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17 – 28 November 2025

Baku, Azerbaijan

World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25)

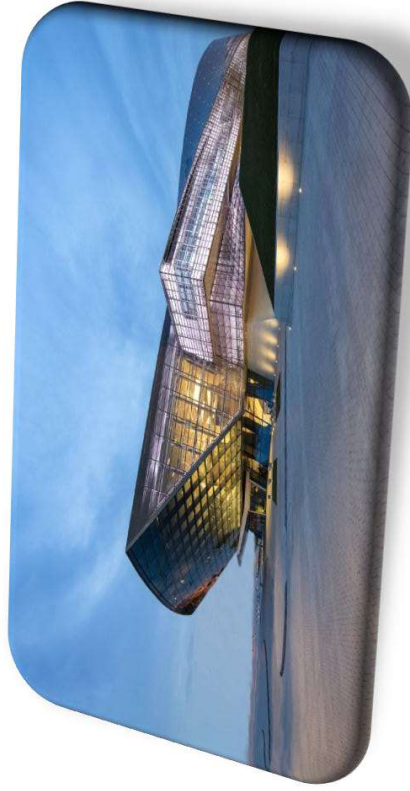
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ITU's flagship development conference setting the strategic direction
for global telecommunication development

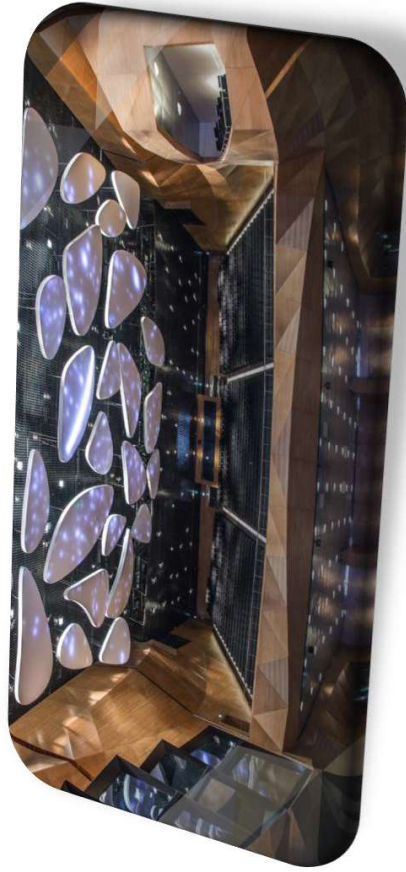


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Baku Convention Centre



Flagship Event

ITU-D's statutory development conference held every four years

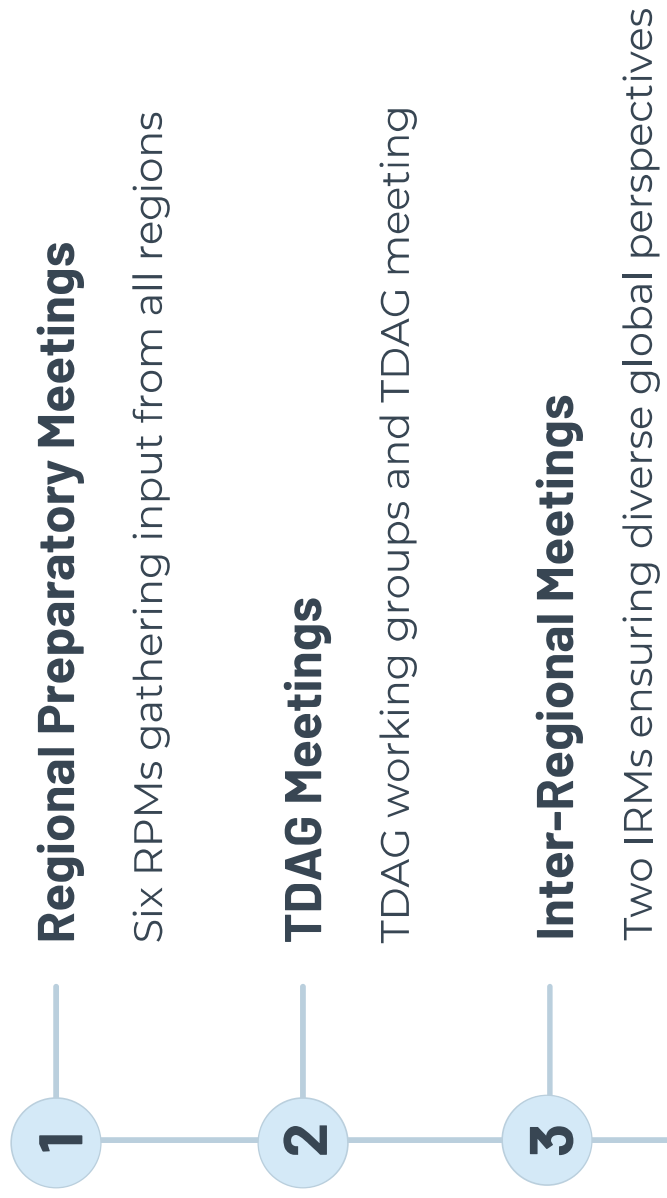
Strategic Direction

Sets priorities to guide ITU-D, and adopt a global roadmap for global digital development for 2026-2029.

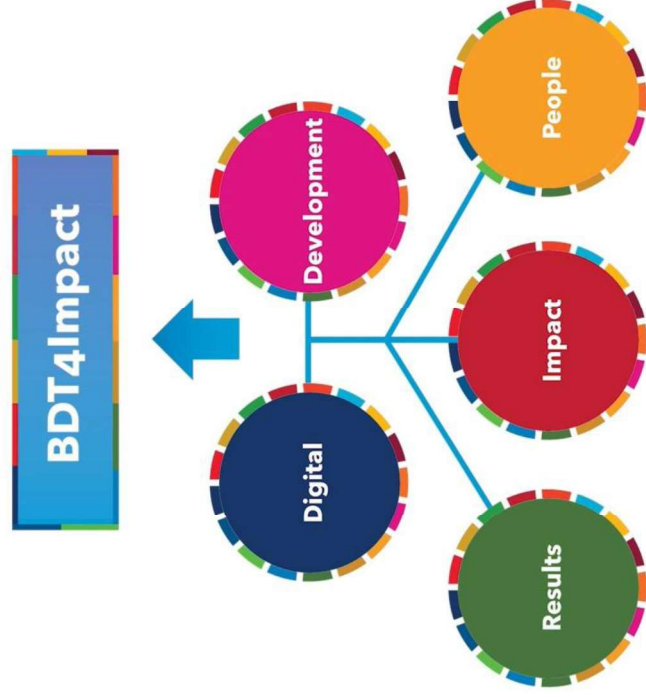
WTDC-25 Theme

Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for an inclusive and sustainable digital future.

| Inclusive Preparations for WTDC-25



|Key outputs of WTDC-25



Declaration

High-level statement of commitment to digital development goals



Action Plan

Concrete steps for implementation of strategic priorities



Regional Initiatives

Targeted projects addressing specific regional needs



Resolutions

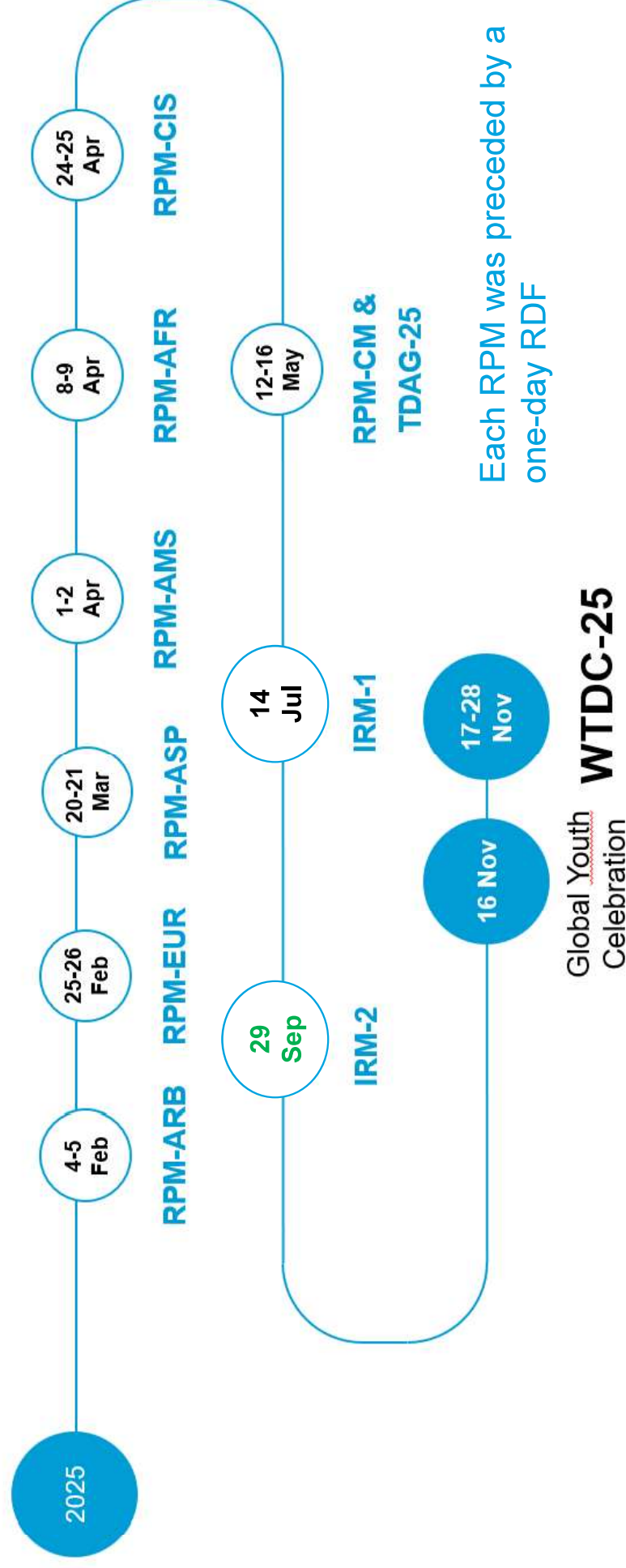
Policy guidance for Member States and Sector Members



Study Group Questions

Research priorities for the next four-year study period

| Key Timelines towards WTDC-25



WTDC-25 Draft Agenda

I. Report on the implementation of the ITU-D Action Plan

1. Update on the WTDC-22 Kigali Action Plan (including the Regional Initiatives)
2. Report of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group
3. Report of Study Groups
4. Report on the implementation of outcomes of other ITU Conferences, Assemblies and meetings related to ITU-D work:
 - a. Plenary Conference (PP-22)
 - b. Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-23)/World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-23)
 - c. World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-24)

II. Policy and strategy for digital transformation

5. Ministerial and Industry leaders' roundtables and policy statements

III. ITU-D work plan for 2026-2029

6. Outcomes of Regional Preparatory Meetings for WTDC

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7. ITU-D contribution to the ITU Strategic Plan for 2028-2031
8. ITU-D Priorities
9. ITU-D Action Plan for the following cycle
10. WTDC Declaration
11. Telecommunication Development Advisory Group
 - a. Authorization for the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group to act between world telecommunication development conferences (Resolution 24, Rev. Dubai, 2014)
 - b. Structure and working methods
12. Study Groups
 - a. Study Questions
 - b. Structure and working methods
13. Regional Initiatives
14. Resolutions and recommendations

Deadline to submit contributions with guaranteed translation (~45 days)	Final deadline for submission of contributions without translation (~12 days)
15 August 2025	17 September 2025

WTDC-25 Draft Time Management Plan

	Morning 08h30-09h30	Morning 09h30-12h30	Break 12h30-14h30	Afternoon 14h30-17h30	Late Afternoon 17h30-18h00	Evening 18h00-21h30
08h00-20h00 Registration						
11/16/2025 Sunday	Registration	10h00-11h30 Global Youth Celebration	12h30-15h30 Global Youth Celebration Experience	16h00-17h00 Global Youth Celebration Reception		18h00-19h00 Informal meeting of Heads of Delegation
						19h00-22h00 ITU-D 30+ Celebration Dinner
11/17/2025 Monday	08h30-09h15 Meeting of Heads of	Break for 15 min 09h30-10h30 Opening Ceremony Break for 60 min 11h30-12h30 Plenary - Organizational	12h30-13h30 Press Conference	14h30-15h45 Plenary - High-Level Segment 16h15-17h30 Plenary - High-Level Segment	17h35-18h00 COM1: Steering Committee	18h00-20h00 Host Country Welcome Reception
11/18/2025 Tuesday		9h30-10h45 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration 11h15-12h30 COM3: Objectives		14h30-15h45 Plenary - High-Level Segment 16h15-17h30 Plenary - High-Level Segment		
11/19/2025 Wednesday		9h30-10h45 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan 11h15-12h30 COM4: ITU-D Working		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives 16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives	17h35-18h00 COM2: Budget Control	
11/20/2025 Thursday	08h30-09h25 NoW in ITU-D	09h30-10h45 COM4: ITU-D Working Methods 11h15-12h30 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration 09h00-10h45 Plenary 11h15-12h00 COM4: ITU-D Working		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives 16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives		
11/21/2025 Friday				14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives 16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives	17h35-18h00 COM1: Steering Committee 18h00-18h30 COM5: Editorial Committee	

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11/24/2025 Monday	09h30-10h45 Plenary /Special Session on Regional Presence		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	17h35-18h00 COM1: Steering Committee	
	11h15-12h30 COM4: ITU-D Working		16h15-17h30 COM3: Objectives		
11/25/2025 Tuesday	09h30-10h45 WG-PL: ITU-D Strategic Plan and Declaration		14h30-15h45 COM3: Objectives	17h35-18h00 Meeting of Heads of Delegations	
	11h15-12h30 COM4: ITU-D Working		16h15-17h30 Plenary		
11/26/2025 Wednesday	09h30-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 Plenary	17h35-18h00 COM2: Budget Control	
	11h15-12h30 Plenary		16h15-17h30 Plenary	17:35-18:00 Meeting of TDAG Bureau	
11/27/2025 Thursday	09h30-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 Plenary	17:35-18:00 Meeting of SG1/SG2 Joint Management Team	
	11h15-12h30 Plenary		16h15-17h30 Plenary		
11/28/2025 Friday	09h00-10h45 Plenary		14h30-15h45 Plenary		
	11h15-12h00 Plenary		16h15-17h30 Plenary & Closing Ceremony		

* - This is an evolving document, updated regularly in response to volumes of documents received and allocated

Pre-events	WG-PL	COM3
Plenary	COM1	COM4
High Level Segment -	COM2	COM5
HoD meetings		



Global Youth Celebration (GYC-25)

Voices of Youth: Shaping the Digital Future



PROGRAMME

10:00 – 11:30

**Opening Ceremony and
Intergenerational Dialogue
(Baku Convention Center)**

- Opening of the Global Youth Celebration with remarks from officials
- Dialogue on Bridging Generations to Drive the Digital Development Agenda

12:30 – 15:30

**Lunch and Parallel Sessions
(Three different venues)**

1. Interactive session on equal and equitable empowerment through ICTs for Youth and Young Professionals - *National Aviation Academy*
2. ISS Lab university students workshop - *ISS Lab workshop in SPACE Academy of Azercosmos*
3. Interactive Panel with Astronauts: Role of telecommunication in Space Industry and Autograph Session in *Azerbaijan National STEAM Center*

15:30 – 16:00

**Wrap-up of the Youth Celebration
Day and Intercultural and
Intergenerational Networking
(Hilton Hotel)**

- Presentation by youth of the activities they attended over the day
- Screening of the Global Youth Celebration Day
- Closing remarks by ITU official
- Networking event at the Hilton Hotel





Advancing Gender Empowerment in the Digital Development Agenda by NoW in ITU-D



Networking Breakfast

When: Thursday 20 November

Time: 08:30-09:25

Venue: Winter Garden D (TBC)

Purpose: Foster cross-regional collaboration & peer exchange through networking & mentorship opportunities



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WTDC-25 - Heads of Delegation (HoD) Meeting

Purpose of the HoD Meeting

- Set the tone and direction for the WTDC.
- Facilitate consensus-building among delegations.
- Prepare for the first plenary session.

Key Responsibilities

- Nominate Chairs & Vice-Chairs for Committees.
- Review and endorse the draft agenda and work programme.
- Coordinate regional and inter-regional positions.
- Address procedural matters and streamline decision-making.

Participants

- Heads of Delegation from Member States and Sector Members.
- Chaired by the Chair of the Conference or a designated official.

Timing

- Held prior to the first plenary session.
- May reconvene as needed during the conference.

Outcome

- A harmonised approach to the WTDC's opening and structure.
- Agreement on leadership roles and procedural flow.

WTDC-25 – First Plenary Meeting

Purpose

- Formally launch the WTDC-25 proceedings.
- Approve the structure, leadership, and working arrangements of the Conference..

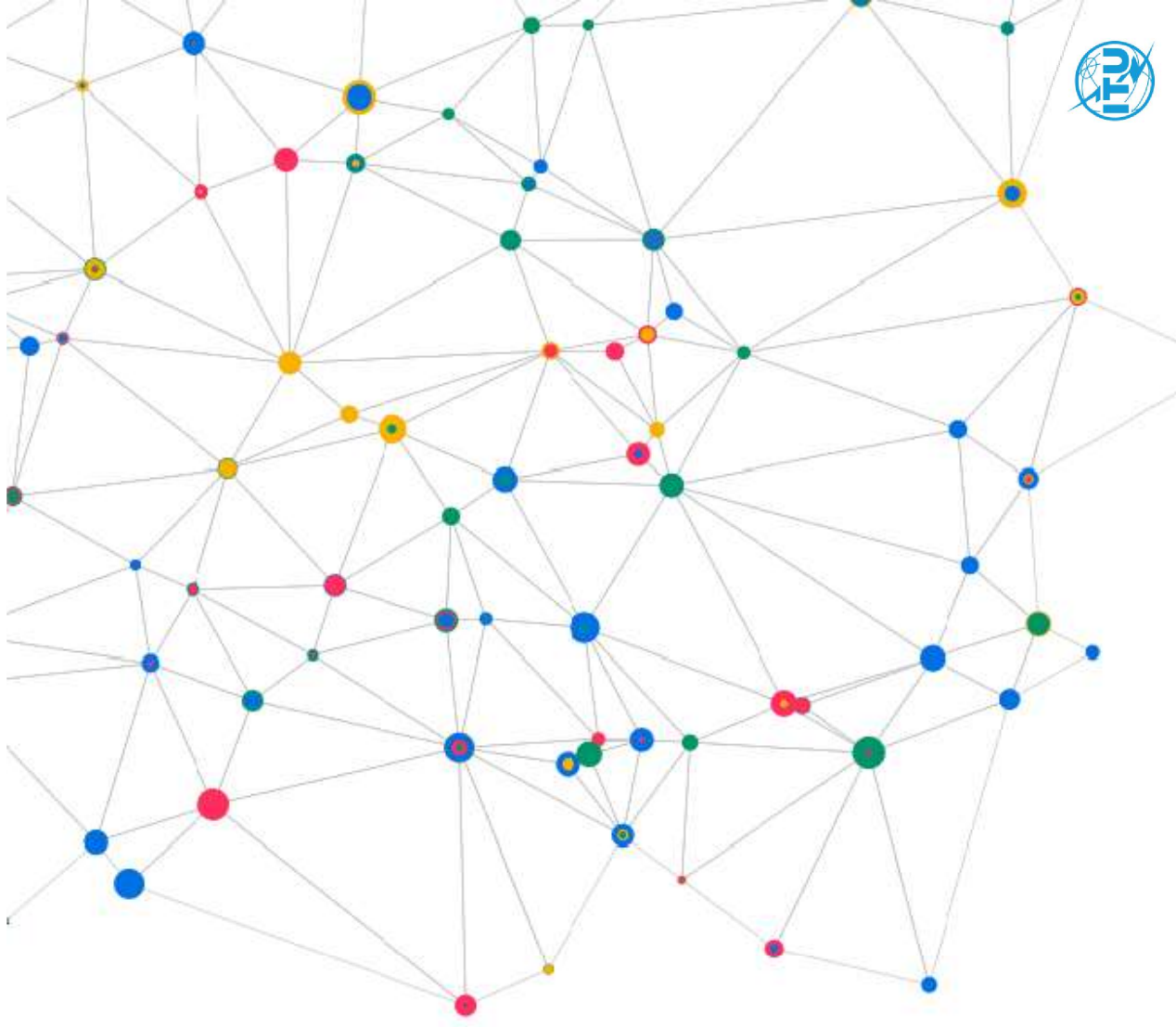
Key Agenda items

- Approval of the Agenda
- Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Conference
- Approval of the Draft Agenda of the Conference
- Structure of the Conference
- Time Management Plan
- Election of Committee Chairs & Vice-Chairs
- Translation Deadlines & Document Handling
- Composition of the Conference Secretariat (DT/5) Working Hours & Document Allocation.

Outcome

- Formal adoption of the conference structure and leadership.
- Agreement on procedural and logistical arrangements.
- Endorsement of the working framework for WTDC-25..

Structure of WTDC-25



Proposed Conference structure

						
COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	Meetings of Heads of Delegation	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee (Sec.: A.Gulati)	Budget Control (Sec.: A.Ba)	Objectives (Sec.: S. Maddens)	ITU-D Working Methods (Sec.: M. Obiso)	Editorial Committee (Sec.: N. Takesh)	HODs (Sec.: A.Gulati)	ITU Contribution to Strategic Plan and WTDC Declaration (Sec.: J. Ponder)

Submission of contributions

Important deadlines ^{1/2}

27 OCTOBER

2025

2359 hours Geneva
time

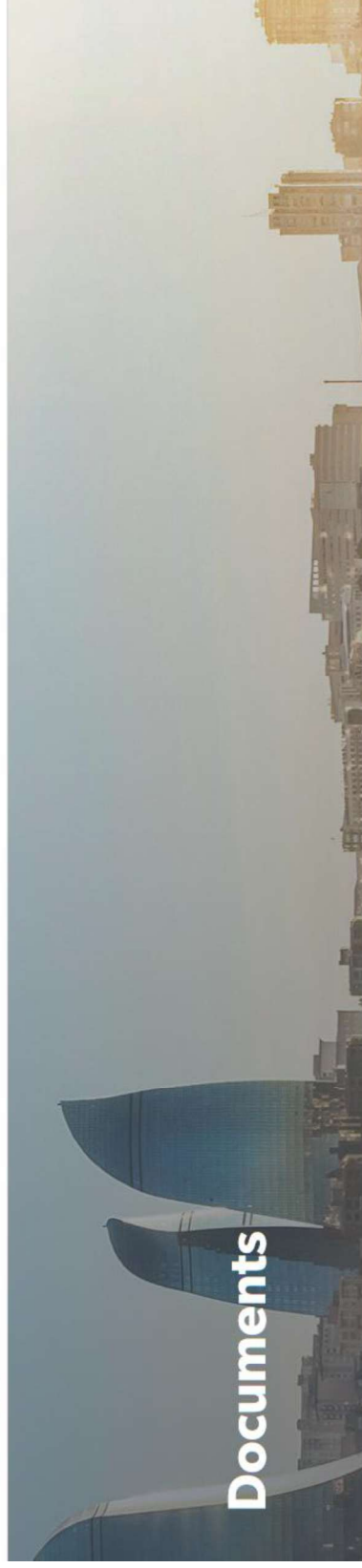
Firm deadline for all submission of membership contributions as per PP Res 165 (Dubai 2018) - no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the opening of the Conference

Conference Proposals Interface (CPI)



Participation Documents Preparations Spotlight Past WTDCs

All WTDC 2025



Submission of Proposals

Conference proposal interface (CPI) for WTDC-25

The **Conference Proposals Interface (CPI) for WTDC-25** is a web tool developed by the ITU to facilitate the preparation and submission of proposals to WTDC-25. An ITU user account with TIES access is required to access this tool.

A **CPI Guideline** has been prepared by the Secretariat to assist in the preparation and submission of proposals to WTDC-25.

By using CPI, the ITU members will facilitate and optimize the processing by the Secretariat of the documents containing proposals for the work of the conference, including their publication into the six languages of the Union and availability in the **WTDC-25 Proposal Management System** (to be available closer to the conference)

A preliminary version of CPI for WTDC-25 contains the formatted MS Word files of the following authoritative texts approved at WTDC-22:

- Regional Initiatives,
- ITU-D Resolutions and Recommendations, and
- ITU-D Study Group Questions.



Conference Proposals Interface (CPI)

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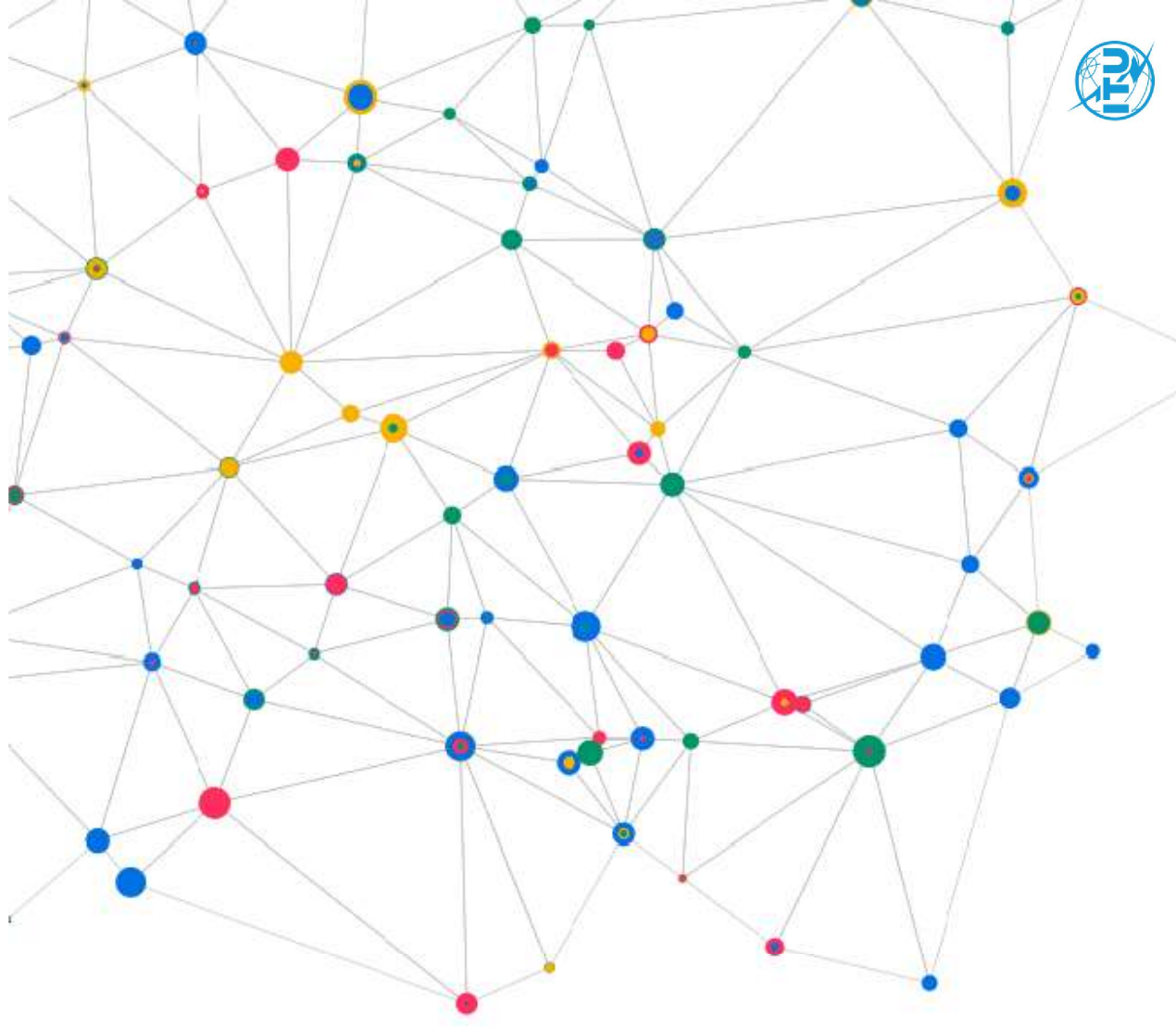
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Submission of proposals for WTDC-25

Proposals are to be submitted to
the Secretariat via email
to wtdc.documentcontrol@itu.int





Candidatures



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Nominations by APT and from ASP Region [Click here](#)

Candidate	Group	Role	Submitter	BDT Region	Country	Letter/CV
Mr Hideo IMANAKA	SG2	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	Japan	Details
Ms Wang KE	TDAG	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	China (People's Republic of)	Details
Mr Sandeep KUMAR GUPTA	SG2	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	India (Republic of)	Details
Mr Sunil KUMAR SINGHAL	SG1	Chair		Asia & Pacific	India (Republic of)	Details
Ms Memiko OTSUKI	SG1	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	Japan	Details
Ms Mina SEONMIN JUN	TDAG	Chair		Asia & Pacific	Korea (Republic of)	Details
Dr Ahmad R. SHARAFAT	TDAG	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Details
Mr Dao Ngoc TUYEN	SG1	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	Viet Nam (Socialist Republic of)	Details
Ms Sha WEI	SG1	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	China (People's Republic of)	Details
Mr Tongning WU	SG2	Vice-Chair		Asia & Pacific	China (People's Republic of)	Details

Please refer to ITU-D CL 59 and CL 75:

[59] [Candidates for chairs and vice-chairs of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group \(TDAG\) and ITU-D study groups for 2026-2029](#)

[75] [Extension of deadline for Candidates for chairs and vice-chairs of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group \(TDAG\) and ITU-D study groups for 2026-2029](#)

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Update on preparations for WTDC-25



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| WTDC-25 Venue: Baku Convention Center

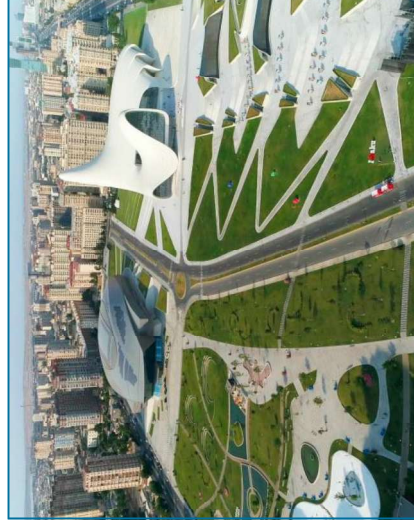
Located in the heart of Baku, Azerbaijan.

Designed to host international conferences and events. The building of 46,000 sq. m. is equipped with all the necessary infrastructure.

The Center has 17 conference rooms with a total capacity of up to 2500 people.

In addition to conference rooms and lecture halls, there are rooms for meetings and workshops.

Features state-of-the-art facilities and technology.



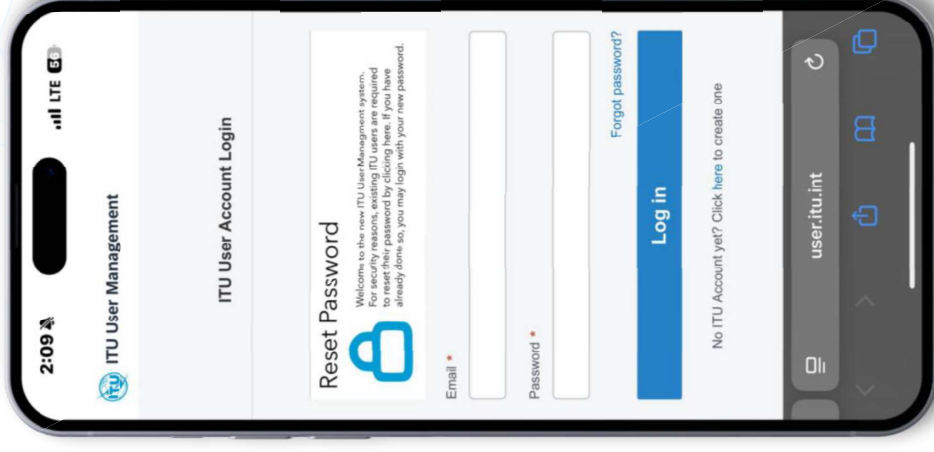
WTDC-25 Registration

Registration for WTDC-25 is now open and is mandatory in advance. Participation is open exclusively to ITU Members.

To register:

- Create or log into your ITU user account
- Complete the registration form and submit your request
- Approval will be confirmed via email once verified by your organization's Designated Focal Point (DFP)

For help: wtdc-registration@itu.int



Accommodation

Accommodation & Hotels

- 12 dedicated official hotels (3 ★ to 5 ★) with competitive pricing
- Priority on cost-effectiveness—local 5 ★ hotels comparable to European 4 ★ standards
- Early check-in and late check-out available; breakfast included for late departures



Hotel Baku Marriott Boulevard



Hilton Hotel



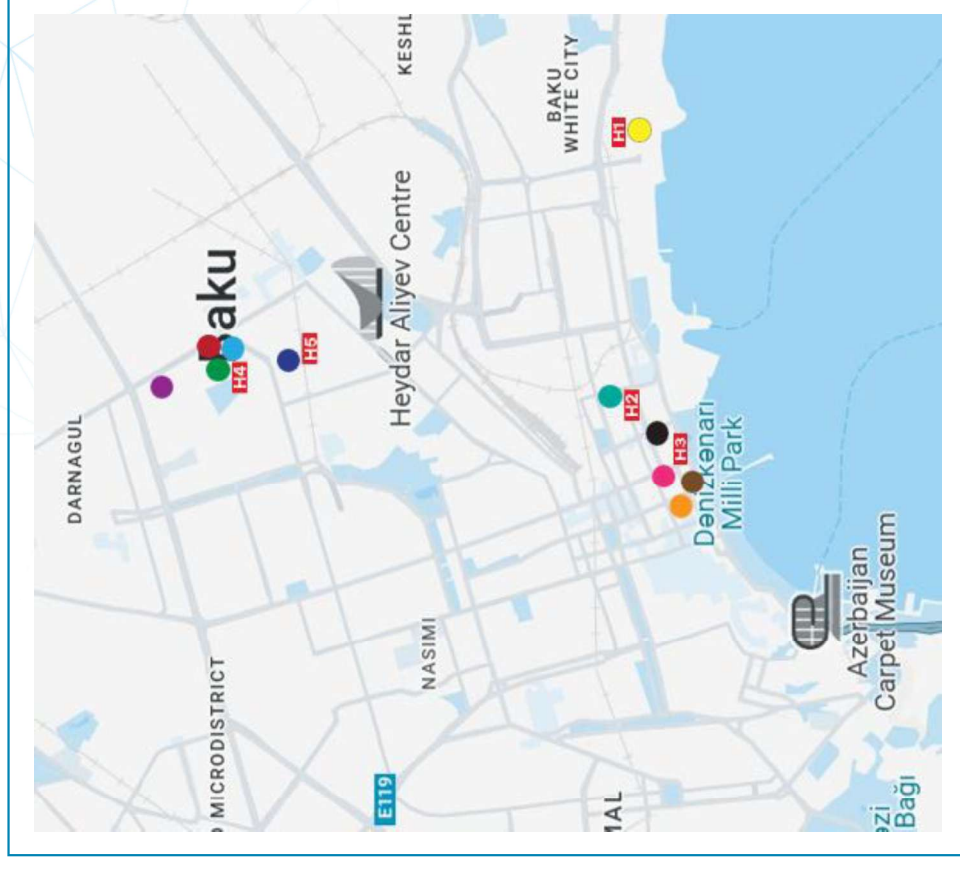
The Ritz-Carlton



Four Seasons Hotel

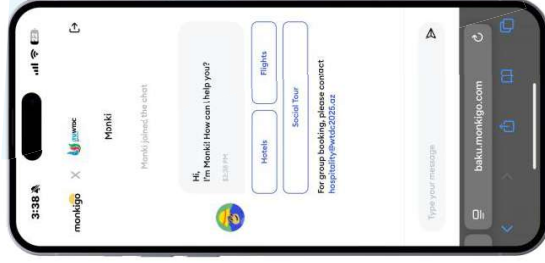
Bus Hub Locations

- **H1 – Baku White City**
 - Baku Marriott Boulevard Hotel
- **H2 – Port Baku**
 - JW Marriott Hotel
 - Holiday Hotel
- **H3 – Neftchilar Avenue**
 - Hilton Baku Hotel
 - Radisson Hotel Baku
 - Intercontinental Baku Hotel
- **H4 – Ahmad Rajabli**
 - Teatro Rooms Hotel
 - Teatro Boutique Hotel
 - West Shine Hotel
 - Arion Hotel
- **H5 – Graaf Hotel**
 - Graaf Hotel

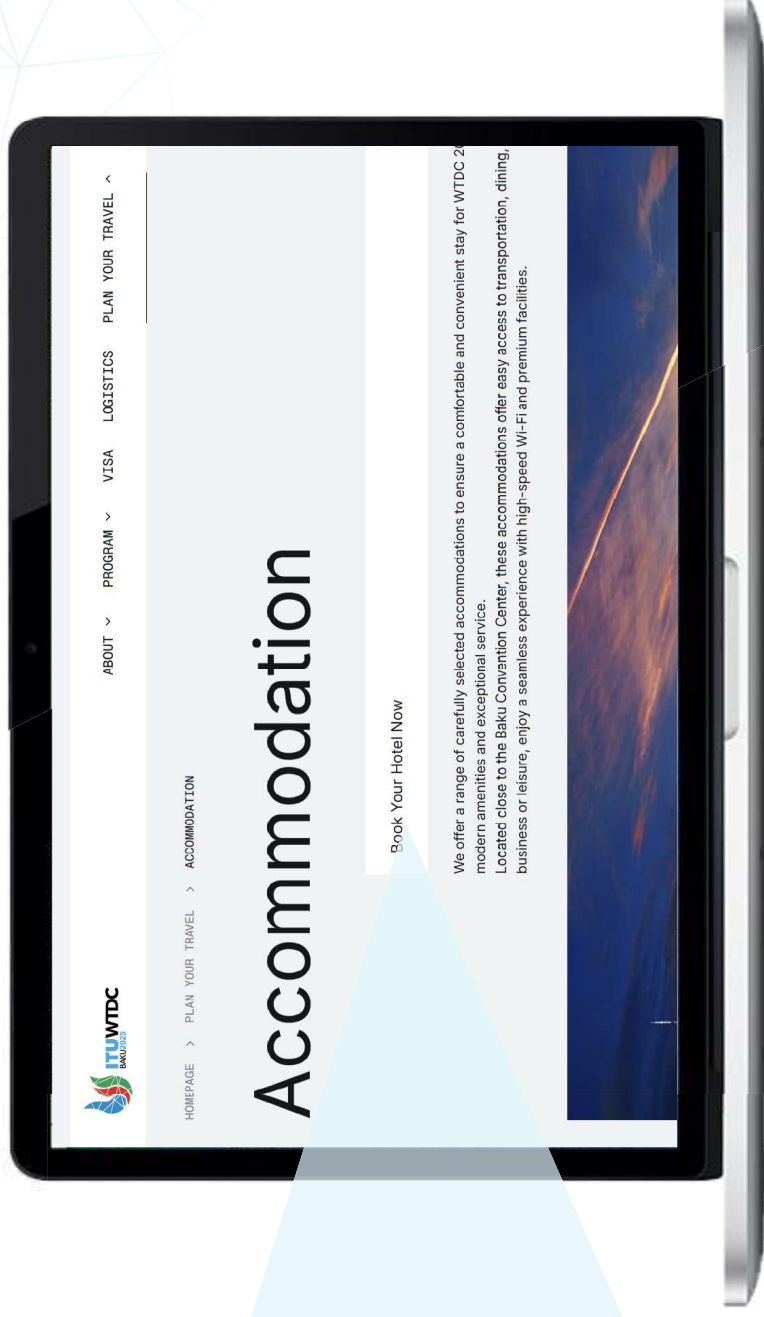


Online Booking Platform :

- Online booking via the [Monkigo](#) platform, integrated into the WTDC-25 website
- Concierge service available for special booking requests



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Social events

Social Events

- ITU Protocol coordinates the Social Events Calendar at WTDC-25. Interested social event organizers are invited to contact ITU Protocol by email to protocol.service@itu.int

Principles of timing:

- **Breakfasts: 08:00–09:25** (08:00–08:55 on Fridays), prior to the first working session
- **Morning Coffee Breaks:** usually around 10:45–11:15
- **Lunch Receptions:** 2 time slots per day,
 - 12:30–13:25** (12:00–12:55 on Friday)
 - 13:30–14:25**
- **Afternoon Coffee Breaks:** Typically scheduled from 15:45–16:15
- **Evening Receptions:**
 - 18:00–19:00/** standing cocktail
 - 19:30–20:30/ 30** minute-buffer time to allow transfer from the previous reception.

No competing/parallel events: to maximize participation and engagement.

Day 1 reserved for Host Country: HC may wish to host special events on the first day

No social events over the weekend: excursions may be organized by the HC.

Flexible timings: Timings can be adapted closer to the event dates, if necessary, based on the actual session schedules.

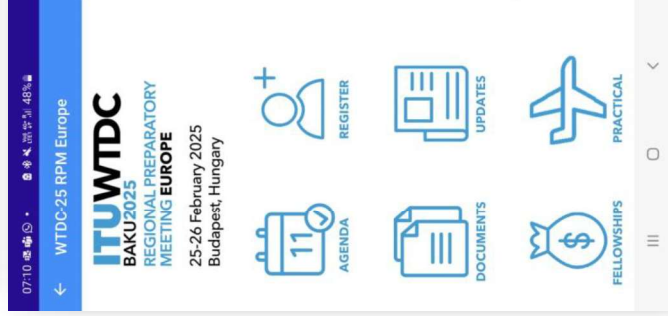


| WTDC-25 Mobile Application

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ITU-D Events mobile app

With the *ITU-D Events mobile app*, you can access all the essential information and documents for the Regional Preparatory Meetings of WTDC-25 right from your smartphone or tablet.





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Host Country website: <https://wtdc2025.az/>