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| **The 4th Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTDC-21 (APT WTDC21-4)** | **APT WTDC21-4/**  **OUT-07 (Rev.1)** |
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PRELIMINARY APT COMMON PROPOSAL

**Proposals for ITU-D THEMATIC PRIORITIES (WTDC)**

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| **Priority area:** (Please mark “X” in front of the appropriate item)  \_\_\_ Declaration  \_X Thematic Priorities, Action Plan, Regional Initiatives and SG Questions  \_\_\_ Working Methods  \_\_\_ Resolutions and Recommendations  \_\_\_ Other proposals  **Summary:**  APT Member Administrations was considered the discussion on the TDAG output document on ITU-D Thematic Priorities and agreed to propose four (4) ITU-D Thematic Priorities.  **Expected results:**  APT Member administrations invite WTDC to examine the proposal and approve the ITU-D Thematic Priorities (WTDC) as proposed.  **References:**  Document ITU-D TDAG Contribution 31(Revised Proposal for ITU-D Thematic Priorities (WTDC) - four Thematic Priorities) |

**PROPOSALS**

APT Member administrations propose four (4) ITU-D Thematic Priorities (WTDC), according to the annex below.

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| 1. **Connectivity:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the deployment of modern, available, secure, accessible, and affordable telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services and bridging the digital divides. This Thematic Priority seeks to foster the development of infrastructure and services by utilizing existing as well as new and emerging telecommunication/ICT services and technologies. In doing so, providing assistance to Member States on technical and organizational aspects of cybersecurity and building confidence, trust and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs is of vital importance. |
| 1. **Digital Transformation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on the development and use of telecommunications/ICTs and applications and services to close the Digital Divide and empower people and societies for sustainable development. This is of critical importance as societies adapt to changes, including those in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and other global disasters in future. In so doing, there is a need to recognize the needs of marginalized groups (e.g., women, youth and persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs). |
| 1. **Enabling Environment:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on fostering an enabling policy and regulatory environment conducive to sustainable telecommunication/ICT development that encourages investment in infrastructure and ICTs. This Thematic Priority comprises key enablers that underpin ITU’s work to deliver on the Connectivity and Digital Society priorities. |
| 1. **Resource Mobilization and International Cooperation:** The focus of this Thematic Priority is on mobilizing and attracting resources and fostering international cooperation on telecommunication/ICT development issues. This Thematic Priority is also cross cutting by providing resources and fostering international cooperation to deliver relevant global outcomes. The needs of developing countries, countries with economies in transition and particularly those of LDCs, LLDCs, SIDS, as well as underserved and vulnerable populations should be prioritized and given due attention. |