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| WORLD RADIOCOMMUNICATION CONFERENCE (WRC-19) | |

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| Summary  Council Resolution 1380 containing the WRC-19 agenda, as well as the dates and venue for the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) and for the Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-19), was the object of a consultation with the membership and received the agreement of the majority of the Member States of ITU.  In view of the Arab Republic of Egypt’s expression of interest to host the WRC‐19 on the dates proposed in Resolution 1380, the BR communicated to the Administration of Egypt the ITU requirements for hosting RA-19 and WRC-19. The Administration of Egypt has indicated its commitment to meet ITU’s minimum requirements to organize RA-19 and WRC-19 in Sharm El-Sheikh, on the dates set forth in Resolution 1380.  This document also contains a brief status report on the ITU-R preparations for WRC-19.  Action required  The Council is requested to **reconsider Resolution 1380** in view of the Arab Republic of Egypt’s commitment to meet ITU’s minimum requirements to organize RA-19 and WRC-19 in Sharm El-Sheikh on the dates set forth in Resolution 1380.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*CV 42, 47, 75, 118, 126*](http://www.itu.int/pub/S-CONF-PLEN-2015)*;* [*Resolution 1380*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0130/en)*; CL* [*16/45*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0045/en)*,* [*16/49*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0049/en)*,* [*16/57*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0057/en) |

# Place, dates, and agenda of WRC-19; place and dates of RA-19

During its 2016 session, the Council considered the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-19) agenda contained in Resolution 809 (WRC-15) and approved Resolution 1380 (see document [C16/130](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0130/en)) containing the WRC-19 agenda, as well as the dates and venue for WRC-19 (Geneva, 28 October to 22 November 2019) and for Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-19) (Geneva, 21 to 25 October 2019).

In accordance with CV 42 and CV 118, Resolution 1380 was the object of a consultation to Member States through Circular letters [CL‐16/45](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0045/en) of 1 September 2016 and [CL‐16/49](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0049/en) of 3 October 2016.

As informed to the membership via Circular Letter [CL-16/57](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-SG-CIR-0057/en) of 8 December 2016, the proposed place, dates, and agenda for WRC-19 and the proposed place and dates for RA-19 as set forth in Resolution 1380, received the agreement of the majority of ITU Member States.

In view of the Arab Republic of Egypt’s expression of interest to host the WRC‐19 on the dates proposed in Resolution 1380, the Council further instructed the Secretary‐General to continue consultations with Egypt to explore the possibility of an alternative place for WRC‐19. To this end, on 15 June 2016, the BR communicated to the Administration of Egypt the ITU requirements for hosting RA-19 and WRC-19.

The Administration of Egypt has recently indicated its commitment to meet ITU’s minimum requirements to organize RA-19 and WRC-19 in Sharm El-Sheikh on the dates set forth in Resolution 1380.

The Council is requested to **reconsider Resolution 1380** in view of the Arab Republic of Egypt’s commitment to meet ITU’s minimum requirements to organize RA-19 and WRC-19 in Sharm El-Sheikh on the dates set forth in Resolution 1380.

# WRC-19 preparations

Following the adoption of Council Resolution 1380, the CPM-19 Steering Committee met in September 2016 to review the preparation of the draft CPM report to WRC-19, as well as to agree on the place and dates of the CPM19-2 (Geneva, 18 to 28 February 2019) and update the list of the concerned ITU-R working parties in the allocation of ITU-R preparatory work for WRC-19.

Moreover, and taking into account PP Resolution 80 (Rev. Marrakesh, 2002), preparations for WRC‑19 have started through BR’s active participation in the preparatory meetings of the regional groups, including APT, ASMG, ATU, CEPT, CITEL, and RCC. ITU has been assisting these preparations wherever possible, noting, in particular, **Resolution 72 (Rev. WRC-07)**.

The Bureau is planning to organize three ITU inter-regional workshops on WRC-19 preparation, the first of which will take place in Geneva on 21-22 November 2017, in order to review the progress made halfway through the preparatory cycle on the ITU‑R studies related to the WRC-19 agenda items, as well as to provide opportunities for exchanging information and to have a better understanding of the preliminary draft common proposals, positions, and/or views on the WRC-19 issues from the concerned entities such as the main regional groups and international organizations.

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