



Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for the World Telecommunications Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25)

24th January 2025

Virtual

What is WTDC?

- A standing conference of the ITU held roughly every 4 years to determine the ITU's global telecommunications/ICT development priorities and agenda for the upcoming 4 year period.

Why is it important?

- Its subject matter and outcomes are directly relevant to the needs of developing countries
- It provides an opportunity for special focus and resources to be applied to identifying and satisfying these needs.

WTDC-25

- Location: Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan
- Date: 17 – 28 November 2025



Preparatory Activities for the Americas Region:

DATES	EVENT	FUNDING OPPORTUNITY	LOCATION
24 JANUARY	CTU Preparatory Meeting	N/A	Virtual
31 MARCH	ITU Regional Development Forum for Americas Region (RDF-AMS)	Limited ITU Fellowships available for RDF-AMS and RPM-AMS.	Asunción, Paraguay
1 – 2 APRIL	Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 for the Americas (RPM-AMS)	All CTU <u>independent member States</u> are eligible.	
3 – 4 APRIL	46 CITELE PCC.I Meeting		

Objectives of the Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 (Jan 24):

- In an effort to ensure sufficiently influential Caribbean input to these Americas region preparations and IAPs to WTDC-25, the CTU is convening a Caribbean Preparatory Meeting for WTDC-25 virtually on 24th January 2025 in order to:
 - Enable common briefing of CTU Member States and relevant stakeholders on all matters related to WTDC-25
 - Identify and agree on common Caribbean priorities and/or initiatives to be advocated at the Americas regional level and at WTDC-25
 - Facilitate substantial and effective Caribbean contribution, participation and influence at the RDF-AMS, the RPM-AMS and at WTDC-25.

Pre-Meeting Preparation

Member States are requested to prepare themselves for active and effective participation in the Caribbean preparatory meeting by:

- Reviewing the documents provided and identifying other documents you recommend be considered in determining Caribbean ICT development priorities
- Considering progress made and extent of continuing relevance of Caribbean WTDC priorities brought forward
- Considering your major telecommunications/ICT national priorities/initiatives particularly those that are relevant to or may be facilitated by regional coordination and/or ITU resources and expertise