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Caribbean Countries and CITEL – Perfect together!

- CITEL wishes to strengthen participation from Caribbean countries in its meetings and particularly in the preparatory processes for ITU meetings.
- An InterAmerican Proposal (IAP) is understood to reflect the support of all Member States of the OAS.
- Caribbean countries are part of the OAS and consequently signatories by default of the IAPs.

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PCC.I* Working Group for the Preparation and follow-up of WTSA, WTDC and WCIT (WGCONF)

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INTER–AMERICAN PROPOSALS: DEFINITIONS

CONTRIBUTION: a proposal that a CITEL Member State presents to the Working Group for further discussion and approval as an Inter-American Proposal.

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (DIAP): A contribution that receives the support of at least one other CITEL Member State.

INTER-AMERICAN PROPOSAL (IAP): a DIAP that has been supported by at least six CITEL Member States and is not opposed by more than 50% of the number of supports obtained.

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CITEL WTSA-20 Preparatory Meetings

1st Meeting: 34th Meeting of PCC.I, Lima, Peru, Apr. 29-May 3, 2019
2nd Meeting: 35th Meeting of PCC.I, Asuncion, Paraguay, Sep. 30-Oct. 3, 2019
3rd Meeting: 36th Meeting of COM/CITEL, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 4-6, 2019
4th Meeting: 36th Meeting of PCC.I, *virtual*, Apr. 20-24, 2020
    1st extension of the 36th Meeting of PCC.I, *virtual*, May 26, 2020
    2nd extension of the 36th Meeting of PCC.I, *virtual*, June 23, 2020
5th Meeting: 37th Meeting of PCC.I, *virtual*, Oct. 26-30, 2020
6th Meeting: 38th Meeting of PCC.I, *virtual*, Apr. 26-30, 2021
7th Meeting: 39th Meeting of PCC.I, virtual, Oct. 04-08, 2021
8th Meeting: 37th Meeting of COM/CITEL, virtual, Dec. 1-3, 2021
9th Meeting: WGCONF, virtual, Jan. 21, 2022

PCC.I – Permanent Consultative Committee 1, Telecommunications/ICT
COM/CITEL – CITEL Executive Committee
WGCONF – CITEL PCC.I Working Group for the Preparation and follow-up
        of WTSA, WTDC and WCIT

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KEY GENERAL ISSUES FOR CITEL

- Effective and efficient governance of ITU-T
- Increased participation of developing and least developed countries in the work of ITU-T
- Increased participation of stakeholders from the Americas region, *e.g.* SMEs and Academia in the work of ITU-T
- Cooperation with all ITU Regions

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POTENTIAL SPECIFIC ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT WTSA-20

As of 21 January 2022

- 33 IAPs
- Focus is on the following areas:
  - Standardization Issues (SI)
  - Working Methods (WM)
  - Work Program (WP), including ITU-T structure

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IAPs related to Standardization Issues

MOD Resolution 20, *Procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources*

MOD Resolution 29, *Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks*

MOD Resolution 40, *Regulatory aspects of the work of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector*

MOD Resolution 50, *Cybersecurity*

MOD Resolution 60, *Responding to the challenges of the evolution of the identification/numbering system and its convergence with IP-based systems/networks*

MOD Resolution 61, *Countering and combating misappropriation and misuse of international telecommunication numbering resources*

MOD Resolution 64, *Internet protocol address allocation and facilitating the transition to and deployment of IPv6*

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IAPs related to Standardization Issues

MOD Resolution 72, *Measurement and assessment concerns related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields*

SUP Resolution 77, *Enhancing the standardization work in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector for software-defined networking*

MOD Resolution 84, *Studies concerning the protection of users of telecommunication/information and communication technology services*

SUP Resolution 90, *Open source in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector*

MOD Resolution 96, *ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector studies for combating counterfeit telecommunication/information and communication technology devices*

MOD Resolution 97, *Combating mobile telecommunication device theft*

MOD Resolution 98, *Enhancing the standardization of Internet of things and smart cities and communities for global development*

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IAPs related to Working Methods

SUP Resolution 11, Collaboration with the Postal Operations Council of the Universal Postal Union in the study of services concerning both the postal and the telecommunication sectors

MOD Resolution 18, *Principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and strengthening coordination and cooperation among, the ITU Radiocommunication, ITU Telecommunication Standardization and ITU Telecommunication Development Sectors*

MOD Resolution 22, *Authorization for the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group to act between world telecommunication standardization assemblies*

SUP Resolution 45, *Effective coordination of standardization work across study groups in the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector and the role of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group*

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IAPs related to Working Methods

MOD Resolution 54, *Creation of, and assistance to, regional groups*

SUP Resolution 66, *Technology Watch in the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau*

MOD Recommendation ITU-T A.7, *Focus groups: Establishment and working procedures*

ADD Resolution, *Use of face-to-face and virtual instances in the activities of the telecommunication standardization sector on equal footing*

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IAPs related to Work Program

MOD Resolution 44, *Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries*

SUP Resolution 59, *Enhancing participation of telecommunication operators from developing countries*

MOD Resolution 73, *Information and communication technologies, environment and climate change*

MOD Resolution 76, *Studies related to conformance and interoperability testing, assistance to developing countries, and a possible future ITU Mark programme*

ADD Resolution, *Towards a more effective, efficient, fit for purpose, and inclusive ITU Standardization Sector*

ADD Resolution, *Importance of industry engagement in the work of the ITU-T*

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ITU Candidates from the Americas Region for WTSA-20–Elected Leaders

Interest has been expressed in nominating individuals for the following positions:

• ITU-T SG3 Chairperson	• ITU-T SG3 Vice-Chairpersons
• ITU-T SG5 Vice-Chairperson	• ITU-T SG11 Vice-Chairpersons
• ITU-T SG12 Chairperson	• ITU-T SG12 Vice-Chairperson
• ITU-T SG15 Chairperson	• ITU-T SG13 Vice-Chairperson
• ITU-T SG17 Vice-Chairperson	• ITU-T SG15 Vice-Chairperson
• TSAG Chairperson	• ITU-T SG20 Vice-Chairperson
• TSAG Vice-Chairpersons	

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PRIORITIES FOR CITEL

- "Fit4Purpose ITU": WTDC-21 as a propulsive environment to foster the design and implementation of concrete effective solutions for the expansion and use of connectivity and ICTs in developing and least-developed countries, landlocked countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

- Increased participation of developing, least developed countries, landlocked countries and SIDS in the work of ITU-D, particularly of stakeholders from the Americas region, *e.g.* SMEs and Academia

- WTDC-21 geared to effectively address critical ICT for Development (ICT4D) priorities identified by the regions, focused on closing the Digital Divides, reaching marginalized regions and communities, promoting community networks, ensuring gender equity/equality and an on-going engagement by young people

- WTDC-21 outcomes reflected by concrete and coordinated efforts and policies among all stakeholders (Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Civil Society, NGOs, IFIs, Private Sector and Development Banks)

- Bottom-up approach: Policies targeted to beneficiaries or recipients whose views are fundamental to know where to address and focus ITU's collective efforts.

- Increased cooperation with all ITU Regions and RTOs

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AMERICAS REGIONAL PRIORITIES

AMS-1: Deployment of modern, resilient, secure and sustainable telecommunication/ICT infrastructure

Expected results:
- Assistance in the design, funding and implementation of national, regional and sub-regional broadband plans and resilient networks, including support to community networks, with special attention to indigenous communities, underserved and unserved areas, critical environment areas and vulnerable populations, taking into account innovative connectivity solutions that can be locally deployed and managed, including access to spectrum and high-speed networks;
- Assistance in the development, funding and implementation of national emergency telecommunication plans and network infrastructure;
- Enhanced and strengthened confidence and security in the use of ICTs, including capacity building and support for the development of national cybersecurity strategies;
- Effective use of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs to mitigate climate change and enhance environmental sustainability;
- Assistance in the design of effective spectrum management plans, enabling affordable access to backbone facilities, development of IXPs, and appropriate use of universal service funds.

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AMS-2: Enhancement and expansion of digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion programs, especially among vulnerable populations.

Expected results:
- Support for the development of human capacity through national, regional and sub-regional capacity building projects, such as training programs or workshops, to exchange expertise and knowledge, as well as national and international experiences to provide practical skills and tools to bridge digital divides, including the gender digital divide, in order to contribute to the development of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs, enhancing competition, investment and innovation;
- Provision of diligent assistance in the planning, implementation and evaluation of projects and programs on digital literacy, digital skills and digital inclusion

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AMS-3: Effective support for the digital transformation and innovation ecosystems through scalable, funded and sustainable connectivity projects.

Expected Results:
• Assistance in the planning and implementation of foundational infrastructure and special purpose eservices;
• Increased capacity building and multi-stakeholder cooperation to facilitate and enhance innovation in telecommunications/ICTs in support of digital transformation in the region, with special focus on all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, indigenous communities, in particular youth and women in rural, remote, unserved or underserved areas and communities;
• Promotion of the active engagement of civil society, international financial institutions, industry partners, academia and other relevant stakeholders.

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AMERICAS REGIONAL PRIORITIES

AMS-4 - Development of enabling policy and regulatory environments to connect the unconnected through accessible and affordable telecommunications/ICTs that support the achievement of SDGs and the progress towards the digital economy.

Expected results:
• Support and promotion of sustainable telecommunications/ICTs in all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs, and SIDS, and protected areas for emergency communications and to protect, restore and promote a sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems;
• Support for the development of an enabling policy and regulatory environment and to facilitate investment and innovation to connect the unconnected and achieve the SDGs;
• Support for Member States in the implementation of policy and regulatory strategies to connect the unconnected with a focus on affordability, including support of small operators and community networks;
• Enhanced outreach to all developing countries in the region, including LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS, for greater participation in ITU processes and access to finance and expertise;
• Support for digital financial inclusion and fostering implementation of electronic transactions

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NoW4WTDC (AMS): Network of Women for WTDC Americas Chapter –
a platform for collaboration & information exchange between new and experienced delegates to increase the participation and leadership of women in ITU-D

We invite administrations to consider, for their jurisdictions:

1. What can you do to contribute to NoW4WTDC objectives?
2. What is being done to increase the number of women delegates to the WTDC and those in leadership roles in ITUD conference structures?
3. What is being done to increase the capacity and preparedness of women delegates to attend, engage in, and contribute meaningfully to WTDC?
4. What is being done to clarify the importance of appointing gender balanced delegations?
5. Have you reviewed WTDC RESOLUTION 55 (Buenos Aires, 2017), *Mainstreaming a gender perspective for an inclusive and egalitarian information society*?
6. Are you willing to assist with the gathering of information and data as the basis for monitoring and evaluation of progress within sector **leadership**?
7. Are there any ways in which the NoW4WTDC can help you?

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CITEL Preparatory Process for WTDC-21

Started August 11th focusing on the meetings of TDAG's WGs: WG-Prep, WG-RDTP and WG-SOP
1st Meeting: August 11, 2020
2nd Meeting: September 11, 2020
3rd Meeting: October 2, 2020
4th Meeting: October 26-30, 2020
5th Meeting: December 10-11, 2020
6th Meeting: February 17, 2021
7th Meeting: March 17, 2021
8th Meeting: April 28-30, 2021
9th Meeting: October 4-8, 2021
10th Meeting: December 1-3, 2021
11th Meeting: January 21, 2022
12th Meeting: April 4-8, 2022

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InterAmerican Proposals to WTDC-21

MOD Resolution 11, *Telecommunication/information and communication technology services in rural, isolated and poorly served areas and indigenous communities*

MOD Resolution 24, *Authorization for the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group to act between world telecommunication development conferences*

MOD Resolution 46, *Assistance to indigenous peoples and communities through information and communication technology*

MOD Resolution 58, *Telecommunication/information and communication technology accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs*

SUP Resolution 61, *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*

MOD Resolution 64, *Protecting and supporting users/consumers of telecommunication/information and communication technology services*

MOD Resolution 78, *Capacity building for countering and combating misappropriation and misuse of ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector numbering resources*

SUP Resolution 81, *Further development of electronic working methods for the work of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector*

MOD Resolution 86, *Use in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector of the languages of the Union on an equal footing*

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Draft InterAmerican Proposals to WTDC-21

MOD Resolution 1, *Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector*

MOD Resolution 8, *Collection and dissemination of information and statistics*

MOD Resolution 11, *Telecommunication/information and communication technology services in rural, isolated and poorly served areas and indigenous communities*

MOD Resolution 22, *Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunication networks and identification of origin in providing international telecommunication services*

MOD Resolution 37, *Bridging the digital divide*

MOD Resolution 47, *Enhancement of knowledge and effective application of ITU Recommendations in developing countries, including conformance and interoperability testing of systems manufactured on the basis of ITU Recommendations*

MOD Resolution 59, *Strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest*

MOD Resolution 66, *Information and communication technology and climate change*

MOD Resolution 62, *Assessment and measurement of human exposure to electromagnetic fields*

MOD Resolution 73, ITU centres of excellence

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Draft InterAmerican Proposals to WTDC-21

MOD Resolution 79, *The role of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in combating and dealing with counterfeit telecommunication/information and communication device*

MOD Resolution 82, *Preserving and promoting multilingualism on the Internet for an inclusive information society*

MOD Resolution 84, *Combating mobile telecommunication device theft*

MOD Resolution 85, *Facilitating the Internet of Things and smart cities and communities for global development*

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Candidacies for Leadership Positions in ITU-D Study Groups and TDAG

Roxanne McElvane Weber (USA)	TDAG Chairperson
Agustina Brizzio (ARG)	TDAG Vice-Chairperson
Andrea Grippa (BRA)	TDAG Vice-Chairperson
Roberto Mitsuake Hirayama (BRA)	ITU-D SG1 Vice-Chairperson
Victor Antonio Martinez Sanchez (PGY)	ITU-D SG2 Vice-Chairperson

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CITEL Preparatory Process for PP-22

1st Meeting: December 1-3, 2021
2nd Meeting: February 16-18, 2022, virtual
3rd Meeting: May 23, 2022, virtual
4th Meeting: July 11-15, 2022, Washington
5th Meeting: September 21-21, 2022, virtual

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Draft InterAmerican Proposals to PP-22

NOC to the ITU's Constitution and Convention

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PROPOSED WGPP STRUCTURE
Team WG-PL: Public Policy Issues

- Internet Issues – Res 101, 102, 133, 180
- Cybersecurity, COLP – Res 130, 179
- WSIS, SDGs – Res 140, 200
- Connectivity/Digital Divide/NGN – Res 135, 137, 139, 200, 203
- Statistics/Indicators – Res 131
- Youth – 198
- Digital Economy/Transformation – Res 205
- Enabling Environment for ICT applications – Res 201
- Digital Financial inclusion – Res 204

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PROPOSED WGPP STRUCTURE
Team COM-5: Policy and Legal Matters

- ITRs – Res 146
- Intersectoral Coordination – Res 191
- Sector Members/Academia/SMEs – Res. 14, 169, 170, 209
- Chairs/Vice Chairs, Conference Deadlines – Res 165, 208
- Emergency Communications, e-Health – Res 136, 183
- Climate Change – Res 182
- Accessibility – Res 175
- WTSA/Standardization Gap – Res 122, 123
- Conformance and Interop – Res 177
- Counterfeit, Mobile Device Theft, Consumer Protection – Res 188, 189, 196
- OTTs – Res 206
- IoT – Res 197
- ACP, misuse of numbering resources – Res 21, 22, 190
- ITU-R Issues / CS Art 48 / Res 86, 118, 176, 186

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PROPOSED WGPP STRUCTURE
Team COM-6: Administration and Management

- Strategic plan – Res 71
- WTPF – Res 2
- ITU Telecom – Res 11
- Regional Presence – Res 25
- Fellowships – Res 213
- Project Management / Implementation – Res 157
- Electronic Work Methods, Virtual meetings post COVID-19 – Res 167
- Council Working Groups – Decision 11
- Gender – Res 70
- Financial Issues (Financial Plan, Arrears, Audits): Decision 5, Res 41, 71, 94, 150, 152, 158
- Cost Recovery – Res 91
- Results Based Management – Res 151
- New Building – Res 212
- Human Resources Issues - Res 48
- Six Languages – Res 154
- Scheduling of Conferences/Events – Res 77

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ITU Candidates from the Americas Region for PP-22–Elected Officials
(Intention to announce candidacy has been indicated to CITEL)

Secretary-General: Doreen Bogdan, USA	
BR Director: Mario Maniewicz, Uruguay	

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Additional Information:

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