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ITU-D STUDY GROUP 1 ACTIVITIES

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ITU-D Study Group 1 activities

Seventh study period (2018-2022)

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2018-2022 study Questions

Study Group 1:

Enabling environment for the development of telecommunications/ ICTs

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Q4	**Cost of services**	Economic policies and methods of determining the costs of services related to national telecommunication/ICT networks
Q5	**Rural & remote areas**	Telecommunications /ICT for rural and remote areas
Q6	**Consumer protection**	Consumer information, protection and rights: Laws, regulation, economic bases, consumer network
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Study Group 1 Questions and the SDGs

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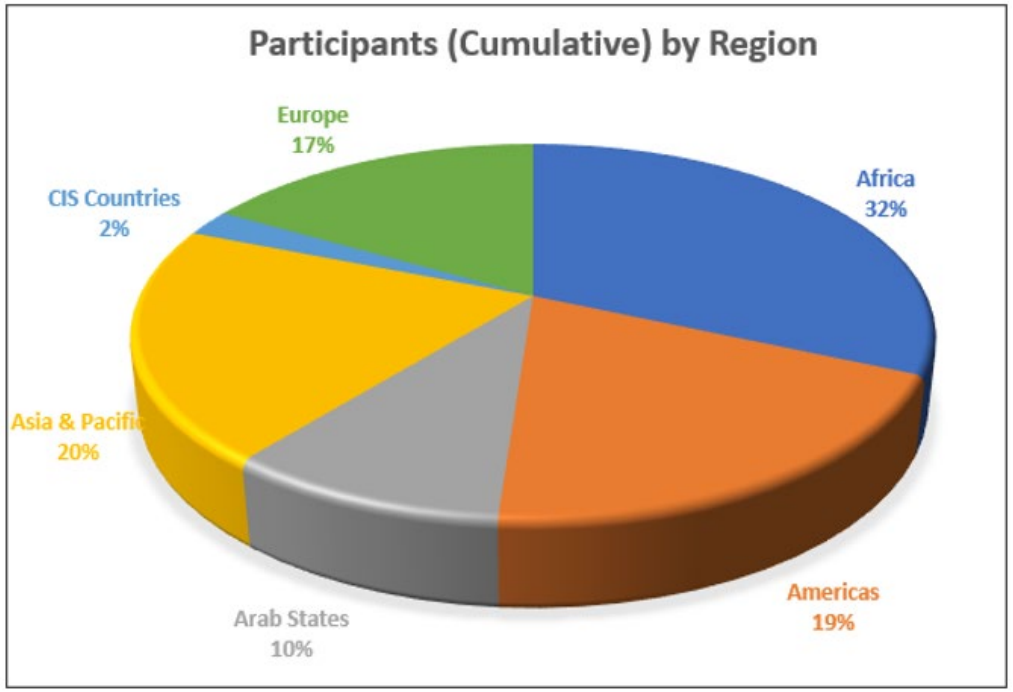
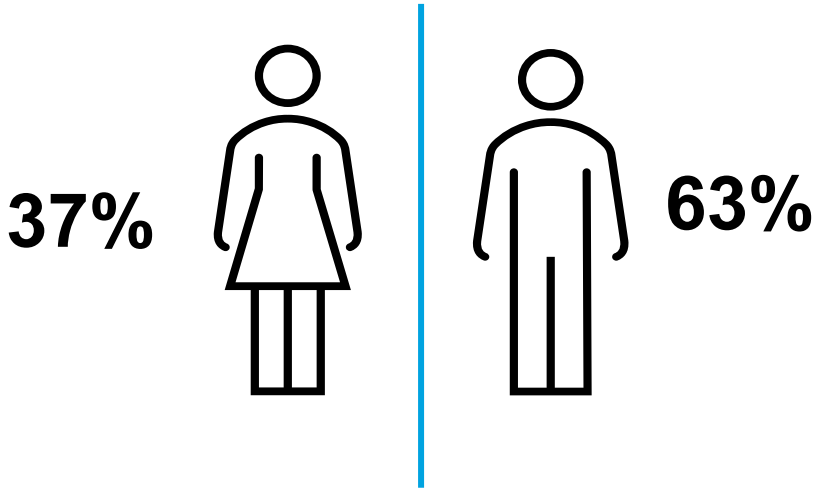
Participation in meetings

9 meetings (+1 informal) | **1300 participants** | **60 Member States per meeting**





2018-2022 documents and contributions

1284 documents considered in meetings

674 contributions from membership, SG1 mgt team and ITU

140 incoming liaison statements

79 outgoing liaison statements

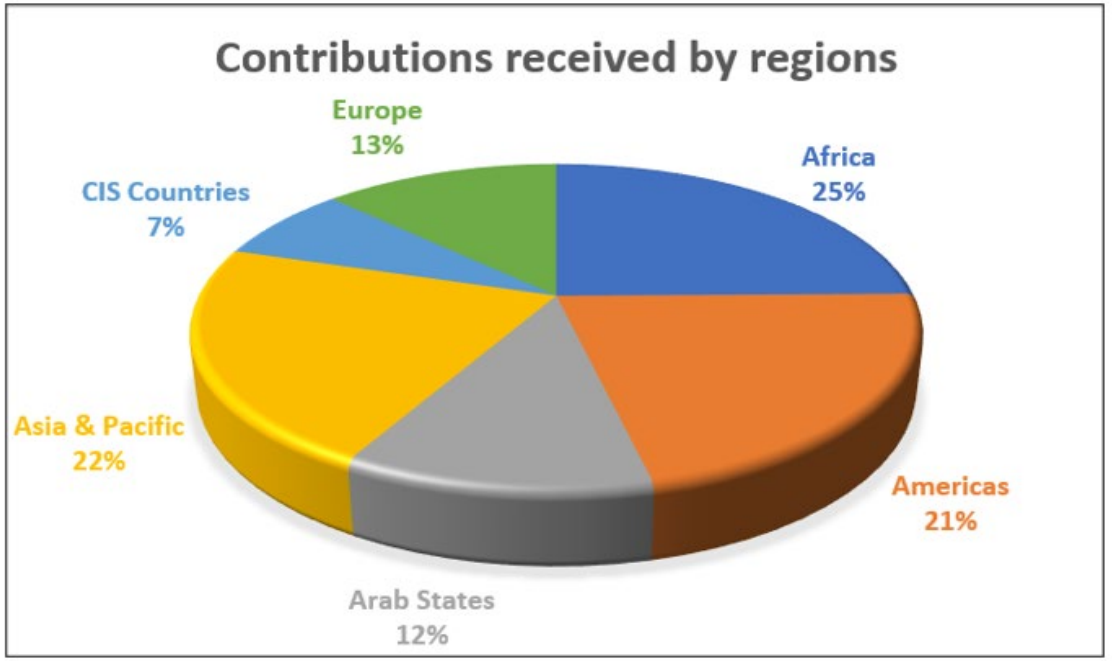
33 temporary docs

1 information doc

63 reports

160 administrative docs

63 agenda docs



Key results (1/2)

Approved & published:

- 7 output reports
- 1 guideline on cost modeling (Q4/1)

Mr Abdoulaye Dembele (Mali)

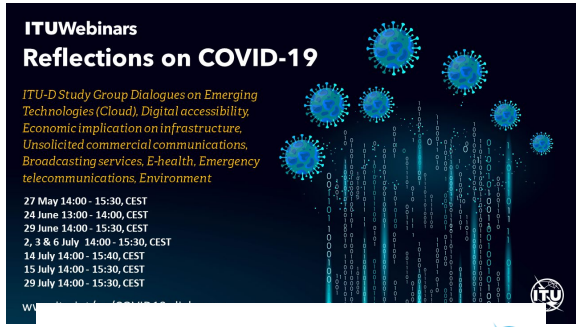
Vice-Rapporteur for Question 7/1 (Accessibility) for ITU-D Study Group 1

Key results (2/2)

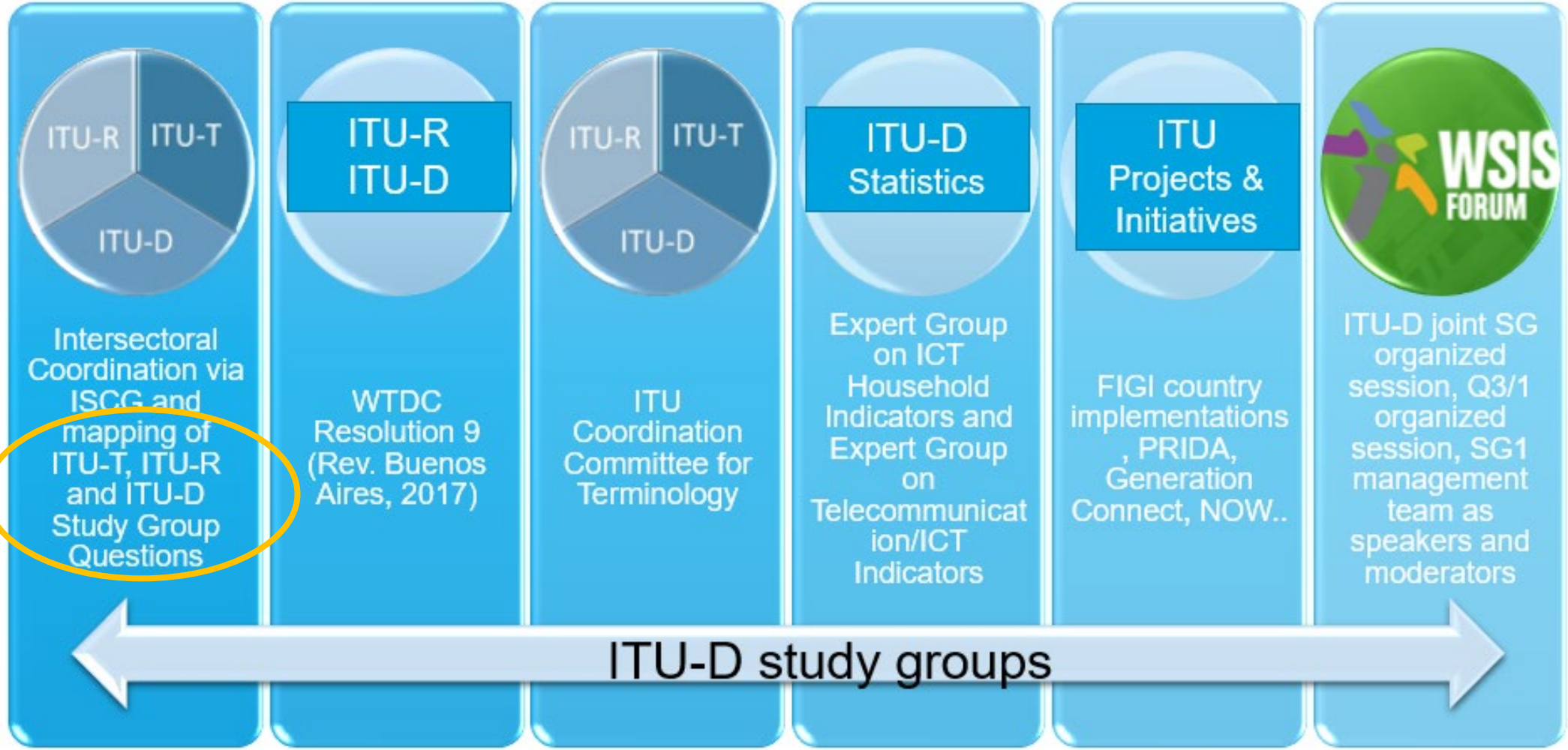
6 annual deliverables	7 revised ToRs of Questions
15 workshops	6 webinars
7 videos	8 ITU news blogs

Firsts:

- fully virtual formal meetings; and
- online sign interpretation the RGQ meeting in 2022 for Question 7/1



Collaboration with other groups



Possible future areas of study

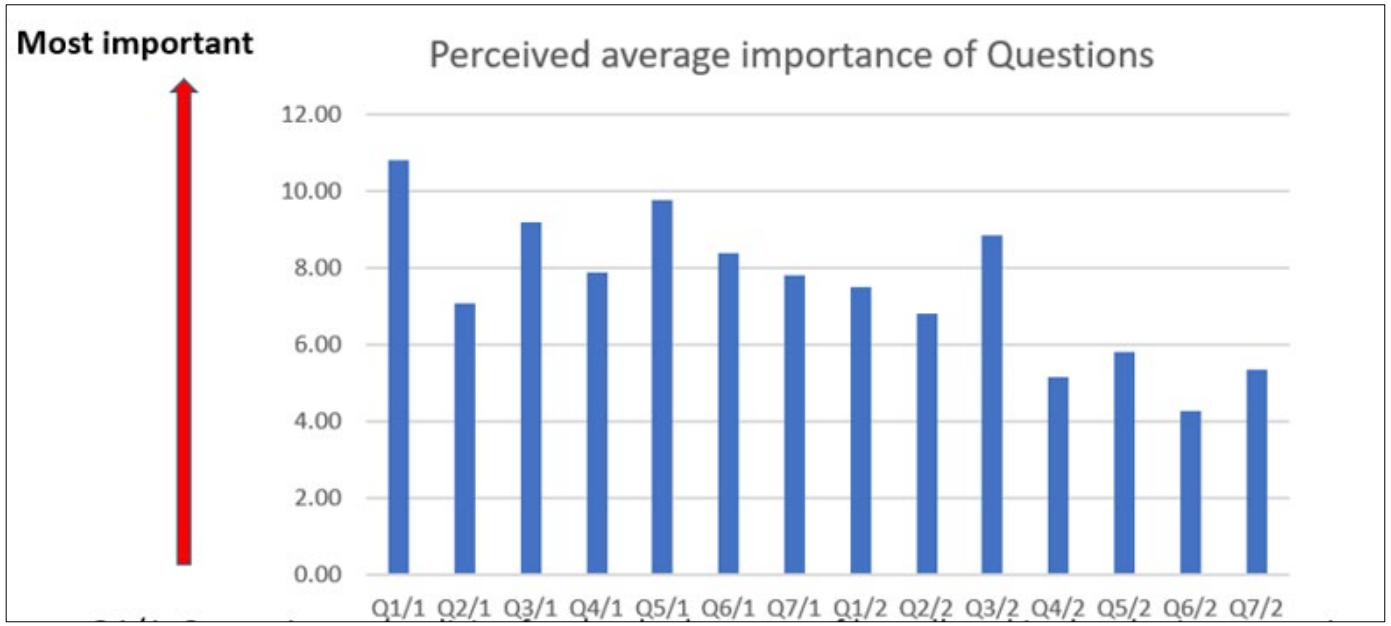
Possible areas proposed include:

- **Broadband deployment**: Analysis of the impact of delay in the deployment of advanced telecommunication infrastructures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- **Cost of services**: Framework for establishing contribution of telecommunications/ICT to the GDP of the country
- **Accessibility**: policies as well as applications and services

- Specific collaboration aspects on Questions such as:
  - between broadband deployment, cost of services and consumer protection (Q1/1, Q4/1 and Q6/1)
  - between digital broadcasting, emerging technologies (OTT, cloud computing and m-services) and cost of services(Q2/1, Q3/1, Q4/1)
  - between emerging technologies and smart cities (Q3/1, Q1/2)
- Revisions to output reports of the previous study period as needed
- Proposals were discussed and submitted to TDAG for changes to the current ToRs of each Question. All changes proposed are in Annex 6 to the report.

2018-2022 Joint Survey findings

- **68** responses (37 responses in previous survey)
- Highest % of respondents from developing countries
- Attendance to **virtual meetings** were high as they are **less resource intensive**.
- Lack of budget is the main reason for not attending physical meetings in the past
- Member States are perceived as encouraging SMEs, academia and industry participation in study groups' work
- Perceived that certain important topics were not being addressed by study questions



Perceived importance SG1 Questions

1. Broadband for developing countries
2. Telecoms for rural and remote areas
3. OTTs, mobile & cloud services
4. Consumer protection
5. Cost of services
6. ICTs for persons with disabilities
7. Migration & adoption of digital broadcasting

Towards a shared Vision

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We call for a shared vision in order for us to achieve the mission assigned to SGs.

We should capitalize on the expertise of all the stakeholders.

In order for us to get good results, I would like to see the ITU-D Study Groups guided by the following **"3I " actions:**

- More **Interaction** between stakeholders in the work (contributions, experience sharing, etc.);
- More **Innovation** in the working methods;
- More **Implementation** of the results of the ITU-D Study Group outcomes by Member States

This approach will allow us to:

Improve the visibility of ITU-D Study Groups;

Implement innovative working methods, inspired by the efficient working methods;

Strengthen the integration of all stakeholders in the work of the ITU-D Study Groups, and;

Produce quality results and products of the ITU-D Study Groups and facilitate implementation in the Member States.

Main achievements ITU-D Study Group 1 (2018-2022 cycle)

Interaction – Done

- More management team (e)meetings : Question, Study Group and Joint
- What's app groups for efficient e-meetings
- Close collaboration with SG2
- More liaison statements with relevant groups in other sectors as well as with others UN agencies
- Role of Coordinators (EGH, EGTI, CCT, PRIDA, FIGI, Res. 9, WTDC preparation process (Declaration, Working methods, Future of Questions, Streamlining of Resolutions/ TDAG-WG RTPD)
- ITU-D Members active in Questions, as experts for BDT relevant products e.g. Last Mile Connectivity, Digital Regulation Handbook

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Innovation - Done

- eMeetings, Ms Teams for document sharing and co-editing
- Updated Mapping of Questions across sectors
- Vice Chair roles for regions – guidelines
- Workshops, WSIS seminars, RDFs, REDs
- Webinars to address COVID-19 in Output Reports
- Annual Deliverables, Blogs, Interviews
- Professional editing of final reports
- Captioning for all meetings
- Fully virtual RGQ and Plenaries
- Results Based Management (RBM)

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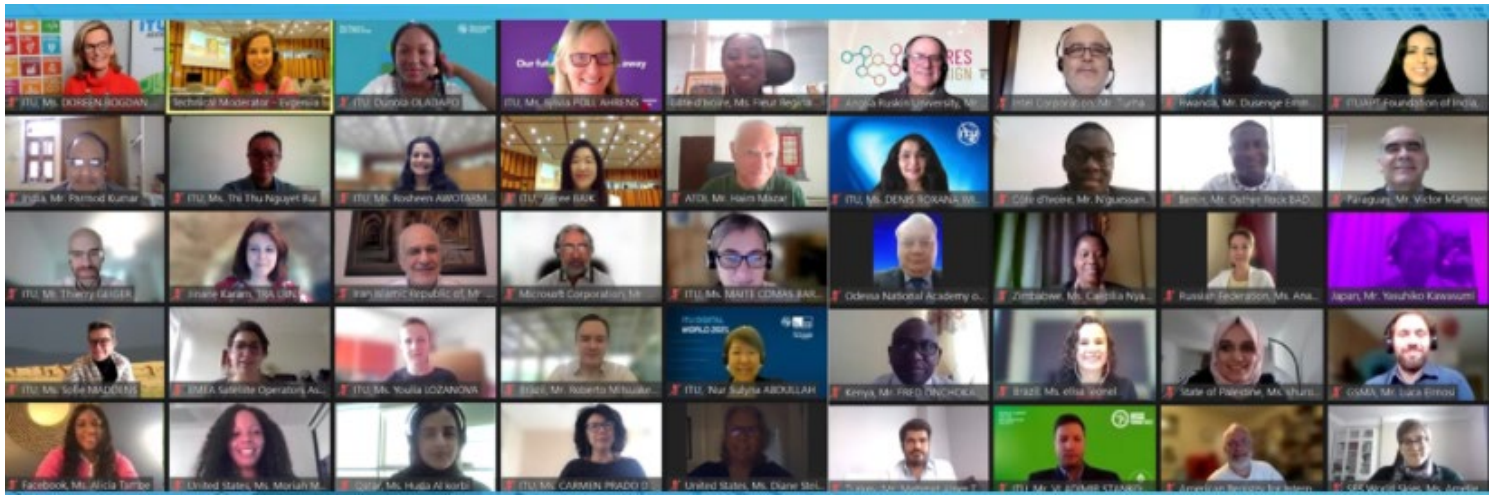
Implementation – to do

From Report Findings and Guidelines to in country implementations and ITU-D Recommendations

- Timely Publications of free reports in all UN languages – Output reports by end June free
- Communication / promotion/implementation plan including webinars and joint actions with BDT, ITU and beyond
- ITU-D Study Group Management and active contributors' role
- Regional activities (a particular call for ladies in SGs management teams to be more involved in the initiative NoW, and in regional activities)
- Member driven activities (at regional and national level)
  - Government
  - Academia
  - SMEs
  - Industry



Thank you to everyone who contributed to SG1!

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