

ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026

9-27 November
Doha, Qatar

Introduction to PP-26

November 2025



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What is the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference?

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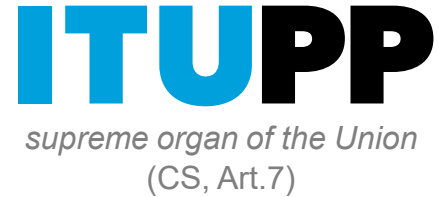
Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (PP-26)

ITU's 22nd Plenipotentiary Conference will be held in Doha, Qatar, from Monday, 9 to Friday, 27 November 2026 in the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center.

Full details on the event can be found on ITU's website at <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/> and the Host Country's website at <http://pp26-doha.gov.qa/>.



Status and objectives



Determines the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union

Elects the management team of the Union (Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, and 3 Directors), the 48 Council Member States and 12 RRB Members

- Amends CS & CV
- Adopts the Financial Plan & Strategic Plan
- Adopts the Final Acts

Held every

4

years

During

3

weeks

Attending

≈ 2900

participants

Agenda of the Conference

Stated in Article 8 of the ITU Constitution

a) determine the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union prescribed in Article 1 of the Constitution;

b) consider the reports by the Council on the activities of the Union since the previous plenipotentiary conference and on the policy and strategic planning of the Union;

c) establish the basis for the budget of the Union and determine, in the light of its decisions taken on the reports referred to in No. 50 of the Constitution, related financial limits until the next plenipotentiary conference, after considering all relevant aspects of the work of the Union in that period;

d) establish, using the procedures described in Nos. 161D to 161G of the Constitution, the total number of contributory units for the period up to the next plenipotentiary conference on the basis of the classes of contribution announced by Member States;

e) provide any general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union and, if necessary, fix the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union;

f) examine the accounts of the Union and finally approve them, if appropriate;

g) elect the Member States which are to serve on the Council;

h) elect the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors as elected officials of the Union;

i) elect the members of the Radio Regulations Board;

j) consider and adopt, if appropriate, proposals for amendments to the Constitution and the Convention, put forward by Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Constitution and the relevant provisions of the Convention, respectively;

k) conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded by the Council on behalf of the Union, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate;

l) adopt and amend the Rules of Procedure of conferences and other meetings of the Union;

m) deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary.

Who can participate?

- Overall participation at PP-22
- Invitation to PP-26

Who participated in the last PP?

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ITU PLENIPOOTENTIARY CONFERENCE - 2022 PARTICIPATION

2945

Participants representing

183

Member States

66

Observer organizations

87

Ministers

71

Deputy Ministers

Invitations have been sent to the following categories of entities entitled to participate (ref. CV/Art. 23):

- Member States [CV/268]
 - [CL-25/47](#): Invitation on behalf of the Government of Qatar
 - [CL-25/48](#): Important information from the ITU Secretary-General
- Palestine [Res. 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)]
- Observer Organizations by virtue of CV Nos 269A, 269B, 269D:
 - the United Nations and its specialized agencies;
 - the International Atomic Energy Agency;
 - regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in Article 43 of the Constitution
 - **DM-25/1XXX**: Invitation from the ITU Secretary-General
- ITU Sector Members by virtue of CV Nos 229 and 231 and Observer Organizations by virtue of CV No 269 C (intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems)
 - **DM-25/1XXX**: Invitation from the ITU Secretary-General

Proposed Conference structure

- Proposed Conference structure
- Conference officers
- Chair-designate



Conference structure

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BASED ON
ITU PLENIPOENTIARY CONFERENCE - 2022



COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	COMMITTEE 6	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee	Credentials	Budget	Editorial	Policy and legal issues	Administration and management	Issues related to public policies
<i>Statutory (GR 12.1)</i>	<i>Statutory (GR12.2)</i>	<i>Statutory (GR 12.3)</i>	<i>Statutory (GR 12.4)</i>	<i>Substantive</i>	<i>Substantive</i>	<i>Substantive</i>

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



COMMITTEE 1

Steering Committee

Coordinate all matters connected with the smooth execution of work and plan the order and number of meetings, avoiding overlapping wherever possible in view of the limited number of members of some delegations (No. 67 of the General Rules).

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



COMMITTEE 2

Credentials

Verify the credentials of delegations and report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter (No. 68 of the General Rules).

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



COMMITTEE 3

Budget

Determine the organization and the facilities available to the delegates, examine and approve the accounts for expenditure incurred throughout the duration of the Conference and report to the Plenary Meeting on the estimated total expenditure of the Conference and on the estimated costs entailed by the execution of the decisions of the Conference (No. 71 and 73 of the General Rules).

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



COMMITTEE 4

Editorial

Perfect the form of the texts to be included in the Final Acts of the Conference, without altering the sense, for submission to the Plenary Meeting (No. 69 of the General Rules).

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



COMMITTEE 5

Policy and legal issues

Consider reports and proposals related to policy matters of the Union, including the reports submitted by the Council on the activities of the Union, recommend appropriate decisions with respect to the activities of the General Secretariat and the three Sectors, examine proposals for amending the Constitution, Convention, General Rules and Optional Protocol and, taking into account relevant reports and recommendations from Committee 6 and the Working Group of the Plenary, recommend all appropriate actions to the Plenary. Consider any other questions of a legal nature raised during the Conference and transmit to Committee 6 matters having financial implications.

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



COMMITTEE 6

Administration and management

Consider the draft Strategic Plan and other reports and proposals relating to the Strategic Plan, examine relevant reports and proposals on the general management of the Union, in particular those relating to financial and human resources and relevant parts of the reports submitted by other Committees and Working Groups; prepare draft financial policies and a draft financial plan for 2028-2031 and recommend to the Plenary all appropriate decisions related to the management of the Union's activities; transmit to Committee 5 matters requiring amendments to the Constitution, Convention and the General Rules

Committees' terms of reference

Based on PP-22



WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)

Issues related to public policies

Consider reports and proposals and recommend appropriate actions with regard to issues related to public policies, including Internet, and other general matters; and transmit to Committee 5 matters requiring amendments to the Constitution, Convention and General Rules, and to Committee 6 matters having financial implications.

Conference Officers: Chairs and Vice-Chairs


- The Chair of the Plenipotentiary Conference **presides over the entire Conference**, and leads the **Plenary and Steering Committee** meetings. S/he is appointed in advance by the Host Country and acts as Chair-designate leading up to the PP. S/he is **officially elected as Chair of the Conference during the Inaugural Plenary meeting**.
- The six Vice-Chairs of the Conference and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees will be **elected at the Inaugural Plenary meeting**, although these candidatures will be previously discussed at the informal Heads of Delegation meeting on the Sunday prior, and agreed upon at the formal Heads of Delegation meeting in the morning of the first day of the PP.

Meet the PP-26 Chair-designate

- Engineer Ahmad Abdulla AlMuslemani has been appointed as the PP-26 Chair-Designate. He is leading Qatar's preparations for the conference in coordination with ITU and its Member States.
- Since 2023, Eng. AlMuslemani has served as President of Qatar's Communications Regulatory Authority (CRA). In this role, he is responsible for implementing the Authority's national strategy, with a focus on modernizing regulatory frameworks, supporting innovation, and enhancing digital infrastructure.

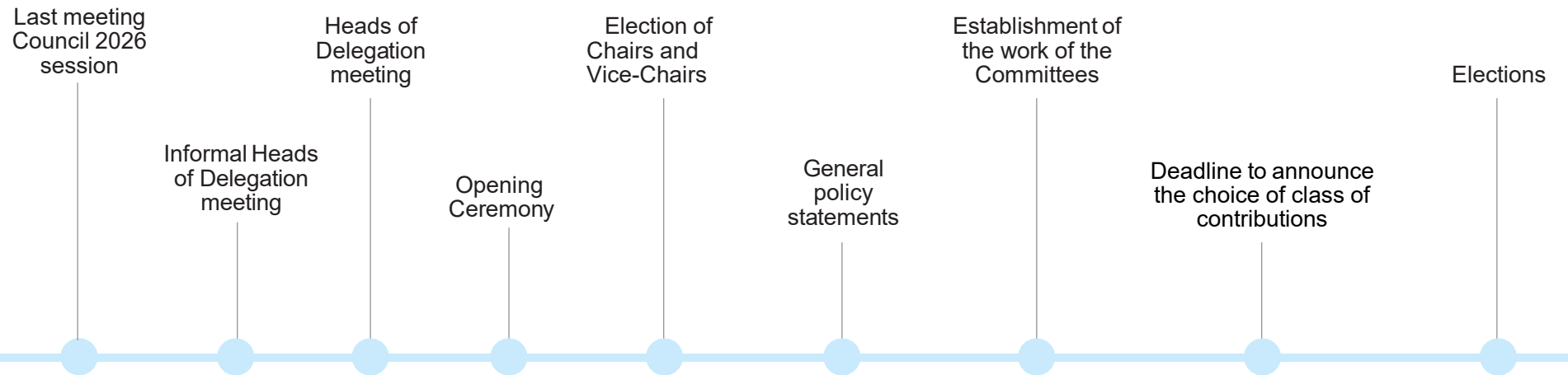


Proposed timeline

- Informal and Formal Head of Delegation meetings
 - First week of the conference
 - Mid-conference meetings
 - Final week plenary meetings
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Proposed conference timeline

7-27 November



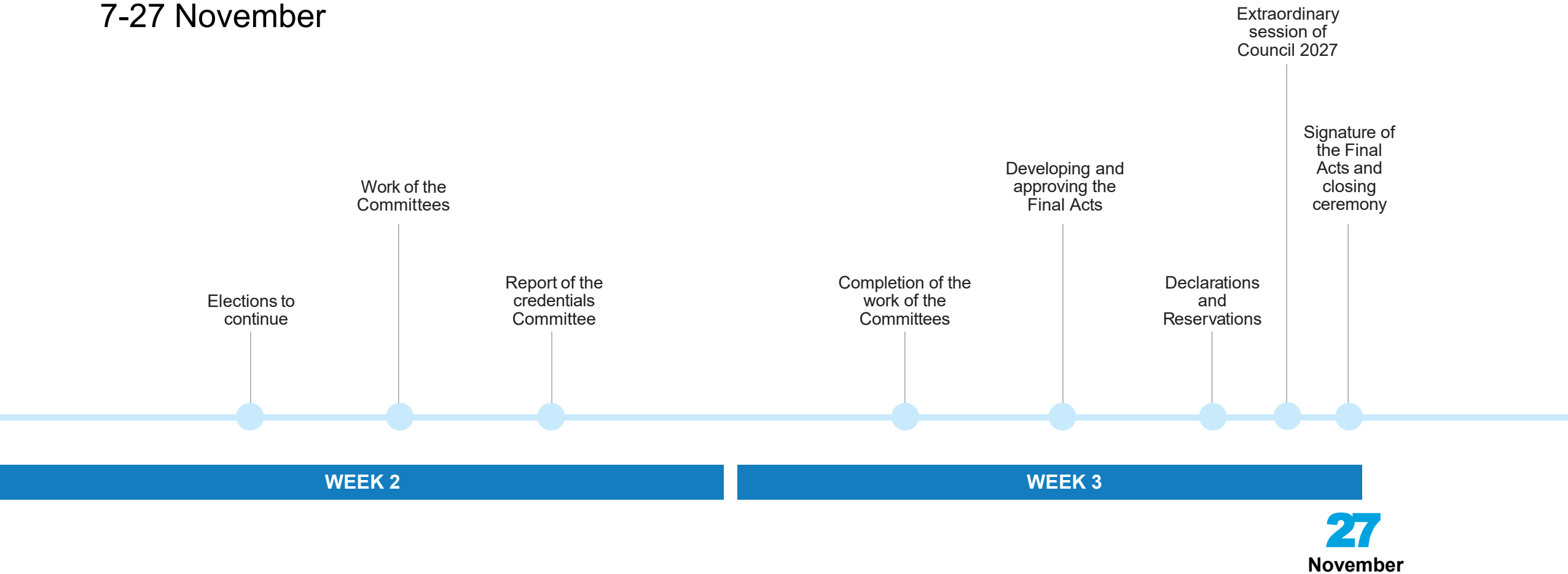
WEEK 1

7

November

Proposed conference timeline

7-27 November



Informal and formal meetings of Heads of Delegation

The informal Heads of Delegation (HoD) meeting typically takes place the day/evening before the Conference starts; at PP-26 it will take place on Sunday, 8 November.

The formal Heads of Delegation meeting will take place on the morning of the first day of the Conference, so on 9 November. The topics below will be initially presented at the informal HoD to allow for discussion prior to and then agreement at the formal HoD.

Items to be discussed and agreed upon:

- Conference structure, specifically the substantive committees
- Proposals for the election of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Conference
- Proposals for the election of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Committees
- Proposed allocation of proposals
- Presence of the press and the public
- Remote participation
- Time management plan

Information is also communicated on:

- Roll-out of the conference, including policy statements and elections
- Social and side events

What happens in the first week at PP

- Opening Ceremony
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Conference
- Establishment of committees and Plenary working group; election of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees and Plenary working group
- Allocation to Committees and Working Group of the Plenary of proposals from Member States and of reports from the Council, the Council Chair, and the Secretary-General
- Set the definitive amount of the contributory unit and deadline for notifying the definitive choice of the class of contribution
- Recommendations for the organization of work of the conference
- General policy statements
- Organization and commencement of work of Committees 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and WG-PL
- Deadline for Member States to announce their definitive choice of class of contribution to the secretariat, 11 November 2026 at 23.59 Geneva time (12 November 2026 01.59 Doha time)
- Elections to begin for the posts of the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, and the Directors of the Bureaux

Reference : [\[104\] General schedule of work of the Conference](#)

Mid-conference Plenary meetings

- Elections may continue into the beginning of the second week for the Members of the RRB and the Council
- Committee work increases, with a large number of drafting and ad hoc groups being established.
- Report of Credentials Committee (COM 2) to Plenary
- First and second reading by Plenary of the texts of the Final Acts

Final week Plenary meetings

- In the final week, the committees will present their reports to Plenary, which will approve resolutions and decisions.
- The aim will be for all issues to be resolved/agreed at the committee level, with the Plenary meeting endorsing these agreements.
- The Plenary will do a first and second reading of the final texts (generally either one after the other).
- On the last day, there will be an Extraordinary session of the 2027 Council in the morning.
- The Signing Ceremony and closing of the Conference will take place in the afternoon.

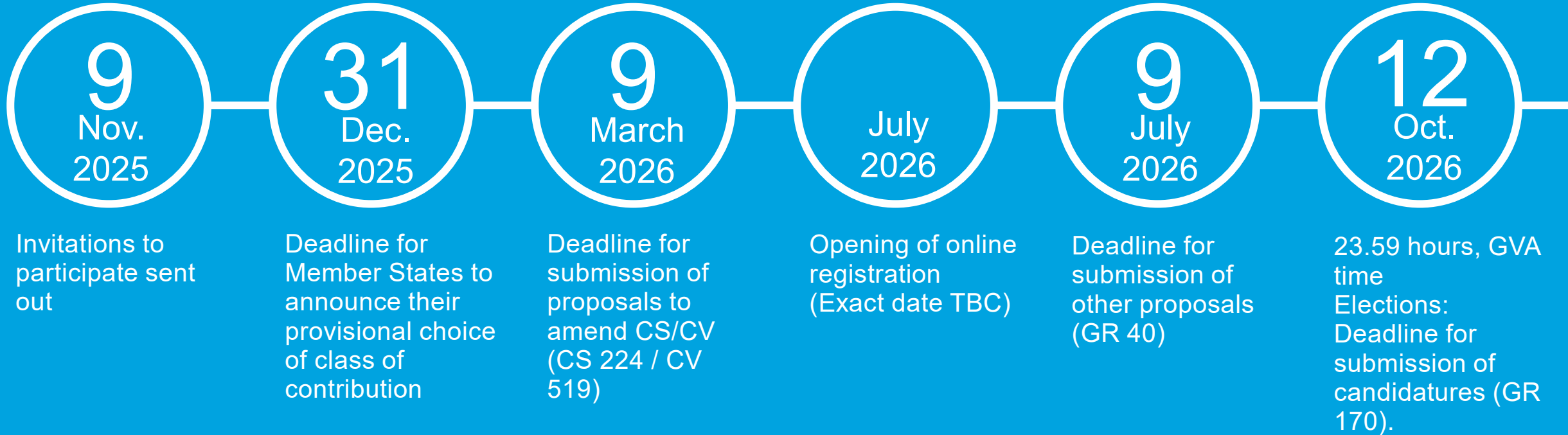
Reference : [\[171\] Final days of the conference](#)

Key dates of the preparatory process

- Important deadlines
- Informal inter-regional preparatory meetings
- Calendar of regional preparatory meetings



Important deadlines



Important deadlines

19
Oct.
2026

Firm deadline for all contributions (Res. 165 (Rev. Dubai, 2018))

7
Nov.
2026

Last meeting of C26

8
Nov.
2026

Informal meeting of Heads of Delegation

9
Nov.
2026

Meeting of Heads of Delegation, Opening Ceremony, and First Plenary

Informal inter-regional preparatory meetings



Council 2025 confirmed the importance of the inter-regional preparatory meetings. Four meetings will be held as follows:

- 1st meeting in conjunction with CWG cluster (12-23 January 2026): 13 January 2026, 13.00-14.30;
- 2nd meeting in conjunction with C26 (28 April – 8 May 2026): exact date TBD;
- 3rd meeting in conjunction with WTPF-26 (8-11 June 2026): exact date TBD;
- 4th meeting after the deadline for submission of candidatures (no later than 23.59 on the 28th day prior to the conference, as per GR 170: 23.59 on 12 October 2026): exact date TBD.


Regional preparatory meetings



The PP-26 regional preparatory process has started in all the regions. The calendar of meetings can be found on the PP-26 website:

<https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/about/pp-preparatory/>.

How to prepare for the Conference

- Submit a candidature
 - Announce your choice of class of contribution
 - Submit your credentials
 - Prepare your proposals to the Conference
 - Propose Chairs and Vice-chairs
 - Propose Tellers
 - Identify training needs
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Submit a candidature



The PP elects:

- the Secretary-General
- the Deputy Secretary-General
- Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)
- Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB)
- Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)
- 12 members of the Radio Regulations Board (RRB)
- 48 Members of the ITU Council

Submit a candidature



- The call for candidatures was issued in [CL-25/48](#).
- All candidatures must reach the Secretary-General not later than 23h59 Geneva time on Monday, 12 October 2026 (ref. No. 170 of the GR) via ppelections@itu.int.
- For Elected Official and RRB positions, the candidature should be sent with name, CV, and vision statement (in Word version), as well as a photo (JPEG).
- All candidatures are posted on PP-26 website at <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/elections/candidates/> as they are received.

Choice of class of contributory units



- Member States are free to choose their class of contributory units within the limits of the scale set for in Art. 33 of the Convention subject to CS 165.
- Council 2025 agreed to **maintain the provisional amount of the contributory unit (CU) at 318,000.00 Swiss francs (CHF)** for the period 2028-2031.
- In [CL-25/36](#), Member States were reminded that ITU is undergoing a transformation to modernize its services, reduce costs, and enhance its impact, and were invited indicate their provisional choice of class of contribution before 31 December 2025, for the period 1 January 2028 to 31 December 2031 as part of preparations for the Plenipotentiary Conference in 2026. It will allow the secretariat to prepare the draft financial plan 2028-2031.
- The PP will fix the definitive value of the contributory unit and the final date for the definitive choice of class of contributory unit.

Credentials

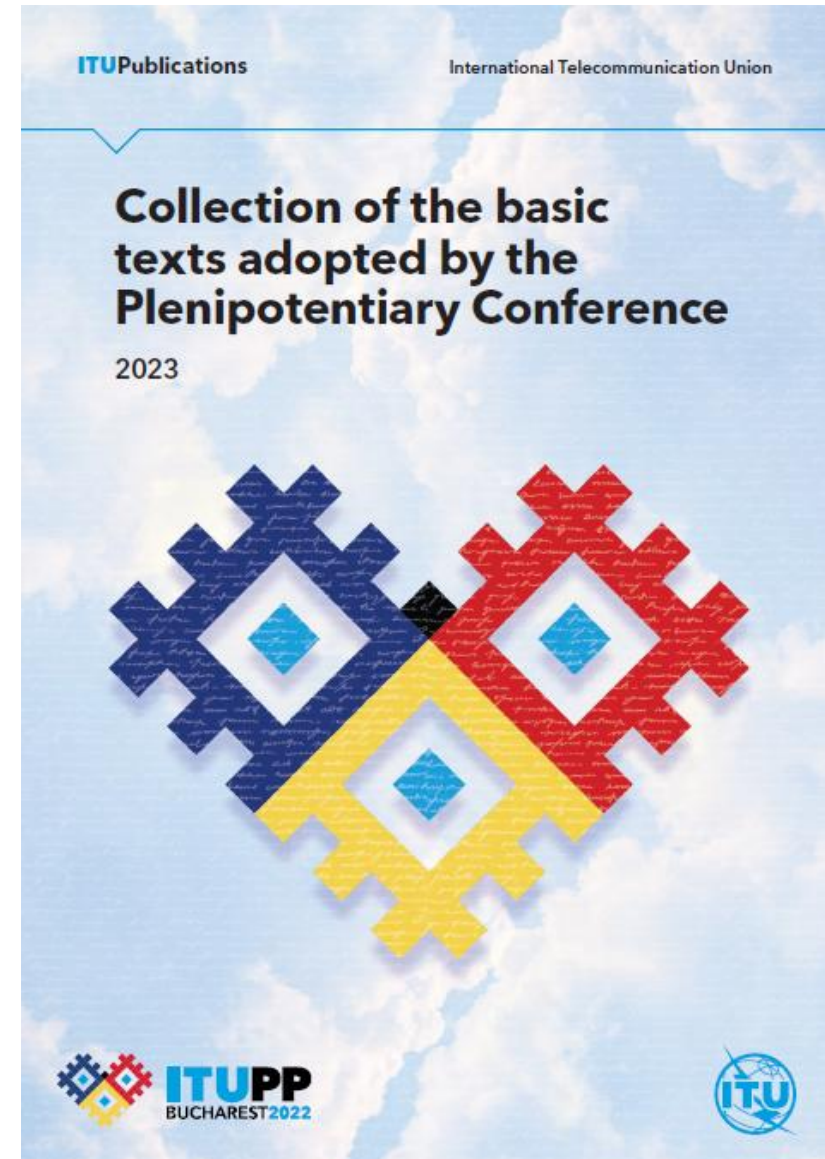


- Credentials are required for a delegation to exercise its right to vote and sign the Final Acts of the Conference.
- Registration of delegates does not exempt Member States from the need to submit an original credentials document.
- Credentials must fulfil one of the following criteria:
 - ✓ Confer full power on the delegation;
 - ✓ Authorize the delegation to represent its government without restrictions;
 - ✓ Give the delegation, or certain members, the right to sign the final Acts.
- Credentials must be signed by the Head of State, Head of Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Template is available at <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/participation/credentials/>

How to prepare for the conference?

Outcomes of the Conference

- The Plenipotentiary Conference produces the Final Acts, which is a compilation of the decisions and resolutions passed at the meeting. It can also contain any modifications to the Constitution, Convention, and the General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and meetings of the Union.
- The Collection of the basic texts of the Union is then updated following the PP.



Deadlines for submitting proposals

9

March
2026

Proposals to amend
CS and CV

Ref: CS 224, CV 519,
Res.114 (Marrakesh, 2002)

9

July
2026

Other proposals for
the work of the
conference

(Ref: No. 40 of
the General Rules)

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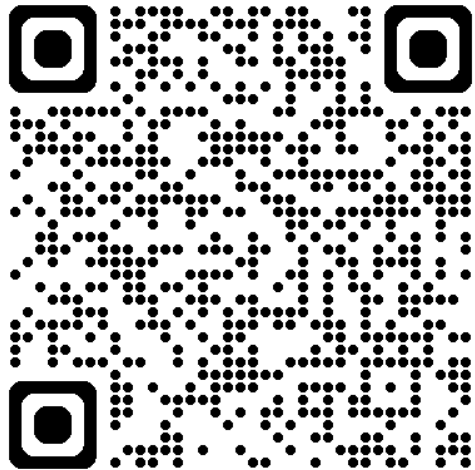
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(Ref: Res. 165 (Rev. Dubai,
2018))

Prepare your proposal through the conference proposal interface (CPI)

To prepare Your documents



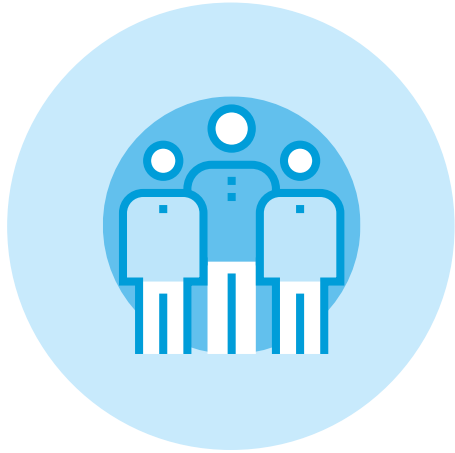
The electronic tool CPI facilitates the preparation and submission of proposals from authorized membership during a Conference.

It allows easy tracking of proposals through the Proposals Management System.

It facilitates the search in the current collection of basic texts of the ITU adopted at the last Plenipotentiary Conference.

For more information, please refer to <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/documents/submission-of-proposals/> and <https://www.itu.int/net4/proposals/CPI/PP26>

Proposing Chairs and Vice-Chairs



- General Rules, No. 49. Proposals for chairs and vice-chairs of the conference and its committees should take into account the principle of rotation, gender balance, geographical distribution, and the necessary competencies.
- Proposals are made by the ITU Secretary-General in consultation with the regions.
- The number of vice-chairs proposed will be in accordance with conference needs; 6 vice-chairs for PP-26.

Proposing tellers for elections and votes



- Each team of tellers is composed of 5 tellers (one teller for each administrative region: A, B, C, D, E).
- Tellers shall be designated by the Chair of the Conference based on informal consultation with regions (GR 176).
- Teams of tellers will be established. One team is used for the different rounds of the same election.
- Regions are encouraged to send their nominations for tellers to the secretariat in advance of the conference.

Dedicated briefings/trainings for the regions



- Trainings can be organized by the secretariat on-demand in conjunction with regional meetings. Topics such as PP objectives, negotiation techniques, procedures, timelines, delegates' functions, chairing committees, resolution drafting, administrative processes and procedures, credentials, what to expect at the PP, election procedures, rules of procedure, newcomers' session/induction video could be explored.
- Regional groups and Member States interested in hosting training sessions and supporting the development of training programmes, as well as former chairs of committees willing to share their experience, are invited to contact the secretariat.

Prepare your VIP participation

- Arrangements for VIPs
- Policy statements
- Bilateral meetings

VVIP/VIP participation



- Special arrangements, courtesies, and facilities will be extended to attending Heads of States and Government as well as Ministerial-level delegates.
- Courtesy/services will include, among others: access to the Doha international airport VIP lounge, access to the VIP lounge and VIP bilateral meeting rooms at the venue, etc.
- Correspondence with all relevant details will be issued in due course to ITU Member States. Additional information will also be made available on the PP-26 website.

Policy statements



- High-ranking officials will be invited to deliver policy statements addressing the overall theme of the Conference. More information and suggested guidelines will be sent in early 2026.
- Policy statements will be delivered from the podium.
- Interventions will be limited to 3 minutes for Ministers and 2 minutes for other heads of delegations.
- A full and longer speech can be posted on the ITU PP website.
- Requests should be made online on the PP website from June onwards.

Bilateral meetings



- Meeting rooms will be provided for bilateral meetings.
- Correspondence with all relevant details will be issued in due course to ITU Member States. Additional information will also be made available on the PP-26 website.

Practical information

- Composition of delegation and registration
- ITU User Account and TIES access request
- Host a social event
- Book a room
- Organize your trip to Qatar

Composition of delegations and registration



- Registration is an individual process. All registration requests are then submitted to the Member State's focal point for approval.
- All delegates must be in possession of an [ITU user account](#) in order to register.
- Registration will open in July 2026.
- Requests for visa support must be made at the time of registration. Such requests will be handled by the Host Country, not ITU.
- In line with PP Resolutions 70 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) and 198 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) Member States are invited to support and encourage the participation of women and young people in your delegation.

TIES and ITU User account



- In addition to the ITU User Account necessary for registration, delegates should also ensure that their ITU User Account has [TIES access](#).
- TIES access allows you to access ITU information resources including contributions and other in-session working documents.
- To request TIES access, log on to your [ITU User Account](#) and click on “Request TIES access”.
- Your request will be submitted to the TIES focal point of your organization for approval.
- If you are the TIES focal point, you are encouraged to review the list of users with TIES access to ensure that only approved delegates have access.

Host a social event



- Social events (coffee breaks, lunch time/evening receptions) are highly appreciated occasions where participants connect, network, and refresh between sessions during the Conference.
- The ITU Protocol Service maintains and coordinates a calendar of such events to inform Conference participants.
- Interested parties planning to host a social event must first liaise with the ITU Protocol Service via protocol.service@itu.int before proceeding with any final arrangements.
- Further information, including guidelines, can be found at <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/participation/practical-info/social-events/>

Room booking



- Meeting rooms within the Conference premises at the Doha Exhibition and Conference Center will be managed by the ITU secretariat.
- Delegations wishing to reserve a room are requested to contact the Room Reservations Service at conf-logistics@itu.int with an indication of the date and time of the meeting as well as the expected number of participants.
- During the Conference, the Room Reservation Service will be located in the Conference venue (exact office number TBD).

Room booking



Important information:

Meeting facilities at PP-26 are primarily reserved for the work of the Conference and due to the limited number of meeting rooms, and with a view of fairness to all participants the following terms and conditions will apply:

- The requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to 2 non-consecutive slots of 1.5 hours separated by at least 1.5 hour per entity per day.
- The meeting rooms cannot be booked to serve as working space or office suites.
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- No reservations are possible before or after PP-26.
- When processing the requests, the following order of precedence will apply: 1) Committees of the PP and their working/drafting groups; 2) Member States and Regional Telecommunication Organizations; 3) Other Entities. Therefore, please take note that a reservation made in advance could be cancelled and rescheduled as and when necessary, according to the load of requests and the nature of the reservations.

Organize your trip to Doha



Information on flights, visas, accommodation, the city of Doha, and the country of Qatar can be found on the Host Country's website [here](#).



Thank you!

For further info
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