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| **Council 2021 Virtual consultation of councillors, 8-18 June 2021** |  |
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| Report by the Secretary-General | |
| CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF THE COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS | |

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| Summary  Council Resolution 1333 instructs the Secretary-General to submit to each Plenipotentiary Conference and to each Council a table that identifies the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each CWG, their tenure of office, and region.  The table below shows the new candidatures received for Chair and Vice-Chairmanship positions since the second virtual consultation of councillors in 2020, to be approved at the Virtual consultation of councillors in 2021 (8-18 June 2021). With reference to Circular Letter CL-21/14, it also includes the candidatures received for the position of Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial (CWG-SFP), to be established by the Council.  Action required  The Council is invited to **appoint** the new chairs and vice-chairs for the Council Working Groups and **to note** the table in annex. The Council is also invited to **appoint** the new chairs and vice-chairs of the CWG-SFP, pending the final decision on the establishment of this group (see document [C21/64](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0064/en)).  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  References  [*PP Decision 11 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)*](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/DEC-011-E.pdf)*,* [*Council Resolutions 1333*](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/Resolution-1333_C16.pdf)*,* [*1379*](https://www.itu.int/md/S16-CL-C-0125/en)*,* [*1384*](https://www.itu.int/md/S17-CL-C-0117/en)*;* [*Document PP-18/54*](https://www.itu.int/md/S18-PP-C-0054/en)*; Council document* [*C19/21*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0021/en), [*C19-ADD/6*](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CLADD-C-0006/en)*;* [*C20/21*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0021/en)*;* [*DM-20/1011*](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01011/en)*,* [*C21/64*](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0064/en)*, CL-21/14* |

1. The 2016 session of the Council adopted a revision of [Resolution 1333](http://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/Resolution-1333_C16.pdf) on the Guiding principles for the creation, management and termination of Council working groups. The Resolution instructs the Secretary-General to submit to each Plenipotentiary Conference and to each Council a table that identifies the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each CWG, their tenure of office, and region.
2. The 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-18) confirmed the continuation or nomination of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the following groups for the next cycle between two Plenipotentiary Conferences (2019-2022):

* Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet)
* Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP)
* Council Working Group on WSIS & SDGs (CWG-WSIS&SDG)
* Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources (CWG-FHR)
* Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages of the Union (CWG-LANG)
* Council Expert Group on Decision 482 (EG-DEC-482)
* Expert Group on the International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)

1. The 2019 session of the Council decided to convene Informal Expert Group to prepare the WTPF-21 (IEG-WTPF-21) and confirmed its Chair (see documents [C19/21](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0021/en) and [C19/119](https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0119/en))
2. At the first 2020 Virtual consultation of councillors (9-12 June 2020), Council Member States confirmed, via a consultation by correspondence, one new Chair and four new Vice-chairs of Council Working Groups and Expert Groups (see [C20/21(Rev.3)](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-CL-C-0021/en) and [DM-20/1011](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01011/en)).
3. At the second 2020 Virtual consultation of councillors (16-20 November 2020), Council Member States confirmed, via a consultation by correspondence, two new Vice-chairs of Council Working Groups (see letter [DM-20/1022](https://www.itu.int/md/S20-DM-CIR-01022/en)).
4. In preparation of the ITU Strategic and Financial Plans for 2024-2027, it is proposed to establish a Council Working Group for the elaboration of the draft Strategic and Financial Plans (CWG-SFP) for the 2024-2027 planning cycle. In this connection, Council Member States will be invited to adopt by correspondence the draft resolution introduced in Annex A of document [C21/64](https://www.itu.int/md/S21-CL-C-0064/en), to be presented at the 2021 Virtual consultation of councillors (C21-VCC1). In anticipation of the approval this new resolution, Council Member States are also invited to approve the nomination of the Chair and Vice-chairs of this group.
5. The Council is invited to appoint the new Chairs and Vice-chairs for the Council Working Groups, including by anticipation the Chair and Vice-chairs of the CWG-SFP, and to note the table in annex.

**CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS OF COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS AND EXPERT GROUPS (as of 4 May 2021)**

| Current CWG + Secretary | Chair | Region | Date of appoint-ment | Vice-Chair (s) | Region | Date of appointment |
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| **Council Working Group on International Internet-related Public Policy Issues** **(CWG-Internet)** (Sec: Mr Preetam Maloor) | Mr Majed Al Mazyed  (Saudi Arabia) | ARB | 2009 | Mr Silulami J. Doyi (South Africa)  Mr César Martinez (Paraguay)  Mr Abdulrahman Al Marzouqi (United Arab Emirates)  Mr YGSC Kishore Babu (India)  Mr Kamal Mammadov (Azerbaijan)  Mr Paul Blaker (United Kingdom) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019  2017  2017  2019  2017 |
| **Council Working Group on Child Online Protection (CWG-COP)**  (Sec: Ms Carla Licciardello) | Mr Abdelaziz Al Zarooni  (United Arab Emirates) | ARB | 2018 | Ms Stella Chubiyo Erebor (Nigeria)  Ms Ellen Blackler (The Walt Disney Company)  Ms Maha Z.Y. Mouasher (Jordan)  Mr Manish Gupta (India)  Ms Aysel Hadiyeva (Azerbaijan)  Mr Giorgio Tosi Beleffi (Italy) | **AFR**  **AMS (Sector Member)**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2020  2017  2017  2019  2019  2017 |
| **Council Working Group on WSIS&SDGs (CWG-WSIS&DSGs)**  (Sec: Mr Catalin Marinescu) | Mr Vladimir Minkin  (Russian Federation) | CIS | 2006 | Ms Janet Umutesi (Rwanda)  Ms Renata Santoyo (Brazil)  Mr Mansour Al-Qurashi (Saudi Arabia)  Mr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Isl. Rep. of Iran)  Ms Aygun Ahmadova (Azerbaijan)  Mr Wojciech Berezowski (Poland) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2020  2017  2019  2019  2019 |
| **Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources** **(CWG-FHR)** (Sec: Mr Alassane Ba/Mr Diego Ruiz) | Ms Vernita Harris (United States) | AMS | 2020 | Ms Seynabou Seck Cisse (Senegal)  Ms Xian Persaud (Bahamas)  Mr Mohamed Almazroei (United Arab Emirates)  Ms Archana Goyal Gulati (India)  Ms D.V. Kalyuga (Russian Federation)  Mr Vilem Vesely (Czech Republic) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2017  2020  2019  2019  2020  2019 |
| **Council Working Group on the use of the six official languages (CWG-Lang)** (Sec: Mr Xin Liu) | Ms Monia Jaber Khalfallah  (Tunisia) | ARB | 2018 | Mr Paul Najarian (USA)  Ms Sameera Belal (Kuwait)  **Proposed candidate: XXX**  Mr Vladimir Minkin (Russian Federation)  Ms Blanca Gonzalez (Spain)  Ms Yana Brugier (France) | **English**  **Arabic**  **Chinese**  **Russian**  **Spanish**  **French** | 2013  2017  [2021]  2013  2017  2020 |
| **Expert group on ITRs (EG-ITRs)** (Sec: Mr Preetam Maloor) | Mr Lwando Bbuku (Zambia) | AFR | 2019 | Mr Guy-Michel Kouakou (Côte d’Ivoire)  Mr Santiago Reyes-Borda (Canada)  Mr Ahmad Al Rajehi (Egypt)  Mr Xiping Huang (China)  Mr Aleksei Sergeevich Borodin (Russian Federation)  Mr Simon van Merkom (Netherlands) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019  2019  2019  2019  2019 |
| **Expert group on Decision 482 (EG-DEC-482)** (Sec: Mr Alexandre Vallet) | Mr Nikolay Varlamov (Russian Federation) | CIS | 2018 | Mr Mustapha Mousse (Egypt)  Mr Andrew Feltman (United States)  Mr Mohammad AlJanoobi (Saudi Arabia)  Mr Yuansheng Xie (China)  Mr Rizat Nurshabekow (Kazakhstan)  Mr Cristian Ungureanu (Romania) | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | 2019  2019  2019  2019  2019  2020 |
| **Informal Expert Group on WTPF-21 (IEG-WTPF-21)** (Sec: Mr Preetam Maloor) | Mr Fabio Bigi (Italy) | EUR | 2019 | - | **-** | - |
| **Council Working Group for the elaboration of the draft Strategic and Financial Plans (CWG-SFP)**  (Sec: Mr Catalin Marinescu) | **Proposed candidate: XXX** |  | 2021 | **Proposed candidate: Mr Dominic Ooko (Kenya)**  **Proposed candidate: XXX**  **Proposed candidate: XXX**  **Proposed candidate: XXX**  **Proposed candidate: Ms Natalia Reznikova (Russian Federation)**  **Proposed candidate: XXX** | **AFR**  **AMS**  **ARB**  **ASP**  **CIS**  **EUR** | [2021]  [2021]  [2021]  [2021]  [2021]  [2021] |

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