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| Summary: |
| Draft report of participation of CEPT members in the World Telecommunication Development Conference, 6-16 July, Kigali |
| Proposal: |
| Com-ITU is invited to approve the report on the outcomes of WTDC-22. |
| Background: The draft WTDC-22 report was presented and agreed at the PT WTDC-21 meeting, 6 July 2022. |
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**REPORT**

**ON PARTICIPATION OF CEPT MEMBERS IN THE WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC-22)**

**6-16 June, 2022, Kigali**

* The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22) took place on 6-16 June in Kigali, Rwanda with the theme “Connecting the unconnected to achieve the sustainable development”. Conference was chaired by the Minister of Information Communication Technology and Innovation of Rwanda, Ms. Paula Ingabire.
* All information about the Conference and the documents may be found at the WTDC-22 web site: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC21/Pages/default.aspx>
* CEPT acknowledges outstanding efforts that Rwanda has taken to organize a very successful Conference, the very first in Africa’s region. Special words of appreciation go to H. E. Ms. Paula Ingabire and BDT Director Ms. Doreen Bogdan-Martin for their inspiring leadership, as well as to all ITU staff who ensured smooth organization and work of the Conference. Moreover, CEPT acknowledges the importance of support provided by ECO, especially Mr. Vassil Krastev, that contributed significantly to the successful preparatory process and CEPT participation at the WTDC-22.

**1. Preparation for the WTDC-22**

To ensure proper preparatory process for the WTDC-22, in 2020 CEPT Com-ITU established the Project Team on preparation for the WTDC-21 (PT WTDC-21) and appointed Ms Inga Rimkeviciene (Lithuania) the Chair of this PT. The main objectives of PT WTDC were to prepare and coordinate CEPT positions and contributions to ITU-D and its groups, to develop draft European Common Proposals (ECPs) and draft CEPT Brief, to co-ordinate of CEPT actions before and during the WTDC, etc. PT WTDC-21 held 13 meetings (including 3 extraordinary) in the period from 8 September 2020 to 30 May 2022. The Chair participated in the 3 Inter-Regional Meetings and numerous regional preparatory meetings presenting the status of preparations in Europe and the results achieved.

On 18-19 January 2021, BDT organized Regional Preparatory Meeting for Europe (RPM-EUR) chaired by H. E. Mr. Peter Ocko, the Deputy Minister for Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. The main outcome of the RPM-EUR was the five regional priorities for Europe for the period 2022-2025. These regional priorities/initiatives with specific objectives were later submitted and agreed by the CEPT Com-ITU meeting.

PT WTDC-21 coordinated participation and inputs of CEPT Members to the work of TDAG and its Working Groups (WG Prep, WG RDTP and WG SOP, the latter chaired by Ms Blanca Gonzales from Spain). Several CEPT and multi-country contributions were prepared and submitted to the TDAG and its WGs on Thematic Priorities and WTDC Declaration.

**2. CEPT participation at the WTDC**

CEPT presented 19 ECPs, the list of ECPs with the results of the discussions is presented in Annex 1 of this Report. The Brief of European positions and proposals for WTDC-21 served as background information on various topics. The Brief included the main thematic groups of Resolutions and Recommendations and the list of coordinators for each group (see Annex 2). The final Brief was adopted during the first coordination meeting on June 6, 2022.

To ensure proper coordination at the Conference, WTDC-22 mailing group had been created by ECO to facilitate coordination withing CEPT, especially with remote participants. In addition, CEPT daily coordination meetings (with several exceptions) were held to update on work progress in the Committees, ad hoc groups, other meetings and to discuss relevant matters.

Several coordination meetings with other regions and the BDT were held to reach agreement on the Chairs for Committee 3 and the Study Group 2. Informal coordination with the representatives of other regions were also held whenever necessary.

At the work of the Committees, WG Plenary and ad hoc groups, CEPT was represented by Topic and ECP coordinators, also supported by other participating delegates from administrations and the industry.

**2.1. Chairs/Vice-Chairs of the Conference**

CEPT was represented in the main bodies of the Conference by the Chairs and the Vice-Chairs from the region:

Vice-Chair of the Conference:

* Inga Rimkeviciene (Lithuania)

Committee 1 (Steering Committee):

* Inga Rimkeviciene (Lithuania)
* Ms. Cristiana Flutur (Romania)

Committee 2 (Budget Control) Vice-Chair:

* Mr. Oli Bird (UK)

Committee 3 (Objectives) Chair, Vice-Chair:

* Ms. Cristiana Flutur (Romania)
* Mr. Istvan Bozsoki (Hungary)

Committee 5 (Editorial) Vice-Chair:

* Mr. Joseff Mayberry (UK)

Working Group of the Plenary, Vice-Chair:

* Ms. Blanca Gonzalez (Spain)

CEPT members also chaired two ad hoc groups of Committee 3:

Ad hoc on Resolution 30:

* Ms. Dominique Lazanski (UK)

Ad hoc on Network and Infrastructure:

* Mr. Istvan Bozsoki (Hungary)

The Conference approved the list of Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the TDAG and ITU-D Study groups, including nominated by the CEPT (the list presented in Annex 3 of this Report).

**2.2. WTDC Declaration**

During the discussions at TDAG WG-RDTP, CEPT gave their proposals to include the references to environmental issues and human-centric approach to technologies and solutions in the text of Draft Declaration, and these proposals were reflected in the final Report of TDAG. At the WTDC, there were proposals to exclude these references. After several rounds of discussions and giving the solid arguments, CEPT succeeded in defending its proposals, and the final text of Declaration includes the reference to climate change/environment issues and human-centric approach.

**2.3. Kigali Action Plan**

The main discussions about Draft Kigali Action Plan raised due to its correlation with the draft Strategic Plan that was to be adopted only at the PP. Some CEPT countries joined the multi-country contribution, prepared by the United States, that proposed to focus on Development sector basing on the discussions at the TDAG and its Working Groups RDTP and SOP, also contributions from the member states. This multi-country contribution became the base document for the discussions at the ad hoc group on Kigali Action Plan. The final version of Kigali Action Plan described the ITU-D priorities, the scope of activities and associated Outcomes and Outputs for the period 2023-2027 and included key performance indicators (KPIs). It was agreed on five ITU-D priorities: Affordable Connectivity, Digital Transformation, Enabling Policy and Regulatory Environment; Resource Mobilisation and International Cooperation; Inclusive and Secure Telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable Development. The Action Plan Will be considered as the ITU-D contribution to the Strategic Plan.

**3. Special tracks of the WTDC-22**

**3.1. Partner2Connect Digital Development Roundtable**

Partner2Connect (P2C) Digital Development Roundtable was a new element of the Conference. The Partner2Connect (P2C) is a multistakeholder alliance launched by the ITU with specific focus to hardest-to-connect communities in Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The Partner2Connect Digital Coalition was developed to engage all stakeholders to mobilize and announce new resources, partnerships, and commitments to achieve universal and meaningful connectivity.

422 pledges have been submitted in total. 94 pledges (or 22 % of all pledges) came from Europe, including 57 entities from 24 countries. The estimated financial value of EUR pledges is more than 16,6 billion USD[[1]](#footnote-1). The representatives of Europe presented their pledges during the P2C sessions on 7-9 July.

The special session for Ukraine was organized on July 9 where countries, including from Europe region, presented 12 pledges dedicated to Ukraine with estimated financial value of 22 million USD.

**3.2.** **Generation Connect Global Youth Summit**

For the first time the Generation Connect Global Youth Summit was organized on 2-4 June 2022.

European Generation Connect group actively participated in the event, their participation was supported by many European administrations. The main result of the Youth Summit was the Generation Connect Youth Call to Action, entitled “My Digital Future”. During the WTDC-22 some administrations from other regions objected to reference on Youth Summit to be reflected in Resolution 76, yet favourable consensus was finally agreed. Also, some provisions related to youth were agreed in the text of Kigali Declaration.

**3.3. Network of Women (NoW)**

Network of Women (NoW) was launched in 2021 during RPM-EUR and resulted in creation of NoW groups in all six regions. NoW aims to promote the active participation of women in the activities of ITU-D and the ITU in general, to give more visibility to women and encourage them to take leading roles at ITU events.

A series of events (NoW lunch, NoW walkathon and NoW breakfast) were organized during the WTDC-22 to strengthen the network of women delegates giving them a possibility to share their experience, to hear about the objectives of NoW and calling for more engagement of women in ITU-D sector activities in the future. Modifications of Resolution 55 on mainstreaming a gender perspective in ITU to enhance women’s empowerment through telecommunications/ICTs were agreed, including support to the continuation of the Network of Women (NoW) advisory group, currently chaired by Ms. Cristiana Flutur (Romania).

**4. General overview**

CEPT presented their proposals to the Conference in due time and achieved good results at the WTDC-22. CEPT was dully represented in the Committees of the Conference and the ad hoc groups. CEPT coordination during the WTDC-22 was ensured

The work on the Brief could be improved, but delays were due to late submission of contributions to the Conference.

For future conferences and for general activities related to ITU-D sector, more active involvement from CEPT members would be encouraged.

ANNEX 1

**European Common Proposals for WTDC-21**

| **ECP No.** | **Issue** | **CEPT Coordinator** | **Results** |
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| ECP 1 | European Vision for ITU-D | Inga Rimkeviciene (LTU) | Presented, to be reflected in the Strategic Plan |
| ECP 2 | Regional Priorities for Europe (2022-2025) | Inga Rimkeviciene (LTU) | Approved as presented |
| ECP 3 | NOC Resolution 15 (rev. Buenos-Aires, 2017) “Applied research and transfer of technology” | Nick Ashton-Hart (G) | NOC not supported |
| ECP 4 | NOC Resolution 21 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Coordination and collaboration with regional and subregional organizations” | Inga Rimkeviciene (LTU) | NOC not supported |
| ECP 5 | NOC Resolution 30 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” | Dominique Lazanski (G) | NOC not supported |
| ECP 6 | MOD Resolution 31 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Regional preparations for world telecommunication development conferences” | Paulius Vaina (LTU) | Supported |
| ECP 7 | MOD Resolution 34 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “The role of telecommunications/information and communication technology in disaster preparedness, early warning, rescue, mitigation, relief and response” | Manuel Costa Cabral (POR) | Supported  with few edits (references to SMART cables included) |
| ECP 8 | MOD Resolution 37 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) Bridging the digital divide | Nick Ashton-Hart (G) | Mainly supported and includes provisions on Open RAN |
| ECP 9 | MOD Resolution 45 (rev. Dubai, 2014) - Resolution  SUP 69 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Mechanisms for enhancing cooperation on cybersecurity, including countering and combating spam and facilitating the creation of computer incident response teams” | Paul Blaker (G) | SUP of Res. 69 not supported.  On Res. 45 and 69 favourable consensus achieved |
| ECP 10 | MOD Resolution 23 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Internet access and availability for developing countries and charging principles for international Internet connection”;  SUP Resolution 63 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “IP address allocation and facilitating the transition to IPv6 deployment in the developing countries” | Dominique Lazanski (G) | ECP withdrawn, No Change on Res. 23 |
| ECP 11 | SUP Resolution 61 (rev. Dubai, 2014) “Appointment and maximum term of office of chairmen and vice-chairmen of study groups in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group” | Philip Rushton (G) | SUP supported |
| ECP 12 | SUP Resolution 81 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Further development of electronic working methods for the work of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector” | Philip Rushton (G) | SUP supported |
| ECP 13 | MOD Resolution 71 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Strengthening cooperation between Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and the evolving role of the private sector in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector” and SUP Resolution 27 (rev. Hyderabad 2010) “Admission of entities or organizations to participate as associates in the work of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector” | Paulius Vaina (LTU) | Mainly supported, includes SUP of Res. 27 |
| ECP 14 | MOD Resolution 66 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Information and communication technology and climate change” | Manuel Costa Cabral (POR) | Mainly Supported.  References to SMART cables included, although the streamlining of the text was not as extensive as EUR proposed. |
| ECP 15 | MOD Resolution 85 (Buenos Aires, 2017) “Facilitating the Internet of Things and smart cities and communities for global development” | Gavin Willis (G) | Supported |
| ECP 16 | MOD Resolution 67 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “The role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector in child online protection” | Eve Fensome (G) | Mainly supported |
| ECP 17 | MOD Resolution 8 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Collection and dissemination of information and statistics” | Nick Ashton-Hart (G) | Favourable consensus achieved |
| ECP 18 | MOD Resolution 22 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks and identification of origin in providing international telecommunication services” | Philip Rushton (G) | Mainly supported |
| ECP 19 | MOD Resolution 1 (rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) “Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector” | Philip Rushton (G) | Mainly supported |

ANNEX 2

**CEPT Coordination for WTDC-22**

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| **TOPIC** | **CO-ORDINATOR** | **SUPPORTED BY** | **RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS** |
| **Internet and WSIS** | United Kingdom (Dominique Lazanski) |  | Res. 23, 30, 63, 80, 82 |
| **Cybersecurity** | United Kingdom  (Paul Blaker) |  | Res. 45, 69 |
| **ITU-D procedures and study groups** | Lithuania  (Paulius Vaina) | United Kingdom  (Phil Rushton for Res. 1, Res. 61, Res. 81) | Res. 1, 2, 5, 24, 27, 31, 52, 53, 59, 61, 71, 81, 86 |
| **Spectrum issues and IMT related issues** | Switzerland  (Dirk-Oliver Von Der Emden) | France  (Christiane Vuckovic)  Hungary  (István Bozsóki) | Res. 9, 10, 43, 62, 77 |
| **Special or specific assistance/ support** | Czech Rep.  (Vilem Vesely) | Hungary  (Szentleleky Szabolcs) | Res. 16,18, 25, 26, 33, 36, 51, 57, 60, 75, 83 |
| **Regional policy and Centres of Excellence** |  | Lithuania  (Inga Rimkevičienė Res. 73)  Poland  (Rafał Bartoszewski) | Res. 17, 21, 73; Rec. 22 |
| **Capacity building (GCBI)** | Poland  (Rafał Bartoszewski) |  | Res. 40 |
| **Numbering, calling procedures, costs and tariffs** | France  (Dominique Wurges) | United Kingdom  (Philip Rushton,  Tony Holmes) | Res. 22, 78; Rec. 15, 16 |
| **Development policy** |  | Germany  (Mirko Paschke, Res. 66 and Rec. 21)  Portugal  (Manuel Costa Cabral on Res. 66 and Res. 34)  United Kingdom (Nick Ashton-Hart, Res 8) | Res. 8, 11, 15, 20, 34, 46, 47, 48, 66; Rec. 17, 19, 20, 21 |
| **Affordable Connectivity and the Digital Divide** | United Kingdom  (Nick Ashton-Hart) |  | Res. 37 |
| **User issues** | Romania  (Mihail Ion) | Wojciech Berezowski (Res. 76) | Res. 55, 58, 64, 67, 76 |
| **Counterfeit devices and device theft** | United Kingdom  (Gavin Willis) |  | Res. 79, 84 |
| **OTT** | United Kingdom  (Nick Ashton-Hart) |  |  |
| **IoT** | United Kingdom  (Ben Wallis) |  | Res. 85 |
| **WTDC declaration** | Lithuania  (Inga Rimkevičienė) | Romania  (Cristiana Flutur) |  |
| **SPOPD, RoP, Action plan** | Lithuania  (Inga Rimkevičienė) | Spain  (Blanca Gonzalez) |  |
| **Privacy, Artificial Intelligence** | France  (Frédéric Sauvage) | United Kingdom  (Mehwish Ansari) |  |

ANNEX 3

**CEPT Vice-Chaires for TDAG and ITU-D Study Groups**

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| **TDAG** | TDAG Vice-chair | ES | Ms. Blanca Maria Gonzalez |
| TDAG Vice-chair | LT | Ms. Inga Rimkeviciene |
| **ITU-D SG 1** | ITU-D SG1 Vice-chair | TUR | Mr. Mehmet Alper Tekin |
| ITU-D SG1 Vice-chair | NOR | Mr. G. Anthony Giannoumis |
| **ITU-D SG 2** | ITU-D SG2 Vice-chair | FR | Mr. Dominique Würges |
| ITU-D SG2 Vice-chair | ROU | Ms. Alina Modan |

1. Source of information (30/06/2022): https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/partner2connect/pledges/explore-pledges/ [↑](#footnote-ref-1)