



PLENARY MEETING

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Note by the Secretary-General

**CANDIDACY FOR THE POST OF DIRECTOR OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATION STANDARDIZATION BUREAU (TSB)**

Further to the information published in Document 3, I have the pleasure in transmitting to the Conference, in annex, the candidacy of:

Dr Bilel JAMOSSI (Tunisia)

for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the International Telecommunication Union.

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General

Annex: 1



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Dear Secretary-General,

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tunisia to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Switzerland presents its compliments to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and referring to its Circular letter CL-21/41 of 27th September 2021, is pleased to announce that The Government of Tunisia has the honor to nominate and fully support **Dr Bilel Jamoussi** for the post of Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) of the ITU.

The nomination letter from Minister of Communication Technologies of Tunisia Dr. Nizar Ben Neji and Dr Bilel Jamoussi's Curriculum Vitae, Vision Statement, Biographic Information, and link to the dedicated website <https://Bilel4TSB.tn> are attached to this note verbale.

Dr Jamoussi is well known in the ITU for the past 12 years as Chief of the Study Groups Department in Telecommunication Standardization Bureau. He is a world expert in Telecommunications and holds 23 US patents that he received while working for the private sector in the US and Canada as Director of Standards for 15 years before joining ITU.

Dr Jamoussi's candidacy was endorsed by the African Union during its executive council session in 2021 as the only African candidate to the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of ITU and endorsed by the League of Arab States ICT Ministers in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia in 2019, making Dr Jamoussi the only Arab candidate to any elected position in ITU in Bucharest Romania 26 September to 14 October 2022.

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations Office in Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General, HE Mr Houlin Zhao and to the International Telecommunication Union, the assurances of its highest consideration

H.E Mr Houlin Zhao
Secretary-General

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Geneva, August 24th, 2022

The Republic of Tunisia
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**Ministry of Communication
Technologies**
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The Minister



From: Minister Nizar Ben Neji

To: ITU Secretary General, Houlin Zhao

Dear ITU Secretary General,

In response to Circular Letter CL-21/41 of 27 September 2021 and on behalf of the Tunisian Government, I have the honor to inform you that Tunisia presents the candidacy of Dr Bilel Jamoussi, Chief of the Study Groups Department in the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau to the post of Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau at the elections to be held during the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference that will take place in Bucharest Romania from 26 September to 14 October 2022.

Dr Bilel Jamoussi has dedicated 27 years of his professional career to the Standardization of Telecommunication and Information and Communication Technologies: 12 years in ITU as Chief of Study Groups Department in the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU in Geneva Switzerland and 15 years as Director of Standards in the private sector at Nortel Networks in North America.

Most recently, on the occasion of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly WTSA-20 held in Geneva in March 2022, all the stakeholders and partners in ITU had the opportunity to appreciate Dr Jamoussi's high skills and talent of coordination, negotiation, and of reaching consensus on many difficult topics.

Dr Jamoussi also delivered a successful Global Standards Symposium GSS-20 focused on international standards to enable the digital transformation, a key topic to most Member States especially after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr Jamoussi communicates in the four of the official ITU languages: fluently in English French and Arabic. He also speaks some Spanish.

In the 157-year history of the ITU, the African and Arab regions have never led the Standardization Bureau. This time, we objectively believe we have the most qualified and best suited candidate to lead the Standards Bureau.

Finally, Dr Jamoussi's election will bring the much needed and currently missing African and Arab representation in the team of 5 elected officials of the ITU as well as the necessary rotation among the regions for the position of TSB Director, noting that in the past 32 years TSB was led by a Director from the APT or CEPT regions.



Ministre des Technologies de la Communication
Nizar BEN NEJI

Dr. Bilel JAMOUCSI

Candidate for
the post of Director of

TELECOMMUNICATION
STANDARDIZATION
BUREAU
ITU 2023-2026



Nationality : Tunisian

Born : Sfax, Tunisia, April 7, 1967

Marital status : Married and father of three children

Languages : Fluent in Arabic, French, and English.
Basic in Spanish and German.

Education : Doctor and Engineer in Computer Engineering specializing in communications networks, graduate from the Pennsylvania State University USA (PhD 95, MS 92, BS 89).

Inventions : Granted 23 patents in the fields of data and optical networks, wireless networks, and quality of service.

Honors : Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, Nortel Networks; Teamwork award Nortel, Professional Engineer of Ontario, Senior Member IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering).

Career



2010-Present :

Chief of the Study Groups Department at the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, International Telecommunication Union, Geneva - Switzerland.

1999-2009 :

Director of Standardization, Nortel Networks, Billerica Massachusetts - USA.

1994-1999 :

Senior Systems and Software Engineer, Bell Northern Research, Nortel, Ottawa ON - Canada.

1989-1994 :

Teaching and Research Assistant at the Pennsylvania State University - USA.

Vision Statement

Relevant, Inclusive, and Transformational Standards

During the next four years, I see the following imperatives for ITU and TSB :

1. ITU-T to continue providing a **neutral and impartial** platform, collaborating with other standards development organizations and UN agencies, and ensuring the Union unity through a **consensus-based** process.
2. **Inclusion** remains a high priority by increasing gender balance in staff and delegates; through bridging the standardization gap to effectively contribute to the WSIS Tunis action lines and achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs); and by providing **accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs**.
3. ITU-T to quickly **react and adapt to the ever-changing information and communication technologies landscape** in order to develop timely and relevant international standards.
4. TSB to play a key role in **transparently** providing the required data and guidance to help membership find the optimal structure for the years to come.
5. The new ITU building in Geneva requires a **careful management of the transition** period to ensure continuity of service to membership, and is an opportunity for accelerating ITU digital transformation, and increasing ITU's environmental sustainability.
6. Considering **COVID-19** and its aftermath, continue the innovations in **working methods to efficiently support ITU standards development**.





All these imperatives for the ITU require a **trusted, innovative, and experienced leader for TSB** who deeply understands the technologies being standardized, who practiced the ITU standards development processes, who has the required trust, **diplomacy, and neutrality** to help finding consensus among membership, who is capable to understand the diverse needs of developing and developed countries and can communicate clearly in multiple languages of the union, and also who has demonstrated management capabilities of the ITU staff and the scarce financial resources.



If elected, I will strive for an ITU-T that develops relevant international standards for interoperable networks and services to connect the world and continue enabling the digital transformation through an inclusive, collaborative, and efficient standardization process, balancing the needs of developing and developed countries as well as large and small private sector stakeholders; leading TSB staff in a team formation with the other ITU elected officials through competence, integrity, transparency, and accountability.



 I offer **27 years** of my professional experience : **15 years in the private sector** as Director of Standards and **12 years in ITU** as the Chief of the Study Groups Department in TSB to take on the challenges of the post of TSB Director to best serve ITU Members. 

Experience and achievements :

International Telecommunication Union 2010-2022

Among Others

- Leading the Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) program.
- Facilitation of consensus building in the development of standards.
- Efficient allocation of international numbering resources for mobile, fixed telephony, and Internet of Things to network and service operator members.
- Diplomatic mediation when necessary, and bimonthly publication of the ITU Operational Bulletin in six languages.
- Advice to chairpersons, management teams, and delegates from the 193 Member States and 800 members of the private sector at ITU major conferences.
- Promotion of ITU and its standards, as a spokesperson, speaker, moderator, and organizer of conferences, workshops, symposia, and webinars.
- Promoting and attracting new members of the standardization industry through new standardization initiatives related to emerging technologies.
- Increasing financial inclusion globally, creating a framework to develop digital payment guidelines and standards in collaboration between the telecommunication and finance sectors. Securing and managing a multi-million-dollar grant to ITU from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (2014-2020).
- Cooperation and collaboration with other relevant standardization bodies and UN bodies.
- Management of ITU internal operation : Chairman of the ITU Health Insurance Management Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee (Service Orders), Chairman of Disciplinary Chambers, Member of Intersectoral Task Force
- Organization of WTSA-16 and Master of Ceremonies of ITU GSS-16 hosted by the Tunisian Government, Hammamet Tunisia, November 2016.
- Efficient management of staff from several countries, cultures, and speaking different languages with a view to harmonization, high productivity, and gender balance.
- Co-Organizer and Master of Ceremonies of ICT4ALL Forum (WSIS+2007-2015) co-organized, by ITU and the Tunisian Government, Hammamet Tunisia.

Private Sector at Nortel Networks, 1994-2009

With increasing responsibilities

- Director of standardization
- Director of University Research and Advanced Technologies
- Director of Data Network Engineering
- Systems and Software Engineer