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Too long; didn't read? A super short summary

Two working groups were formed by the Council Chair on two issues where there are significant divergences in views:

1. Working Group on WTPF

Purpose:

- To agree on the timing of, and theme for, the ITU World Telecommunication/ ICT Policy Forum (WTPF) 2021

- First meeting held: 6:30 pm, 11 June
- Second meeting scheduled: 6:30 pm, 13 June

2. Working Group on ITRs

Purpose:

To develop the Terms of Reference for the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR), as re-established at ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2018:

- Consultation on group's modalities: 5:30 pm, 11 June
- First meeting scheduled: 6:30 pm, 12 June

The theme for **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2020** was endorsed:

- "Connect 2030: ICTs for the SDGs"

Council Members have until 12:00 UTC, Monday, 17 June, to submit their views, to be attached as a compilation document to *Report by the Secretary-General: ITU internet activities: Resolutions 101, 102, 133, and 180*.

For more information about how ITU Council works, as well as brief summaries of issues related to digital policy that will be discussed at ITU Council 2019, 10-20 June 2019, see Nissaba's pre-meeting report on this year's Council session:

<http://nissaba.net/pre-meeting-reports/itu-council-2019>

For official ITU information on ITU Council 2019, see:

<https://www.itu.int/en/council/2019/Pages/default.aspx>

Decisions made on Day 2

Plenary¹

Adopted:

- *Proposed amendment to Annex 1 to ITU Council Resolution 1305*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0017/en>

Noted:

- *Report by the Secretary-General: World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0017/en>

Also, endorsed:

- The proposed theme for WTISD-20, “Connect 2030: ICTs for the SDGs”.
- *Report by the Secretary-General: ITU internet activities: Resolutions 101, 102, 133, and 180*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0033/en>

Also:

- Council Member States have until 12:00 UTC, Monday, 17 June, to submit their views to the ITU Secretariat for inclusion in a compilation of views that will be submitted, along with related summary records and a cover note, to the United Nations Secretary-General.
- *Proposal for the work of OTT activities*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0102/en>

Also, requested the ITU Secretariat:

- To take the proposal in consideration in work related to implementation of PP-18 Resolution 206 (Dubai, 2018), taking into account the interventions made at Council.

Standing Committee for Administration and Management (ADM)

Approved:

- *Implementation of Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) - Measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive information society*, as proposed by the Secretary-General, as long as the cost of the addition of four new staff positions to the ITU ICT Data and Statistics Division can be absorbed within the

¹ Note: this summary is based on the on-the-floor discussions in ITU Council 2019, where the discussions can be very complex and the proposed form of action by Council restated in many ways as the Chair responds to the direction of discussions. The canonical set of Council actions will be issued by the ITU Secretariat

current ITU budget or using identified savings and without causing any further financial implications for the ITU.

<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0010/en>

Also, the ADM Chair *noted*:

- Wide agreement that additional resources are needed; that the resources available currently be used efficiently, and that the BDT seek to utilize resources available in the Standardisation and Radiocommunication sectors.
- That a Council member had noted that the financial implications of *Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) - Measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive information society*, were not presented to Committee 6 during Plenipotentiary 2018.

In addition, the ITU Secretariat noted that the proposed action in a related contribution, *Proposal for the report on the progress on the implementation of Resolution 131 (rev. Dubai, 2018)*, was covered in the Secretariat's contribution (C19/10), and suggested no further action on the document.

<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0104/en>

Endorsed:

- *Report by the Secretary-General: Efficiency Measures*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0045/en>

Noted:

- *Choice of class of contribution for defraying the union's expenses*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0043/en>
- *Report by the Secretary-General: Annual review of revenue and expenses*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0009/en>
- *Implementation of Resolution 131 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) - Measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive information society (C19/10 Revision 1)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0010/en>
- *Report by the Secretary-General on implementation of Resolution 131 (rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference – Measuring information and communication technologies to build an integrating and inclusive Information Society*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0096/en>

Also, the ADM Chair *noted*:

- The contributions of Cote d'Ivoire are to be considered by the Expert Group on the Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI).

Other developments on Day 2

- The Chair of Council 2019 created a **Working Group on WTPF** to decide on the duration, date, venue, agenda and themes of WTPF-21, and report back to Plenary with the results for approval.

Relevant contributions:

<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0005/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0078/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0083/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0085/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0088/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0093/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0094/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0099/en>

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Relevant contributions:

<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0026/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0065/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0069/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0074/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0079/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0081/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0086/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0089/en>
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0100/en>

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- ADM agreed to move discussion on the ITU headquarters construction project from 19 June to 13 June, to allow Council members to consider new facts and costs available in the contributions, and be ready to make relevant decisions the following week.
- A statement was made by a representative of the ITU Staff Council to ADM. This is ITU staff's annual opportunity to engage directly with ITU Council Members on matters of concern to staff. Full statement at:

<https://www.itu.int/en/council/2019/Pages/Statement-StaffCouncil.aspx>