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International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council 2019 – Day 4

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World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) 2021:

- Addis Ababa, 8-19 November 2021

This will be the first time the WTDC has been held on the African continent.

Informal consultations

1. Working Group on WTPF

- To agree on the timing and theme of WTPF 2021

Meeting 2: 6:30-9:30 pm, 13 June

Meeting 3: 12.45-2.00 pm, 17 June

2. Working Group on ITRs

- To develop Terms of Reference for the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITR), re-established at PP-18.

Meeting 2: 1:00-2:00 pm, 13 June

Meeting 3: 6:30-9:30 pm, 14 June

3. Informal consultations on CWG-Internet open consultation topics

- To agree on a topic for open consultations to be held prior to the next two CWG-Internet meetings.

Meeting 1: 6:00-6:30 pm, 13 June

Meeting 2: 5:30-6:30 pm, 14 June

4. Informal consultations on merging Council Resolutions 1336 and 1344

- To address concerns about accidentally omitting parts of the resolutions during the merging process. Both resolutions concern the Council Working Group on international Internet-related public policy issues (CWG-Internet).

Meeting 1: 1:30-2:30 pm, 14 June

5. COMPLETED: Informal consultations on Council Resolution 1332

Result of consultations on updating draft of Council Resolution 1332 (WSIS) approved by Council.

6. NEW: Informal group on draft Council Decision on a general audit following the case of fraud at a regional office

- To work on a draft Council decision instructing the Secretary-General to hire an independent consultant to conduct a general audit of ITU headquarters, regional offices and bureaux.

Meeting 1: 12:30-2:30 pm, 13 June

Meeting 2: 12:00-1:00 pm, 14 June

Meeting 3: 8:00-9:00 am, 17 June

Coordinator to report to Standing Committee for Administration and Management (ADM) on 14 June.

7. NEW: Informal consultations on Global Cybersecurity Agenda (GCA)

- To propose a way forward for how to review and produce guidelines on how to make better use of the GCA.

Meeting 1: 13:00-2:30 pm, 17 June

Decisions made on Day 4

Plenary¹

Decided:

- To hold WTDC-21 in Addis Ababa, 8-19 November 2021

Also, adopted:

- The draft decision, Convening of the next World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-21), contained in Annex 3 to *Preparations for the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2021*.
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0030/en>

Requested the BDT:

- To take *Updating the child online protection guidelines* into account in its work related to child protection online and update the guidelines accordingly, in consultation with CWG on Child Online Protection.
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-00103/en>

Adopted:

- *Proposals for the revision of Resolution 1332 (modified 2016)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-TD-GEN-0005/en>

Note: Temporary Document (DT) 5 was a result of informal consultations on Council's WSIS-related Resolution 1332. The original proposal is contained in:

<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0070/en>

Instructed the Director of the BDT:

- To undertake an in-depth analysis and review of current training and capacity-building activity undertaken by the ITU Academy and Centers of Excellence, and report to Council 2020 on the results of the study and on the feasibility of the creation of a capacity building institute within ITU. Associated contribution: *Establishing a capacity building institute in the ITU*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0098/en>

Noted:

- *Report by the Secretary-General: Comprehensive report detailing the activities, actions, and engagements that the Union is undertaking in context of the WSIS implementation and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0053/en>

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

- *Report by the Secretary-General: ITU activities on strengthening the role of ITU in building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0018/en>

Standing Committee for Administration and Management (ADM)

Adopted:

- The draft Decision, *Auditing of the accounts of the Union*, contained in Annex B of *Tendering to select the external auditor*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0059/en>
- The draft Decision, *Appointment of members to the Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC)*, contained in Annex C of *Independent Management Advisory Committee (IMAC) (C59/Rev. 1)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0049/en>

Approved:

- *External audit of the Union's accounts On ITU Telecom World 2018*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0041/en>

Considered:

- *Report by the Secretary-General: Report of the internal auditor on internal audit activities*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0044/en>

Noted:

- *Report by the Secretary-General: Strengthening the regional presence (C/25 Rev. 2)*
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0025/en>

Note: an updated version of the report will be presented again next week, incorporating Council members' feedback on the Terms of Reference for the Review of ITU's Regional Presence contained in an appendix to the report.

Other developments on Day 4

- Following Days 3 and 4 discussions about the report of **fraud at a regional ITU office**, the ADM Chair requested an **informal drafting group** be formed to work on a draft Council decision on a general audit of the ITU headquarters and all regional offices and bureaux. In addition, the Council member of the country where the regional office is located requested that ITU approach the government formally, so the laws of the national government can be applied to the perpetrator(s). A draft decision is available to ITU TIES account holders only
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-190610-DL-0004/en>
- The ADM began discussions on the **ITU headquarters building project**, but due to lack of time, it was agreed to resume the discussions on Friday, June 14.
- The Chair of Council requested that **informal consultations** be held on Report of the Secretary-General: transmission of the report from the former Chairman of **Global Cybersecurity Agenda** High-Level Experts Group and report back next week.
<https://www.itu.int/md/S19-CL-C-0058/en>
- **Informal consultations** on the following topics are ongoing:
 - Proposals for the revision and merging of Resolution 1336 And Resolution 1344
 - Topic of the next two open consultations of the CWG-Internet
 - ITU World Telecommunication/ ICT Policy Forum (WTPF) 2021
 - The Terms of Reference for the Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations (EG-ITRs)

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

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