



General Secretariat (SG)

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To Member States of ITU Council

Subject: **Nomination of ITU Councillors and Informal virtual meeting with Councillors**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to welcome you as an elected Council Member State for the 2023-2026 cycle.

As the new management team takes office with a renewed vision for the Union, the support of the Council is of utmost importance.

The new leadership wishes to invite Councillors to an **informal virtual introductory meeting** to be held on **13 February 2023 at 1pm (Geneva Time)**. The aim is to facilitate a first exchange of views on the **priorities of the new management team**, as well as on the **preparation for the 2023 session of the Council**, which will be held from 11 to 21 July 2023. Further details of this meeting will be provided to you in due course.

As you may know, the ITU Council acts as the Union's governing body in the interval between Plenipotentiary Conferences. The Council shall consider broad telecommunication policy issues in accordance with the guidelines given by the Plenipotentiary Conference to ensure that the Union's policies and strategies and activities fully respond to changes in the telecommunication environment. The Council is also responsible for ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the Union, coordinating work programmes, approving budgets and controlling finances and expenditures.

The active participation from your Member State through the representation of an appointed Councillor at senior decision making level will ensure the strategic role of the Council.

I would therefore like to invite you to **nominate, as soon as possible, a Councillor** or to reconfirm your existing Councillor, to facilitate communication with the secretariat as indicated in the [Annex](#). The nomination of women is strongly encouraged.

I look forward to meeting you virtually on 13 February and working with you to make ITU fit for the future.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Secretary-General

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ANNEX

Nomination of the Councillor

1. Definitions (as per extract of the Rules of Procedure of the Council):

Councillor: the person appointed by a Member State of the Council as its representative.

- The person appointed as a councillor shall be accredited by his administration by a letter or fax addressed to the Secretary-General.

Alternate: any person designated by a Member State of the Council to act in the place of the councillor.

- Each Member State of the Council may designate one or more persons as alternate to act in the place of the councillor.

Adviser: any person who advises or assists a councillor at the meeting.

- A councillor may be accompanied at any meeting by one or more advisers, who may participate in the deliberations

2. Role of the Councillor (recommendations as per practice):

- Represents its Member State in the Council and participates in annual Council sessions and related meetings
- Takes an active role in session, may chair adhoc/drafting groups, as required
- Takes decisions on agenda items under discussion and votes, if required
- Reviews and examines documentation prior to the annual session
- Receives official correspondence on all Council matters

3. Information to be sent to the secretariat (gbs@itu.int) for internal use only, preferably before 1st February 2023:

- the name of your Councillor for the 2023 Session of the ITU Council;
- the name of an Alternate may also be designated;
- email address;
- preferably a mobile phone number;
- a recent ID type photo;
- a short biography (for the Councillor only).