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## Rationale

- To integrate the work undertaken by the TDAG-WG-RDTP, TDAG-WG-SOP and CWG-SFP, as well as the inputs received by Member States
- To streamline the delivery of ITU-D mandate, in line with the RBM based approach and to align with the proposed ITU strategy 2024-2027
- To serve as ITU-D contribution to the ITU strategic plan, to be agreed at the WTDC

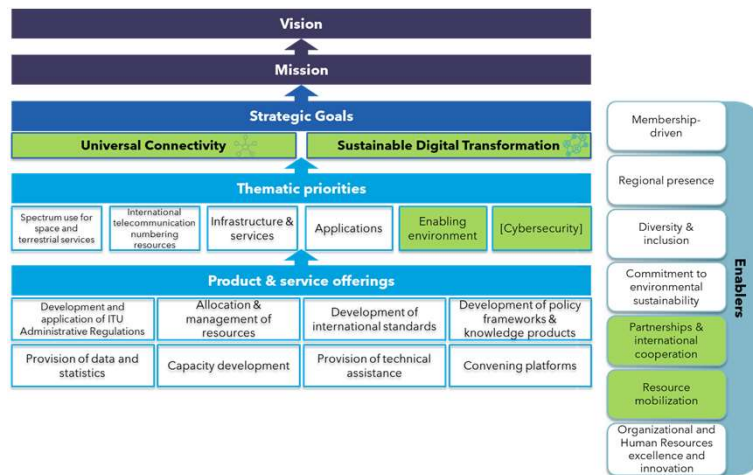
This latest base document is the final result of the preparatory work from:

1. TDAG Working Group on Resolutions, Declarations and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP);
2. TDAG Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plans (TDAG-WG-SOP);
3. Work completed by the TDAG drafting group in November 2021 on the definition of outcomes; and
4. Integration and streamlining of the goals and thematic priorities following a Results-based Management (RBM) approach to fully align the Action Plan with the draft ITU Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2027.

The latest version was presented at IRM-3, in response to which Members suggested that the Secretariat should provide final adjustments to this base Action Plan document to reflect the discussions in CWG-SFP this March, and that this final version should be made available to Membership through CPI as the base document for further contributions and discussions at WTDC.

The final Action Plan agreed at WTDC would then serve as the ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2027.

## Integration of TDAG work on Thematic Priorities



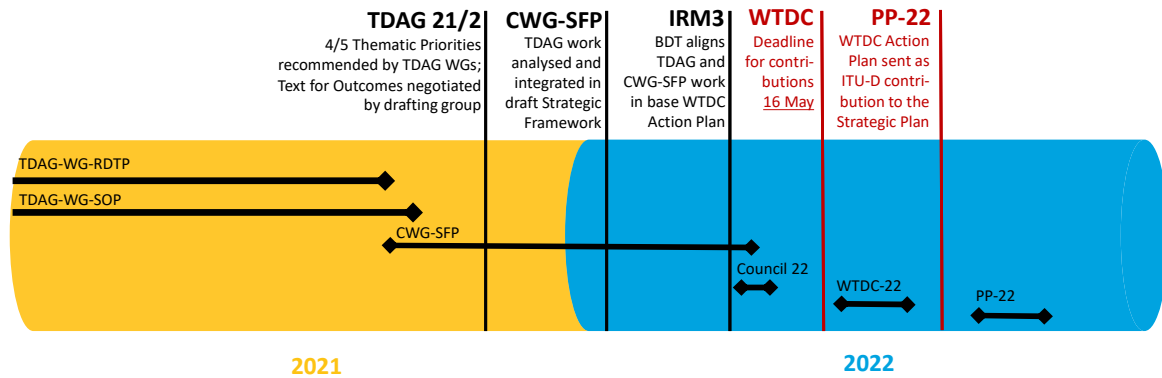
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- This slide shows how the results of the TDAG Working Groups were integrated with the new Strategic Framework
- TDAG-WG-RDTP last year had provided proposals for new Thematic Priorities, for which discussions had narrowed to two different possibilities:
  - 4 Thematic Priorities (Connectivity; Digital Transformation; Enabling Environment; Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation); or
  - a proposal to have Cybersecurity as a stand-alone 5<sup>th</sup> Thematic Priority in addition to the above 4.
- The CWG-SFP closely analyzed these options, and once the Strategic Framework was defined these TDAG-proposed Thematic Priorities were integrated into the framework where they best fit
  - Connectivity and Digital Transformation were elevated to the level of Strategic Goals for the Union, with the view that these topics really captured the unique value proposition of ITU;
  - Enabling Environment and Cybersecurity fit well into the definition of Thematic Priorities; and
  - Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation fit appropriately within the “Enablers” category of the Strategic Framework.

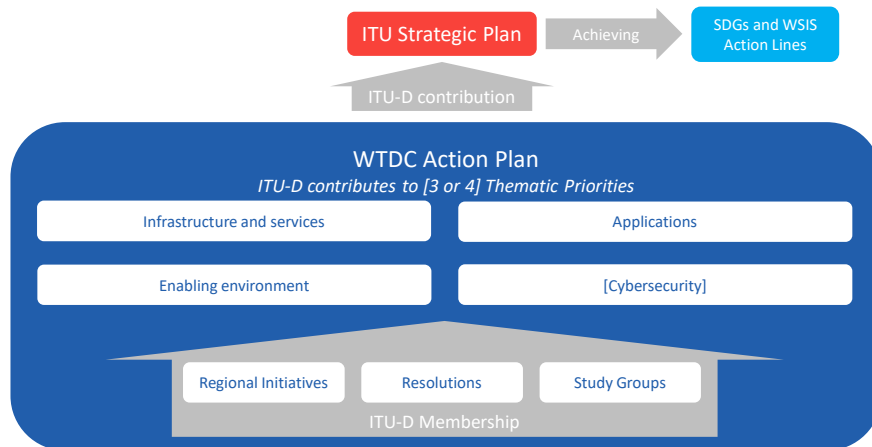
Note that the new Framework follows a One-ITU approach, so the Thematic Priorities defined in the new strategy are common across all Sectors.

## Timeline for WTDC Action Plan evolution



The timeline provided on this slide shows the key points in time where the progress of the various TDAG and CWG Working Groups was integrated between these key processes, and ultimately incorporated into this base document for the Action Plan. Contributions submitted to WTDC based on this document will be discussed during the Conference, after which the final agreed WTDC Action Plan will be sent as a contribution to the Plenipotentiary 2022.

## Conceptual structure



This conceptual structure of the Action Plan outlines how it is designed to show the direct contribution of the D Sector to the ITU Strategic Plan, and by extension towards the SDGs and WSIS Action Lines.

The ITU Thematic Priorities defined by the ITU Strategic Plan to which the D Sector will contribute through the WTDC Action Plan are: (1) Infrastructure and services; (2) Applications; (3) Enabling environment; and the ongoing discussions around Cybersecurity as a potential 4<sup>th</sup>.

The framework will be adjusted once a final consensus is reached

## WTDC Action Plan structure

1. Glossary of terms
2. Introduction
3. Structure of the WTDC Action Plan
  1. Thematic Priorities
  2. Products and services
  3. Enablers
  4. Linkages
4. Implementation of the Thematic Priorities

Regional Initiatives

Study Group Questions

Resolutions and Recommendations

The document structure for the base WTDC Action Plan document is similar to the Buenos Aires Action Plan except that the Glossary of Terms is in the beginning.

Section 3 of the Action Plan builds specifically from the points in the new draft ITU Strategic Plan which are relevant to the D Sector, including the descriptions of the Thematic Priorities, Enablers and Products and Services.

As defined in the draft Strategic Plan, to achieve the outcomes under the Thematic Priorities, ITU deploys a range of products and services for its Members, UN agencies and other stakeholders; this range of products and services covered by the D Sector are included in the draft WTDC Action Plan. Each Sector and the General Secretariat will provide more detailed information on how they will deploy these products and services in their respective operational plans.

Section 4 defines these Outcomes of the D Sector under the Thematic Priorities. In our base document, these outcomes correspond to the last version of the outcomes drafted by TDAG in November 2021, where a drafting group worked on negotiating and refining the text for these. Specific outcome text where consensus was not reached at TDAG are highlighted with square brackets to facilitate further discussions. Footnotes and links are provided throughout the base document to clarify the source of the input, primarily the draft ITU Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2027 and the work produced by TDAG.

## Scenarios for Action Plan after WTDC

1. The agreed WTDC Action Plan will be submitted to PP-22 as the ITU-D Contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027
2. Any aspects of the ITU-D Contribution that have implications on the content of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2024-2027 will require discussion and decision at PP-22

As previously mentioned in the timeline displayed earlier, the final version of the Action Plan agreed at WTDC will then be submitted directly to the Plenipotentiary for consideration as the ITU-D Contribution to the next ITU Strategic Plan. Any aspects of the contribution of the WTDC Action Plan which have implications for the ITU Strategic Plan will need to be discussed and decided on at Plenipotentiary, specifically whether to incorporate these aspects from the Action Plan into the new Strategic Plan.



**Thank you**