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Summary of Conclusions – TDAG-21/2 Meeting (Virtual, 8-12 November 2021)

| **AGENDA ITEM** | **DOC. #** | **Document title** | **MAIN CONCLUSION**: |
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| **1. Address by the Secretary-General** | -- |  |  |
| **2. Address by the Director of BDT** | -- |  |  |
| **3.Address by other Elected Officials** | -- |  |  |
| **4. Opening remarks by the Chairman of TDAG** | -- |  |  |
| **5. Adoption of the agenda and Time Management Plan** | [1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0001) | Draft agenda | TDAG adopted the Draft Agenda and the Draft Time Management Plan. |
|  | [DT/1](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0001) | Draft Time Management Plan |
|  | [DT/2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0002) | Guidance for a virtual TDAG-21/2 |
| **6. Reporting on the implementation of the WTDC-17 BaAP (including the RIs), and contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the SDGs** | [2](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0002) | Reporting on the implementation of the WTDC-17 Buenos Aires Action Plan (including regional initiatives), and contribution to the implementation of the WSIS Plan of Action and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) | TDAG noted the document and thanked BDT for all the efforts in the implementation of BaAP. Further updates on the ongoing work and outcomes will be made available in the lead up to WTDC. |
| [19](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0019) | Second update on the implementation of the ITU Youth Strategy | TDAG noted the document. BDT will continue the implementation of the ITU Youth Strategy and will provide further updates in due course. |
| **7. Preparations for WTDC** | | | |
| **7.1 Update on the preparations for WTDC, including COVID-19 mitigation and contingency measures** | [12](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0012) | Preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference | The document was tabled due to the evolving situation in the host country. Further information will be provided by the ITU Secretariat by 6 December 2021. |
|  | [DT/8](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0008) | Logistical preparations for WTDC | The document was tabled due to the evolving situation in the host country. Further information will be provided by the ITU Secretariat by 6 December 2021. |
| **7.2 Draft agenda for WTDC** | [13](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0013) | Draft Agenda of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) |  |
| **7.3 Youth Summit** | [14](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0014) | Preparations for the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit | TDAG noted the document and commended BDT for the initiative and for promoting youth and women participation in ITU events, and in WTDC, in particular. Updates on the organization of the Summit will be provided in due course. |
| **7.4 Partner2Connect** | [15](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0015) | Preparations for the WTDCPartner2Connect Digital Development Roundtable | TDAG noted the document. More information on the Partner2Connect initiative will be provided as the initiative gains momentum. |
| **8. Preparatory process for WTDC** | | | |
| **8.1 Report on the work of the TDAG-WG-RDTP** | [17](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0017) | Chairman's Report on the work of the TDAG Working Group on Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities | TDAG noted the report with appreciation and commended Dr Sharafat, Chairman of TDAG-WG-RDTP, for his exceptional commitment and for the significant amount of work carried out. |
|  | [32](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0032) | Draft Addis Ababa Declaration | TDAG noted Document 32 and thanked the Chairman of TDAG-WG-RDTP and all participants in the group for their substantial and fruitful efforts which had continued over the last 18 months and had produced the draft Declaration. |
|  | [22](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0022) | APT View on Draft Addis Ababa Declaration | TDAG noted Document 22 and thanked APT for sharing their views in the contribution, which supported the draft Declaration expressed in Document 32 with no changes. |
|  | [28](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0028) | Multi country contribution to TDAG on Draft Addis Ababa Declaration | TDAG discussed the revisions to the Draft Declaration proposed in Document 28 with the additional text proposed by US and Algeria, generally agreeing to include in the Draft the revisions put forward by the CEPT countries (except those in item d). |
|  | [25](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0025) | Proposals towards the revision of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector | TDAG thanked the Russian Federation for their efforts and noted the document, which may be considered by Member States in preparing their proposals for revision of Resolution 1 in the lead up to WTDC. |
|  | [27](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0027) | Streamlining WTDC and PP resolutions | TDAG noted the document and observed that it provides useful food for thought as Member States proceed further with their individual country proposals and within regional preparations for the upcoming WTDC and beyond. TDAG thanked the Russian Federation for sharing its views in the contribution. |
|  | [31](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0031) | Revised Proposal for ITU-D Thematic Priorities (WTDC) - four Thematic Priorities | TDAG noted Document 21 and thanked the Chairman of TDAG-WG-RDTP and all participants in the group for their substantial efforts and contributions to the outcomes of the group. |
|  | [21](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0021) | APT View on Revised Proposal for ITU-D Thematic Priorities (WTDC) | TDAG noted Document 26 and thanked APT for sharing their views in the contribution. |
|  | [26](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0026) | Consideration of thematic priorities at the draft Addis-Ababa Action plan | TDAG noted Document 29 and thanked the Russian Federation for sharing their views in the contribution. |
|  | [29](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0029) | Multi-country contribution to TDAG on ITU-D/WTDC Thematic Priorities | TDAG noted Document 31 and thanked CEPT for sharing their views in the contribution. |
|  | [DT/3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0003) | Proposal for updates to the Draft Thematic Priorities | TDAG noted Document DT/3 and thanked CITEL for sharing their views in the contribution. |
|  | [DT/12](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0012)(Rev.1) | Compilation of proposals and views for revision of ITU-D Thematic Priorities for (WTDC) | The TDAG Chairman submitted a compilation of proposals and views for revision of ITU-D Thematic Priorities (DT/12) based on the Proposal for ITU-D Thematic Priorities by the TDAG-WG-RDTP Chairman (Document 31) and incorporating suggested revisions by APT, CEPT, RCC and CITEL (Documents 21, 26, 29 and DT/3) and relevant text from the report of the TDAG WG-SOP (Document 18). |
| **8.2 Report on the work of the TDAG-WG-SOP** | [18](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0018) | Chairman's Report on the work of the TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plans | TDAG noted the document with appreciation. |
|  | [23](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0023) | APT View on Asia-Pacific Vision for the ITU Development Sector | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and thanked APT for their contribution. |
|  | [DT/6](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0006) | Draft Addis Ababa Action Plan | TDAG noted the document and supported the proposed simplified structure for the draft Action Plan, and increased use of infographics. |
| **8.3 Report to WTDC on TDAG activities (as per Resolution 24 (Rev. Dubai (2014))** | [16](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0016) | Report on the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) activities to WTDC, as mandated in WTDC Resolution 24 | TDAG noted the report. The TDAG Charman recognized the outstanding support and commitment of the TDAG Vice-Chairmen, the BDT Secretariat and the BDT Directrix.  The draft report will be updated as requested by the meeting participants and will reflect the discussions and decisions of TDAG-21/2. Membership will have the opportunity to comment by correspondence within two weeks after its posting. At the end of this period, the report will be considered as endorsed. |
| **9. Study Group activities** | [5](https://www.itu.int/md/D18-TDAG29-C-0005/en) | ITU-D Study Group 1 activities for the seventh study period | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and recognized the important work accomplished through the engagement of ITU-D membership and the professionalism, tenacity, and leadership of the ITU-D Study Group 1, Chair Ms Regina-Fleur Assoumou-Bessou. |
|  | [6](https://www.itu.int/md/D18-TDAG29-C-0006) | ITU-D Study Group 2 activities for the seventh study period | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and recognized the important work accomplished through the engagement of ITU-D membership and the professionalism, tenacity, and leadership of the ITU-D Study Group 2 Chair, Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat. |
|  | [DT/4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0004) | Revised terms of reference for Study Group 1 Questions | TDAG noted that the revised text of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of Study Group 1 Questions was agreed at the October 2021 Study Group 1 Plenary meetings.  Recognizing that study Questions would be finalized at WTDC, and in accordance with Article 19 of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires 2017), TDAG recommended that the revisions to the ToRs of Questions would be used as base text (in lieu of ToRs approved at WTDC-17) for further membership proposals in the lead up to and at WTDC.  TDAG agreed that if the next WTDC is significantly postponed so as not to take place before the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference, the revised ToRs should be considered as adopted by TDAG, and would be circulated by the BDT for membership approval in accordance with Article 20 of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017). |
|  | [DT/5](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0005) | Revised terms of reference for Study Group 2 Questions | TDAG noted that the revised text of the Terms of Reference (ToR) of Study Group 2 Questions was agreed at the October 2021 Study Group 2 Plenary meetings.  Recognizing that study Questions would be finalized at WTDC, and in accordance with Article 19 of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires 2017), TDAG recommended that the revisions to the ToRs of would be used as base texts (in lieu of ToRs approved at WTDC-17) for further membership proposals for revision and refinement in the lead up to and at WTDC.  TDAG agreed that if the next WTDC is significantly postponed so as not to take place before the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference, the revised ToRs should be considered as adopted by TDAG, and would be circulated by the BDT for membership approval in accordance with Article 20 of WTDC Resolution 1 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017). |
|  | [30](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0030) | Proposal to add a new study Question on broadband adoption and skills development | TDAG noted the proposal in Document 30 and thanked the United States for sharing its views in the contribution. |
| **10. Collaboration with the other Sectors** | [9](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0009) | Progress report of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest | TDAG noted the document with appreciation and thanked the ISCG Chair for his leadership. |
| **11. Membership, Partnership, Private Sector-related matters** | [4](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0004) | ITU-D partnerships and resource mobilization | TDAG noted the document with appreciation for the work of BDT in the important area of partnerships and resource mobilization. |
|  | [8](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0008) | ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia | TDAG noted the document with appreciation for the work of BDT in expanding ITU-D Membership and for the recent initiatives involving private sector members and academia. |
| **12. Report by the Chairman of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI)** | [10](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0010) | Report on the work of the Group on Capacity Building Initiatives (GCBI) to TDAG | TDAG noted the report. TDAG looks forward to the outcome of the strategic review of the Centres of Excellence ahead of WTDC. TDAG also awaits the final recommendations on the Feasibility study on the establishment of an ITU training institute. |
| **13. ITU-D projects** | [7](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0007) | ITU-D Projects | TDAG noted the document and expressed appreciation for the work of BDT in the area of projects, including increased resources and innovations in training and monitoring. |
| **14. Contribution to the work of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITR-EG)** | [3](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0003) | Report on the work of the Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR) | TDAG noted the document with appreciation |
| **15. Measures and Principles for interpretation and translation in ITU** | [20](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0020) | Updates to measures and principles for interpretation and translation in ITU |  |
| **16. Calendar of ITU-D events** | [11](https://www.itu.int/md/D18-TDAG29-C-0011/en) | Draft calendar of ITU-D events |  |
| **17. Any other business** | [24](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-C-0024) | Incoming Liaison Statement - Liaison Statement from ITU-R Working Party 5D to TDAG, ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2, ITU-R Working Party 4B and ITU-T Study Group 13 on preliminary draft new edition of the Handbook on Global Trends in International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) |  |
|  | [DT/7](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=D18-TDAG29-211108-TD-0007) | Incoming Liaison Statement - Liaison Statement from TSAG on a new TSAG ad-hoc group on governance and management of e-meetings |  |

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