2nd APT Web Dialogue

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Towards an effective WTDC-21

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BDT's Vision

- Advancing digital transformation through meaningful connectivity.

- Affordable, reliable, accessible, fast and safe connections that enable those online to benefit from the full power and potential of the online world.

Achieving BDT's Vision

- Creating a fit4purpose BDT

  - Implementing a Results Based Management (RBM) approach that ensures that BDT's work leads to tangible impact consistent with the vision.

  - Strong collaboration based around cooperation, resource-sharing and win-win arrangements that benefit governments, industry and users.

- A WTDC that is effective and focused on telecommunications/ICT development solutions.

The Reform Journey towards a more effective WTDC

2019 TDAG – Need for Reforms

- Breakout sessions on WTDC reform

Pre TDAG Web Dialogues

- 24 March Web Dialogue (Brainstorm Session)
- 30 April Web Dialogue (Concrete Proposals)

2020 TDAG

- Document Submission

WTDC Reform Discussions

Why Reform?

- Real desire for positive change

- To improve the effectiveness of WTDC-21

- to ensure that the World Telecommunication Development Conference will be a solutions-based conference that addresses the real challenges in the development of telecommunications/ICTs.

Member aspirations reflected in Web Dialogues:

- Change from administrative issue-based to
a solutions-based conference focused on development

- Preparatory process as the start of reform of WTDC in order to improve focus of conference

- Engage stakeholders for WTDC to have a transformative agenda

- Integrate 'side events' into the conference with inclusion of more stakeholders

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March & April Web Dialogue Outcomes

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Preparatory Process for WTDC

Concerns

- Missed opportunities for consensus
- Lack of integration between preparatory processes and RTOs

Proposals

- Use regional preparatory processes to revise /draft resolutions/SGQs
- Formalization of inter-regional preparatory processes and seeking consensus on thematic issues

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Content and Structure

Concerns

- Limited time for discussion of key development issues
- Content does not support goals of WTDC
- Is development of ITU Strategic Plan work of WTDC?

Proposals

- Refocus work of the conference
- Redefine regional initiatives
- Think Projects/Strategies that attract donors
- Repurpose High Level Policy session to a thematic event
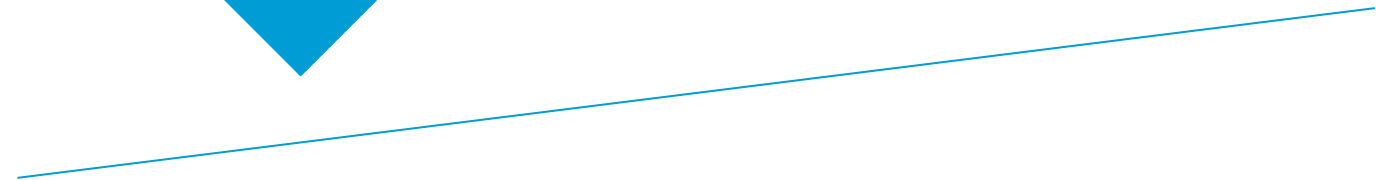
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Stakeholder Engagement

Concerns

- Low participation of key decision makers
- Key influencers missing in picture

Proposals

- Engage from preparatory process
- Create channels for active engagement
- Provide value proposition
- Promotion platforms for WTDC

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Side Events

Concerns

- Topics lack appeal
- Misplaced Outputs

Proposals

- Redefine side events
- Target the audiences
- High visibility agenda

Guidance on Legal and Procedural Provisions

- WTDC Resolution 31 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)

- Articles 22 of the ITU Constitution and 16 of the ITU Convention : Section 1 of Resolution 1 ,CV213.

- ITU Constitution and Convention - Article 1.8.2; Article 25 of the Convention and Article 3 of the General Rules.

- Article 3 of the Constitution ; PP Resolution 145; PP Resolution 14

Consolidated Proposals based on Web Dialogue Outcomes

Director's Proposals for consideration by TDAG

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 for different topics

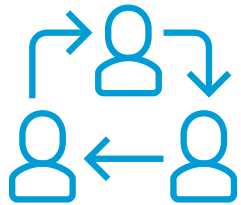   d. Leverage on selected high profile for a to promote WTDC

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 TDAG.

Proposed Process for Implementing Proposals

Formation of TDAG Groups to advice Director BDT on implementation

1. **WG on WTDC reform**

2. **WG on Resolutions and Declaration**

Note: TDAG to determine composition of the WGs and TORs

Ingredients for Success

1. Active engagement and member contributions in the WTDC reform discussions

2. Encourage stakeholders to take part in the ICT agenda
   i. Partnership on programmes and projects
   ii. Explore financing possibilities

3. Together build a BDT that is Fit4Purpose – The entire ecosystem is required to advance the connectivity agenda

Thank you!

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