



## General Secretariat (SG)

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Ref: **CL-19/33**  
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Subject: **Places and dates of WTSA-20, WTDC-21, and PP-22**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20) shall be held in the last quarter of 2020, the next World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21) shall be held in the last quarter of 2021, and the next Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-22) shall be held in the last quarter of 2022.

I am pleased to inform you that I have received official invitations from the Government of the Republic of India to hold WTSA-20, from the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to hold WTDC-21, and from the Government of Romania and the National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications of Romania (ANCOM) to hold PP-22.

The ITU Council at its June 2019 session adopted Decision 608 on convening of WTSA-20, Decision 609 on convening of WTDC-21, and Decision 610 on convening of PP-22, and decided on the exact dates and places as follows:

WTSA-20 Hyderabad, India from 17 to 27 November 2020 preceded by the Global Standards Symposium (GSS-20) on 16 November 2020;  
WTDC-21 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 8 to 19 November 2021;  
PP-22 Bucharest, Romania from 26 September to 14 October 2022.

Pursuant to No. 42 of the ITU Convention, all Member States of ITU are thus invited to inform the Secretary-General of their concurrence with the precise places and exact dates for these three ITU conferences as described above, preferably by e-mail to [memberstates@itu.int](mailto:memberstates@itu.int) or fax to the number +41 22 730 6627, **not later than 30 September 2019**. Please use the format in attachment 1 to reply.

Looking forward to receiving your reply.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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Secretary-General

Attachment 1: **Consultation on places and dates of WTSA-20, WTDC-21, and PP-22**  
Attachment 2: **Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)**  
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## Attachment 1

### Consultation on Places and dates of WTSA-20, WTDC-21, and PP-22

**Name of the ITU Member State:**

We agree to the dates and place of WTSA-20                      Yes                       No

We agree to the dates and place of WTDC-21                      Yes                       No

We agree to the dates and place of PP-22                      Yes                       No

You are kindly invited to inform the Secretary-General of your concurrence with the precise places and exact dates for these three ITU conferences as described above, preferably by e-mail to [memberstates@itu.int](mailto:memberstates@itu.int) or fax to the number +41 22 730 6627, **not later than 30 September 2019**.

## Attachment 2

### RESOLUTION 77 (REV. DUBAI, 2018)

#### **Scheduling and duration of conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union (2019-2023)**

The Plenipotentiary Conference of the International Telecommunication Union (Dubai, 2018),

*recalling*

- a) No. 47 in Article 8 of the ITU Constitution, which stipulates that the Plenipotentiary Conference shall be convened every four years;
- b) Nos. 90 and 91 in Article 13 of the Constitution, which stipulate that world radiocommunication conferences (WRC) and radiocommunication assemblies (RA) shall normally be convened every three to four years, and shall be associated in place and time;
- c) No. 114 in Article 18 of the Constitution, which stipulates that world telecommunication standardization assemblies (WTSA) shall be convened every four years;
- d) No. 141 in Article 22 of the Constitution, which stipulates that, between two plenipotentiary conferences, there shall be one world telecommunication development conference (WTDC);
- e) No. 51 in Article 4 of the ITU Convention, which stipulates that the ITU Council shall hold an ordinary session annually at the seat of the Union;
- f) Resolution 111 (Rev. Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference,

*recognizing*

- a) Resolution 71 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of this conference, on the strategic plan for the Union for 2020-2023, and the priorities identified therein;
- b) that, in the consideration of the draft financial plan of the Union for 2020-2023, the challenge to increase revenues in order to meet increasing programme demands is substantial,

*considering*

- a) the need to take into account the financial resources of the Union when scheduling conferences, assemblies and forums, particularly the necessity of ensuring efficient Union operations within limited resources;
- b) the need to take into account the availability of sufficient meeting space to accommodate core ITU Sector activities;
- c) that holding conferences, assemblies and forums in the same year as the plenipotentiary conference represents a burden for the Union's membership and staff,

*having considered*

- a) Document PP-18/37 submitted by the Secretary-General, on planned conferences and assemblies;
- b) the proposals submitted by several Member States,

*bearing in mind*

- a) the various provisions of the Constitution and Convention establishing the three Sectors of the Union and their constituent elements, including conferences, assemblies, study groups and advisory groups;
- b) the increasing demands placed on and necessary preparatory work to be carried out by Member States, Sector Members, the General Secretariat and the Sectors of the Union before each conference, assembly and forum of the Union;
- c) that scheduling the Council earlier in the calendar year improves the linkage between the strategic, financial and operational plans and the budget and other activities to be carried out by the Council,

*noting*

- a) that Council Resolution 1380 (2016, last amended 2017) set the dates for RA-19 for 21 to 25 October 2019, and for WRC-19 for 28 October to 22 November 2019;
- b) that the external auditor's reports on the Union's finances should normally be available to the Council in due time prior to its sessions,

*resolves*

- 1 that ITU conferences and assemblies shall, in principle, be held in the last quarter of the year, and not in the same year<sup>1</sup>, except as provided in *recalling b)* above;
- 2 that plenipotentiary conferences shall, unless there is a pressing need otherwise, be limited to a duration of three weeks;
- 3 that ITU exhibitions, forums, high-level events and symposia of a worldwide character shall be scheduled within the allocated resources in the financial plan and biennial budget approved by Council, and subject to the schedule and meeting space requirements of core activities of ITU and other mandatory Union events, such as conferences, assemblies and Council sessions;
- 4 that the schedule of future conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions for the years 2019-2023 shall be as follows:
  - 4.1 the Council shall, in principle, hold its ordinary session within or around June-July of the calendar year;
  - 4.2 WRC-19 shall be held in Sharm el-Sheikh (Egypt) from 28 October to 22 November 2019, preceded by the Radiocommunication Assembly from 21 to 25 October 2019;
  - 4.3 WTSA shall be held in the last quarter of 2020;
  - 4.4 the sixth World Telecommunication Policy Forum (WTPF) shall be held in 2021, preferably back to back with the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum;
  - 4.5 WTDC shall be held in the last quarter of 2021;
  - 4.6 the Plenipotentiary Conference shall be held in the last quarter of 2022;
  - 4.7 an RA and a WRC, after 2019, shall be held in the last quarter of 2023;

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<sup>1</sup> Apart from world conferences on international telecommunications.

5 that the agendas of world and regional conferences shall be established in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention and the agendas of assemblies shall be established, as appropriate, taking into account the resolutions and recommendations of the relevant conferences and assemblies;

6 that the conferences and assemblies mentioned in *resolves* 4 should be held within the periods indicated there, that the precise dates and places will be set by the Council after consultation of the Member States, leaving sufficient time between the various conferences, and that the precise duration shall be decided by the Council after their agendas have been established,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to take appropriate measures to facilitate the most efficient use of time and resources during such conferences;

2 to give scheduling priority to the study groups and advisory groups of the three ITU Sectors, the Council and the Council working groups when the meetings listed are held at ITU headquarters;

3 to report to the Council on the implementation of this resolution, proposing further improvements, as appropriate,

*instructs the ITU Council*

1 at each ordinary session, to schedule its next three ordinary sessions in June-July and to review the Council's schedule on a rolling basis;

2 to take appropriate measures to facilitate the implementation of this resolution, and report to future plenipotentiary conferences on possible improvements in the implementation of this resolution.

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### **Attachment 3**

DECISION 608 (C19)  
(adopted at the ninth Plenary Meeting)

### **Convening of the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20)**

The Council,

*noting*

that WTSA-20 is scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2020 in accordance with Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) (Scheduling and Duration of future conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union (2019-2023)),

*decides*

that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20) will take place in Hyderabad India, from 16 to 27 November 2020,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

to carry out a consultation with all Member States on the exact dates and precise place of WTSA-20.

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**Attachment 4**

DECISION 609 (C19)  
(adopted at the fourth Plenary Meeting)

**Convening of the next World Telecommunication Development Conference  
(WTDC-21)**

The Council,

*noting*

that WTDC-21 is scheduled to be held in the last quarter of 2021 in accordance with Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) (Scheduling and Duration of future conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union (2019-2023)),

*decides*

that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21) will take place in Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, from 8 to 19 November 2021,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

- 1 to carry out a consultation with all Member States on the exact dates and precise place of WTDC-21;
- 2 to undertake a site visit and report to the 2020 session of the Council.

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## Attachment 5

### DECISION 610 (C19)

(adopted at the sixth Plenary Meeting)

#### **Convening of the next ordinary plenipotentiary conference**

The Council,

*noting*

that this conference is included in the schedule of future conferences, assemblies and forums of the Union (2019-2023) as adopted in Resolution 77 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) (Scheduling and Duration of future conferences, forums, assemblies and Council sessions of the Union (2019-2023)),

*decides*

*a)* that, subject to the concurrence of the majority of the Member States of the Union, the next ordinary plenipotentiary conference will take place in Bucharest (Romania) in 2022 for a period of three weeks;

*b)* that the opening and closing dates of the conference will be Monday, 26 September 2022 and Friday 14 October 2022,

*instructs the Secretary-General*

1 to carry out a consultation with all Member States on the exact dates and precise place of PP-22;

2 to undertake a site visit and report to the 2020 session of the Council.

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