigning** orbital slots for satellites

ITU Standardization
Establishing global standards

ITU Development
Bridging the digital divide

In the ITU Basic Texts

- The Constitution (Article 21) defines the Functions and Structure of the ITU-D and establishes that the work of the Sector shall work through:
  - World telecommunication development conferences,
  - Telecommunication development study groups;
  - The Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), and
  - The Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) headed by the elected Director.
- The roles of each of the above bodies are further defined in the ITU Convention (Section 7, Article 16)
- Find the Basic Texts of the Union online

ITU-D Study Groups

Study Groups webpage

- Q1/1 - Strategies and policies for the deployment of broadband in developing countries

- Q2/1 – Strategies, policies, regulations and methods of migration and adoption of digital broadcasting and implementation of new services

- Q3/1 – Emerging technologies, including cloud computing: m-services, and OTTs: Challenges and opportunities, economic and policy impact for developing countries

- Q4/1 – Economic policies and methods of determining the costs of services related to national telecommunication/ICT networks

- Q5/1 – Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas

- Q6/1 – Consumer information, protection and rights: Laws, regulation, economic bases, consumer networks

- Q7/1 – Access to telecommunication/ICT services by persons with disabilities and other persons with specific needs

ITU-D Study Groups

[Study Groups webpage](#)

- **Q1/2** – Creating smart cities and society: Employing information and communication technologies for sustainable social and economic development

- **Q2/2** – Telecommunications/ICTs for eHealth

- **Q3/2** – Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity

- **Q4/2** – Assistance to developing countries for implementing conformance and interoperability (C&I) programmes and combating counterfeit ICT equipment and theft of mobile devices

- **Q5/2** – Utilizing telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management

- **Q6/2** – ICTs and the environment

- **Q7/2** – Strategies and policies concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields

What does TDAG do?

- Based on WTDC Resolution 24 (Rev. Dubai, 2014), WTDC tasks TDAG with a number of tasks to be carried out between WTDCs;

- Normally, TDAG meets annually;

- Its main role is to advise the Director of BDT on the work of BDT, examining the report of the implementation of the previous action plan and providing guidance to address any shortcomings, and advising on how to pursue this implementation;

- TDAG is led by the TDAG Bureau;

- Membership submit contributions to TDAG;

- TDAG is contribution-driven.

TDAG

Organization of the event

▸ Invitation Letter
▸ Practical Information

Documents

▸ Agenda
▸ Time Management Plan & Schedule
▸ TDAG Documents
▸ Submission of contributions
▸ Report by the Chairman

Registration

▸ Registration for TDAG
▸ Registered Participants

Tools

▸ Remote participation
▸ Webcast (live)
▸ Webcast (archive)
▸ Captioning
▸ Captioning transcripts
▸ Sync Application (TIES)
▸ ITU-D Delegate Guide

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WTDC

- The outputs of WTDC are listed in WTDC Resolution 1:

   1.8.1   WTDC shall consider reports from the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and, pursuant to No. 208 of the Convention, shall establish work programmes and guidelines for defining telecommunication development questions and priorities and shall provide direction and guidance for the ITU-D work programme. It shall decide on the need to maintain, terminate or establish study groups, allocate to each of them the Questions to be studied and, taking into account consideration by the heads of delegation, appoint the chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups, of TDAG and of any other groups it has established, taking account of Article 20 of the Convention. The study group chairmen themselves shall, during the conference, be at the disposal of WTDC to provide information on matters relating to the study group they chair.

   1.8.2   WTDC shall establish a declaration, a plan of action, including programmes and regional initiatives, ITU-D's contribution to the draft ITU strategic plan, ITU-D study group Questions, as well as resolutions and Recommendations.

WTDC

❑ World Telecommunication Development Conference

❑ Statutory, non-treaty signing conference

❑ Held every four years

❑ Attended by membership: ITU Member States and Academia, and by ITU-D Sector Members

❑ It is a contribution-driven conference

❑ Membership deliberate about the contributions submitted and produce a Final Report comprising:

o Declaration
o Action Plan
o Resolutions
o Strategic Plan

o Recommendations
o Study Group Questions
o Regional Initiatives

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WTDC

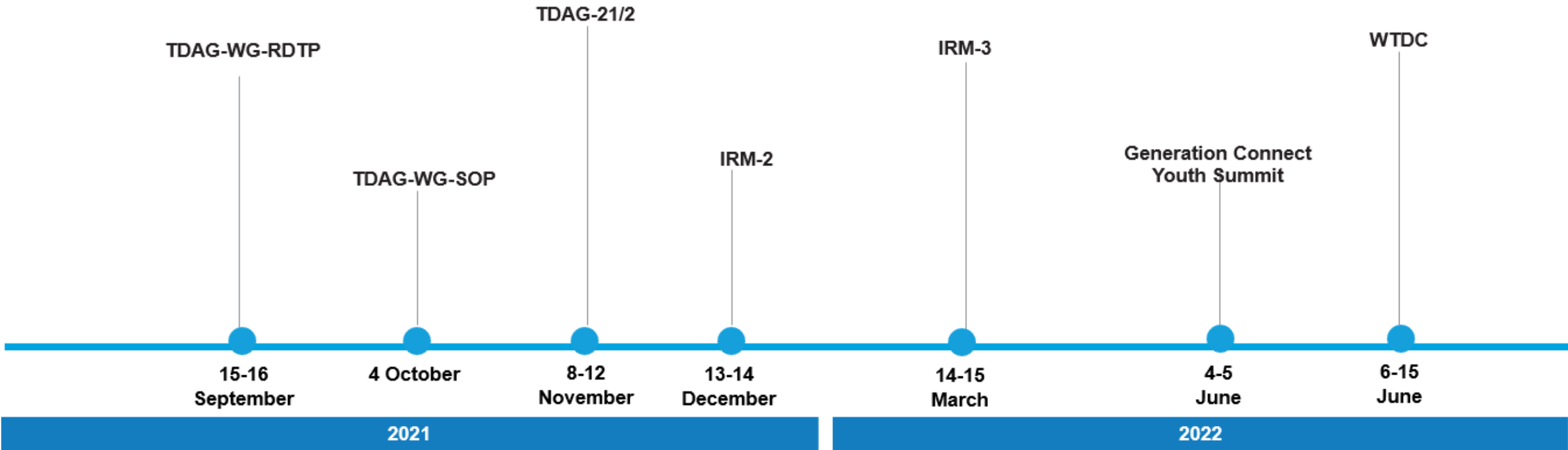- The Final Report is produced on the last day of WTDC, usually in the six ITU official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish)

Final Report

World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17)

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 9-20 October 2017
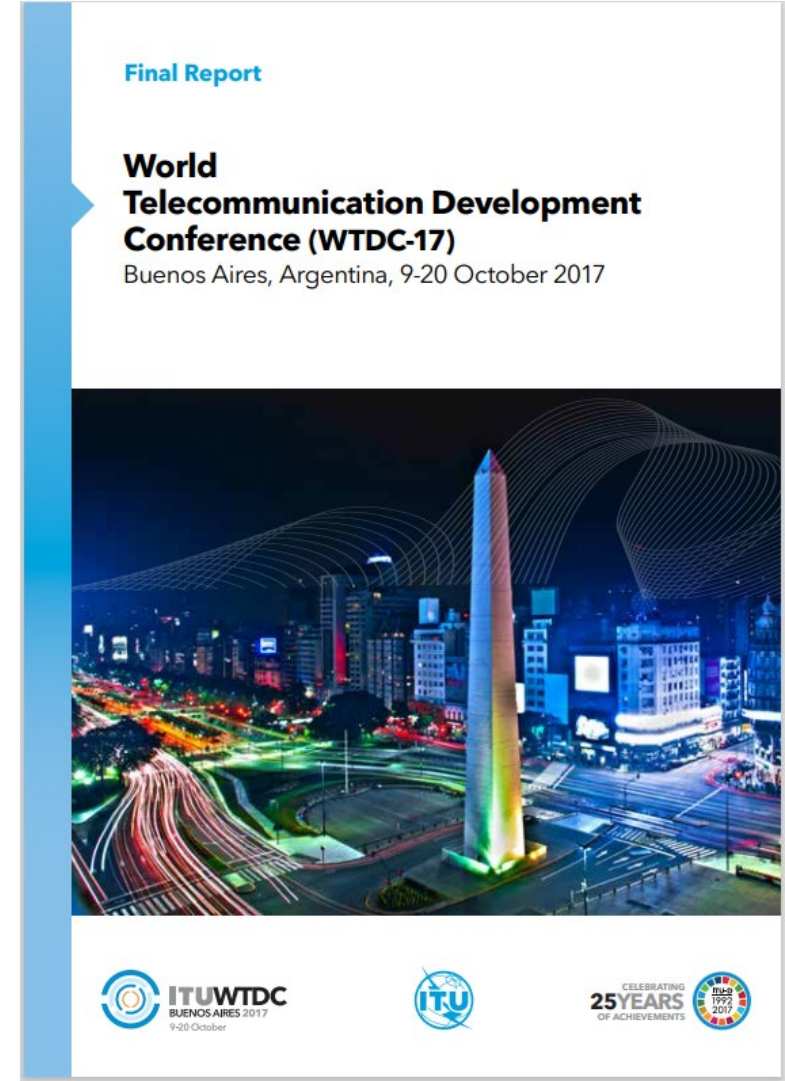
ITU-D preparations for WTDC

- 6 Regional Preparatory Meetings (RPMs) – Resolution 31 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

- 3 Inter-Regional coordination Meetings (IRMs) - New

- TDAG Working Group on WTDC Preparations (TDAG-WG-Prep) – work completed in November 2020

- TDAG Working Group on Resolutions Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP)

- TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP)

- TDAG (3 meetings in 2020 and 2 meetings in 2021)

- The Road to Addis: Shaping the 2021 Digital Development Agenda

Key timelines towards WTDC

	TDAG-WG-RDTP	TDAG-WG-SOP	TDAG-21/2	IRM-2	IRM-3	Generation Connect Youth Summit	WTDC
	15-16 September	4 October	8-12 November	13-14 December	14-15 March	4-5 June	6-15 June

2021   **2022**

Conference structure

As approved by TDAG-21

COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	Meetings of Heads of Delegation	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee	Budget Control	Objectives	ITU-D Working Methods	Editorial Committee	HODs	ITU Contribution to Strategic Plan and WTDC Declaration

Partner2Connect Summit
Open to ITU members and Non-members

[Full description of Committee functions](#)

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WTDC Deadlines

17
Jan
2022

- Opening of Registration
- Opening of Submission of contributions – Full CPI

28
Feb
2022

Preferred deadline for submission of candidatures for TDAG and Study Groups

16
May.
2022

Firm deadline for submission of membership contributions as per PP Res 165 (Dubai 2018)
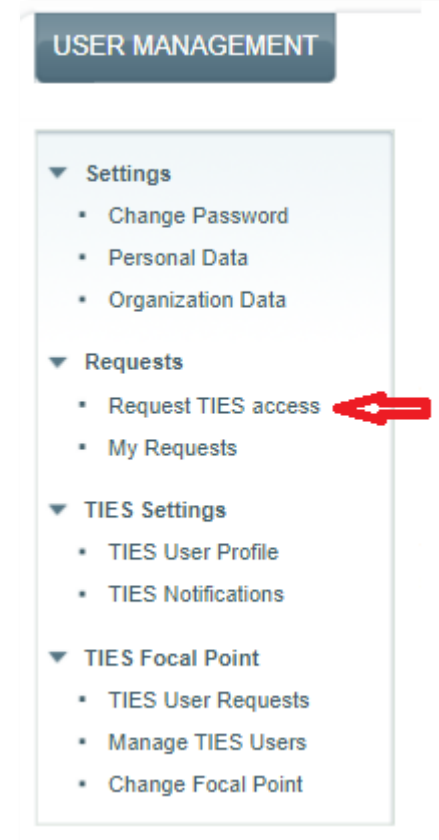
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Submission of contributions to WTDC

- In order to facilitate preparation and submission of the proposals and speed up their processing, avoiding errors, membership are encouraged to use the [Conference Proposals Interface (CPI)](#);
- Submitted proposals will also be available for perusal on the Proposals Management System ([WTDC-17 version](#));
- Full documents will be available on the WTDC website ([WTDC-17 documents page](#));
- Contact email: wtdc.documentcontrol@itu.int.

Who can use these resources?

In order to use these on-line services,
an ITU user account with TIES access
is required:

- To set up an ITU user account
  (no approval required): here

- To request TIES access rights,
  if participant from membership already has
  a user account
  (requires the approval of the TIES focal point):

USER MANAGEMENT

▼ Settings
  • Change Password
  • Personal Data
  • Organization Data

▼ Requests
  • Request TIES access ⟵
  • My Requests

▼ TIES Settings
  • TIES User Profile
  • TIES Notifications

▼ TIES Focal Point
  • TIES User Requests
  • Manage TIES Users
  • Change Focal Point

Additional resources

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

To facilitate the preparatory process and the revision of existing texts, such as Resolutions, and study group Questions, an interim Conference Proposal Interface (CPI) has been set up. This system allows membership to submit revisions and new text, and to view and amend other Members' proposals and is intended to be an important tool towards consensus building prior to WTDC.

Proposals will be submitted to a generic Inter-Regional Meeting and will be made available to all membership to browse and peruse.

- **Conference Proposals Interface (CPI) for IRM**
- Submitted proposals
- **User Guide**

A CPI for [IRMs](#) has been made available for membership to be able to access existing texts to be discussed and revised during their preparatory process.

They may also wish to submit proposals to IRMs.

Registering for events

- [Online registration](#) is mandatory for all the events mentioned, whether virtual or physical;

- Given that they are statutory events, DFP approval is required (DFP = Designated Focal Point);

- Once the registration is approved, the participant receives a confirmation email (make sure you keep it) which:
  - Allows for badge pick-up (physical events);
  - Provides information to access the virtual meeting room (virtual events).

ITU-D CONFERENCES, MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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Number of meetings: 11

Meeting No	Title	Dates	Registration Activation Date	Place	List of DFPs	On-line Registration
27711	Africa Network of Women for WTDC (Africa NoW4WTDC) Webinar	06/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
26612	12th meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and 9th meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH)	13/09/2021 - 16/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
27674	ITU Regional Engagement Roundtable for Europe 2021	13/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27675	Multi-stakeholder Workshop on the Role of Telecommunication/ICTs for Disaster Management and Risk Reduction for the Americas	14/09/2021 - 16/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27682	7th meeting of the TDAG working Group on WTDC Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP)	15/09/2021 - 16/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
26657	ITU Regional Innovation Forum for Europe 2021	22/09/2021 - 23/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27717	Economic Experts Roundtable	28/09/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	Registration without Focal Point	Register here
27681	3rd meeting of the TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP)	04/10/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
27665	ITU-D Study Group 1 Plenary and Rapporteur Group meetings	11/10/2021 - 15/10/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here
27666	ITU-D Study Group 2 Plenary and Rapporteur Group meetings	18/10/2021 - 22/10/2021	Registration open	E-Meeting [Multi Countries]	List of Focal Points	Register here

Quicklinks

- TDAG homepage
- TDAG-21/2
- TDAG-WG-RDTP
- TDAG-WG-SOP
- IRMs
- IRM CPI
- ITU user account creation and login to request TIES access rights

- WTDC Regional Consultations
- WTDC homepage
- WTDC documents
- WTDC registration
- Candidatures to TDAG and ITU-D SG positions
- WTDC docs control: wtdc.documentcontrol@itu.int

Thank you!

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