

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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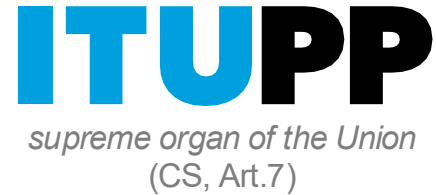
Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (PP-26)

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 PLENIPOTIENTIARY 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):

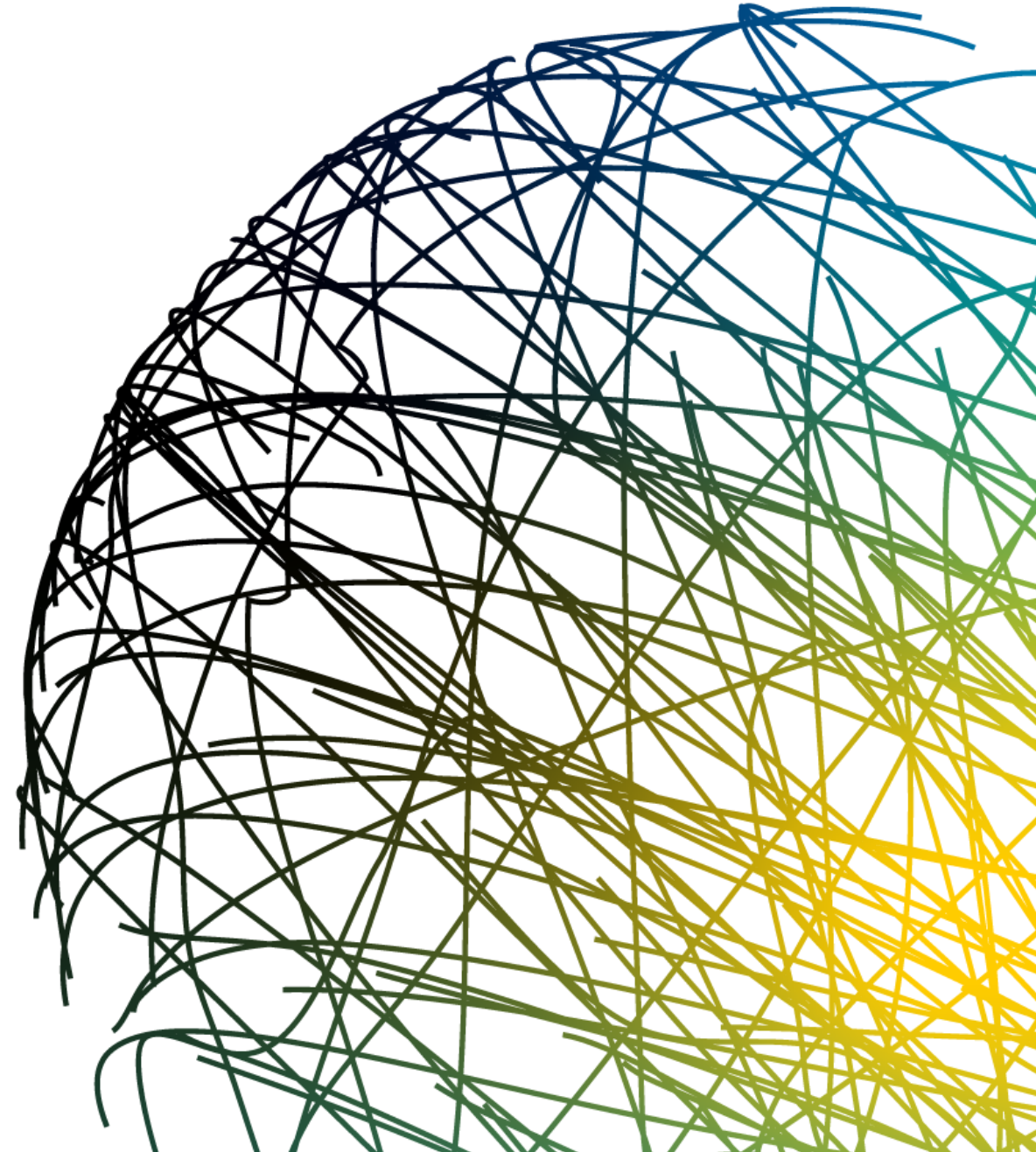
- Member States [CV/268]
 - [CL-25/47](#): Invitation on behalf of the Government of Qatar
 - [CL-25/48](#): Important information from the ITU Secretary-General
- Palestine [Res. 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)]
- Observer Organizations by virtue of CV Nos 269A, 269B, 269D:
 - the United Nations and its specialized 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

Information on Social Events

In addition to the formal programme, WTPF-26 will offer opportunities for **social events** alongside the Forum. Delegations are welcome to express interest in hosting **receptions** and **coffee breaks**.

Expressions of interest can be sent to:

protocol.service@itu.int



Registration and Logistics



The Invitation has been sent to ITU Member States and Sector Members in [CL 25/46](#)

An update on the preparation is available in [CL-26/9](#)

Registration is open:

<https://wtpf.itu.int/2026/participation/>

Delegations are invited to share with the ITU secretariat at sg-registration@itu.int the:

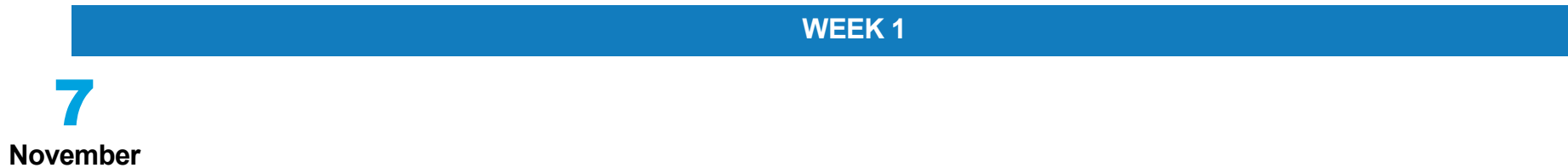
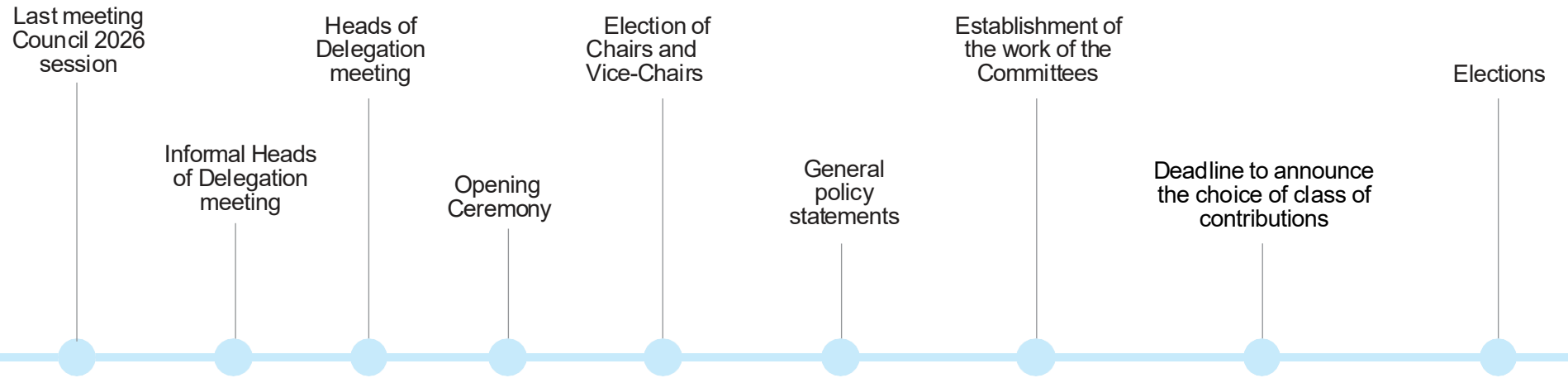
- Estimated number of participants in their delegation; and
- The expected level of their Head of Delegation (e.g. Minister, Deputy-Minister, Head of Regulatory Authority, Permanent Representative, Chief Executive officer...)

Proposed timeline

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

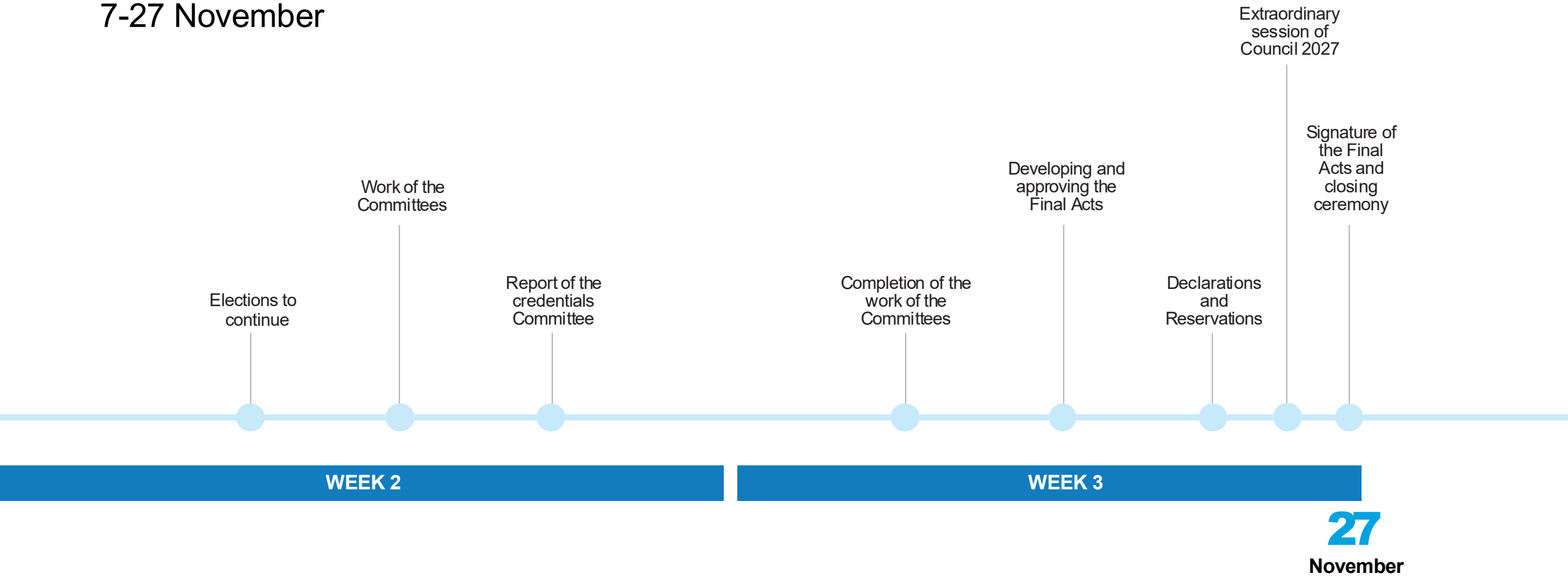
Proposed conference timeline

7-27 November



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7-27 November



Important deadlines



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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.

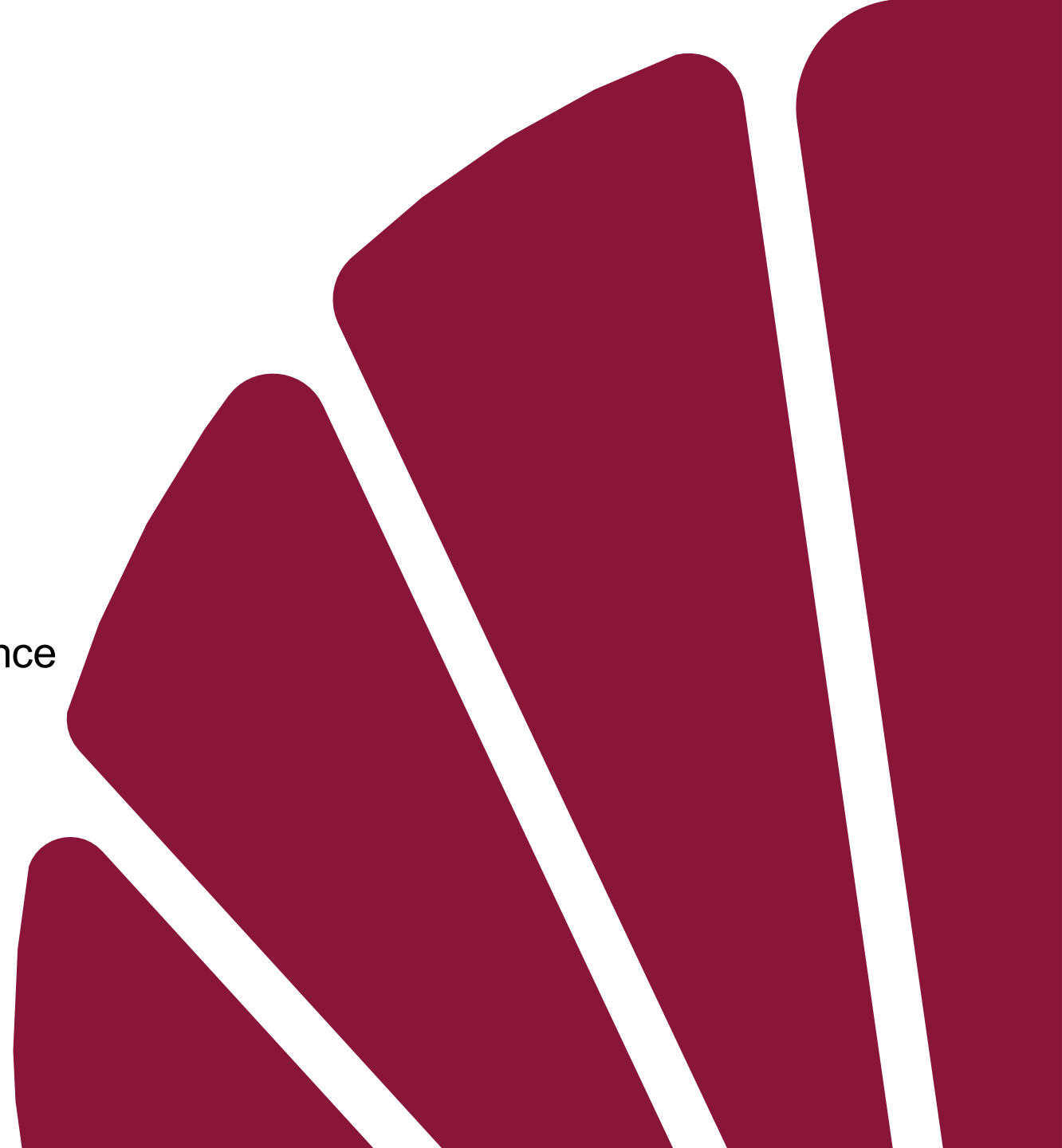
Regional preparatory meetings



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

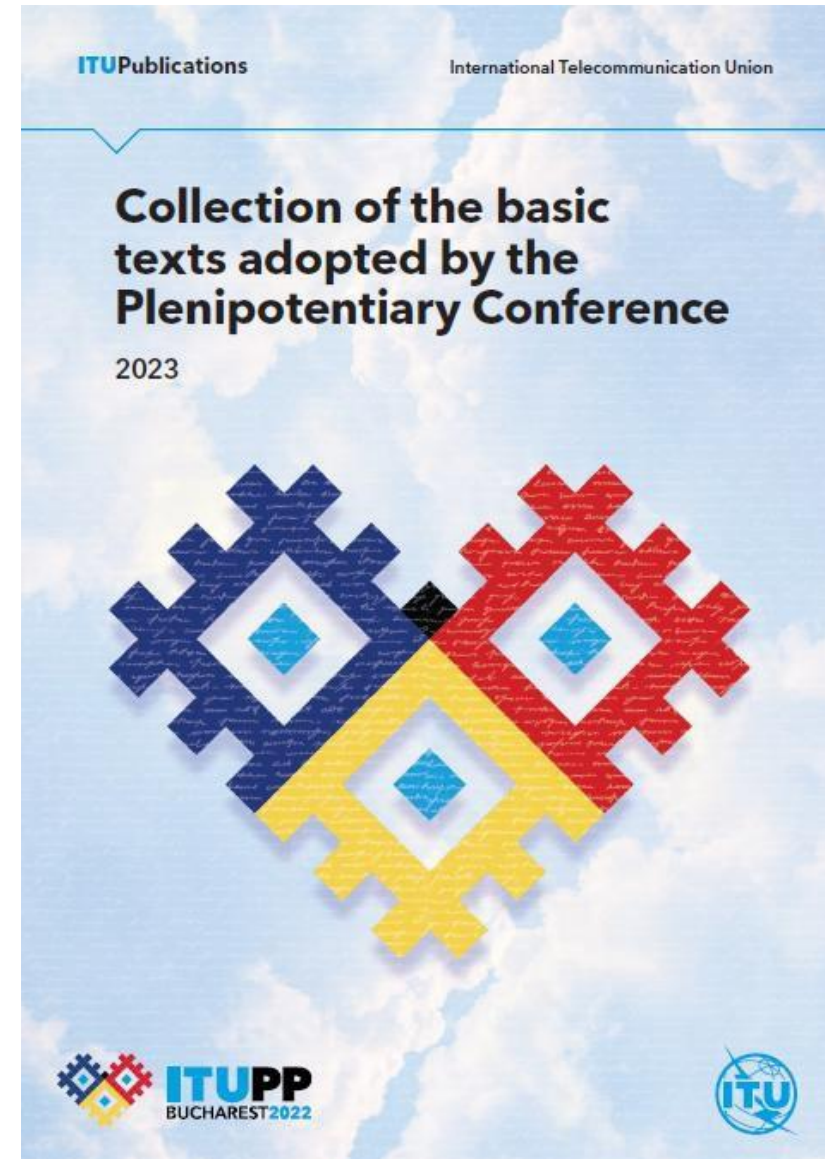


- Credentials are required for a delegation to exercise its right to vote and sign the Final Acts of the Conference.
- Registration of delegates does not exempt Member States from the need to submit an original credentials document.
- Credentials must fulfil one of the following criteria:
 - ✓ Confer 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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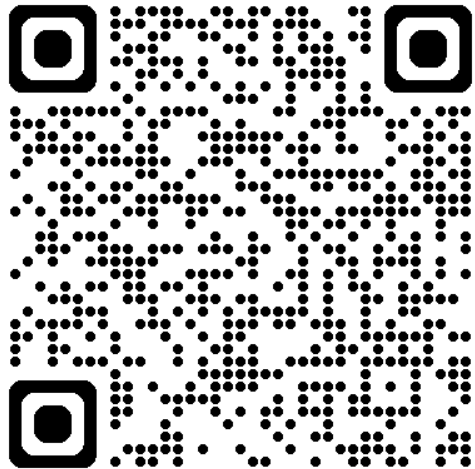
October
2026

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to ensure translation of
the document

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

Prepare your proposal through the conference proposal interface (CPI)

To prepare Your documents



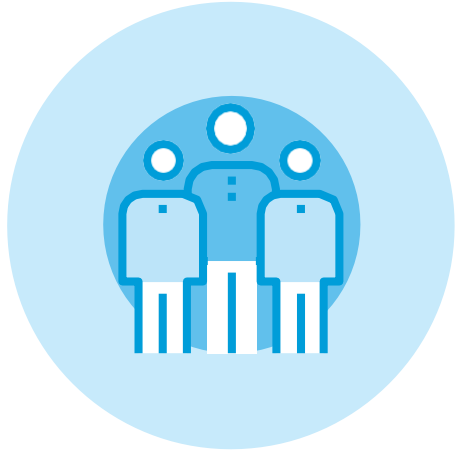
The electronic tool CPI facilitates the preparation and submission of proposals from authorized membership during a Conference.

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
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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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