WTDC-21 Preparatory Process

Towards a more effective WTDC-21

Regional Development Forum - CIS
15 December 2020

Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT)

The journey towards a more effective WTDC

2019 TDAG – Need for improvements

Pre TDAG Web Dialogues

TDAG 2020/1 and TDAG 2020/2

TDAG Working Group Meetings

TDAG 2020/3

WTDC-21

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March and April Web Dialogue Outcomes

The deliberations at the web dialogues were collated into three high level concepts for WTDC preparations, submitted by the BDT Director to TDAG-20

1. **Preparatory Process**

   a. Comprehensive preparatory process that includes a non-binding Inter-Regional coordination meetings (IRMs) with clear format, agenda

   b. Representation in IRMs with co-ordination between RPMs and RTOs

   c. Coordination on conference theme

   d. Leverage on selected high profile events to promote WTDC

2. **During the Conference**

   a. Merge high level segment and side events into thematic events (development track)
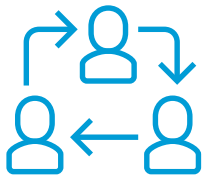
3. **Strategic Plan**

   a. WTDC would not discuss the ITU-D Contribution to ITU Strategic Plan in detail. The Strategic Plan would be addressed by a TDAG Group.
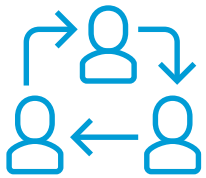
WTDC-21 Preparation
TDAG-WG-Prep

Working Group on WTDC-21 Preparations (TDAG-WG-Prep)

Chair – Santiago Reyes-Borda, Canada

❑ Terms of Reference:

- Review WTDC preliminary proposals on WTDC-21 preparatory process;

- Make recommendations for arrangements for preparatory meetings and events prior to the conference;

- Develop proposals and make recommendations that might enhance the arrangements for the conference

❑ Held Four Meetings beginning on 16 July 2020 and completed its work on 4 November 2020

❑ Final report was approved by TDAG at its third meeting for 2020, on 23 November 2020

WTDC-21 Preparation
TDAG-WG-Prep – Final Outcomes

✓ *"Connecting the unconnected to achieve Sustainable Development"*

✓ Development/Partnership track with expanded participation (see below), interactive sessions, aimed at concrete development outputs

✓ Development/Partnership track will incorporate the High-Level segment

✓ New Constituents include international financial institutions, regional development banks, United Nations System, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders such as youth organizations, representatives from marginalized communities

✓ BDT to convene a minimum of two and a maximum of three Inter-regional Meetings, to be held back-to-back with RPM

WTDC-21 Preparation
TDAG-WG-RDTP

Working Group on Resolutions, Declaration and Thematic Priorities (TDAG-WG-RDTP)

Chair – Dr. Ahmad Sharafat, Iran

- Review WTDC resolutions, examine their number and subject matter, and consider streamlining, to avoid repetitions and duplication with the Resolutions of the Plenipotentiary Conference.

- Align the ITU-D thematic priorities, proposed regional initiatives and proposed study group questions;

- Propose elements and make recommendations to ITU membership for the future draft Declaration;

- Report its outcomes to TDAG.

WTDC Preparation
TDAG-WG-RDTP – Update

Just concluded under the Fourth Block of meetings the last meeting of WG-RDTP before the extra-ordinary session of TDAG

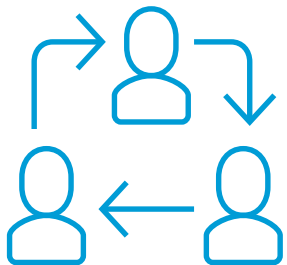Discussions were on Streamlining Resolutions, the Declaration, and Thematic Priorities

Two Liaison Statements were received from the two Chairs of ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2, and the TDAG Working Group on Strategies and Operations Plans

The WG-RDTP Chair submitted three documents with annexes on the three topics (Resolutions, Declaration, and Thematic Topics.
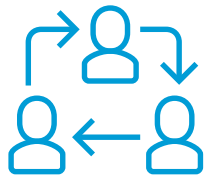
The Report coming out of the meeting held on 21 October 2020, will now be submitted to TDAG by the Chair of the Working Group

WTDC-21 Preparation
TDAG-WG-SOP

Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plan (TDAG-WG-SOP)

Chair – Dr. Blanca Gonzales, Spain

- To review the Strategic Plan and to prepare proposals for the draft new ITU-D contribution to the Strategic Plan for the next period (2024-2027).

- To review the status of implementation and impact of the Buenos Aires action plan and its links with the Operational Plan.

- To review the status of implementation and impact of the four-year rolling Operational Plan, identify areas of improvement, and develop recommendations for the Draft Operational Plan prior to consideration by Council.
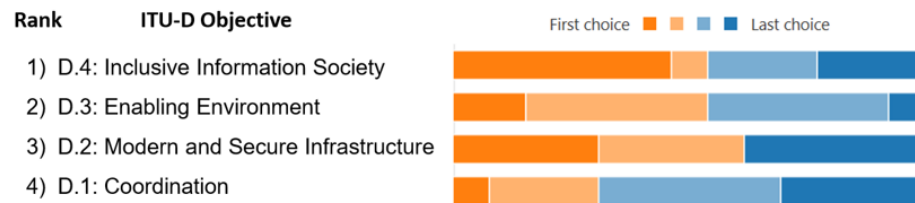
- Outcomes to WTDC-21
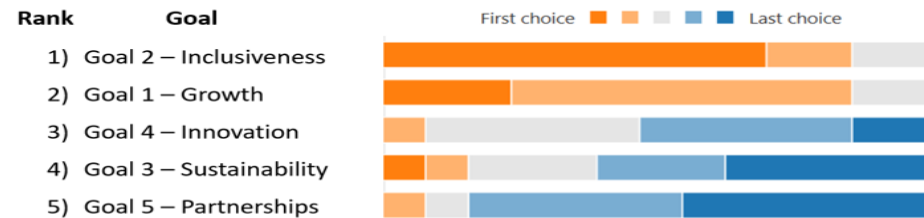
WTDC Preparation
TDAG-WG-SOP – Update

1. One contribution (Mexico/Canada/USA) on Procedure proposing modifications to Resolutions 1 and 24 supported by TDAG-WG-SOP;

2. Liaison statements on the above provided to TDAG-WG-PREP and TDAG-WG-RDTP;

3. Agreement on prioritization of the Goals and ITU-D Objectives (poll outcome) towards the new Strategic Operational Plan and Action Plan; and

4. Contribution questions and framing questions provided to TDAG for discussion.

Graph 1: Ranking of prioritization for ITU-D Objectives

Rank	ITU-D Objective
1)	D.4: Inclusive Information Society
2)	D.3: Enabling Environment
3)	D.2: Modern and Secure Infrastructure
4)	D.1: Coordination

First choice ■ ■ ■ ■ Last choice

Graph 2: Ranking of prioritization for Goals

Rank	Goal
1)	Goal 2 – Inclusiveness
2)	Goal 1 – Growth
3)	Goal 4 – Innovation
4)	Goal 3 – Sustainability
5)	Goal 5 – Partnerships

First choice ■ ■ ■ ■ Last choice

WTDC-21 Preparation
TDAG Working Group Schedule

- TDAG-WG-SOP will continue working online via the mailing list, and will schedule further meetings as needed.
- TDAG-WG-RDTP's announced schedule is as follows:

Group	Meeting date	Deadline for submission of contributions
TDAG-WG-RDTP	21 January 2021	9 January 2021
TDAG-WG-RDTP	4 March 2021	20 February 2021
TDAG-WG-RDTP	9 April 2021	28 March 2021

Road to Addis Series

What is it?

8 virtual events hosted by the **ITU** in anticipation of the **WTDC-21**

 (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 8-19, 2021)

Goals

- Build *momentum* and *awareness* towards WTDC-21
- *Engage* all stakeholders
- Provide an *inclusive platform* to discuss key themes that will be addressed at WTDC-21
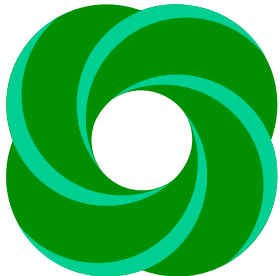
What will be discussed? 6 Enablers

Partnerships

Inclusion

Financing

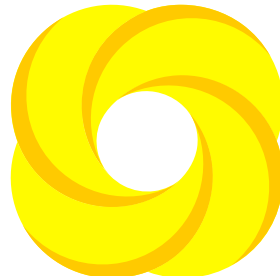Leadership

Innovation

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Thank you!

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