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Preparations for the ITU Plenipotentiary Meeting 2018
(Paper by the Ag. Secretary General (CTO))

This paper presents the CTO's contributions towards the preparation for the ITU Plenipotentiary Meeting from 29 Oct – 16 Nov 2018, Dubai, UAE.

Take note of the following meetings:

- A preparatory meeting for the Commonwealth Heads of Delegation
Date: 28 Oct 2018 | Time: 18:30 – 19:30 | Room: E, World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE
- A ministerial coordination meeting for Commonwealth Ministers
Date: 30 Oct 2018 | Time: 17:30 – 18:30 | Room: G, World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE
- This room G is available from 8:30am until 8 pm for use by all Commonwealth countries as their own space for bilateral or just resting from the day's intensive work.
- For further information on the above meetings, please contact the Acting Secretary General, Mrs. Gisa Fuatai Purcell and Dr. Martin Koyabe, who will be at the ITU PP-18 from 29 October, 2018.
- All ITU candidates are welcome to bring their flyers and pamphlets to the room G any time during the 30th Oct 2018.

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Date: 29 October – 16 November 2018

Location: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Overview

The Plenipotentiary (PP) Conference is the top policy-making body of the ITU, held every four years, at which ITU Member States decide on the future role of the organisation. In line with Article 8 of ITU Constitution, the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the basis of proposals by Member States and taking into account of reports by the Council, shall:

- a) Determine general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union;
- b) Consider 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 strategic plan for the Union and the basis for the budget of the Union, and determines related financial limits;
- d) Establish the total number of contributory units for period up to next PP;
- e) Provide general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union;
- f) Examine the accounts of the Union and finally approve them;
- 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;
- i) Elect the members of the Radio Regulations Board;
- j) Consider and adopts modifications to the Constitution and Convention;
- k) Conclude or revise if necessary agreements with other international organizations;
- l) Adopt and amend the General Rules of conferences, assemblies and meetings of the Union;

The last PP was convened in 2014 in Busan, South Korea. Some of the new Resolutions adopted at PP 14 include, inter alia:

- Facilitating the Internet of Things to prepare for a globally connected world
- Empowerment of youth through telecommunications/information and communication technology
- Creating an enabling environment for the deployment and use of information and communication technology applications
- Strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors of the Union

Commonwealth Preparations




PP 18 has been included as an agenda item on the CTO Council Meeting. The purpose will be to commence discussions and encourage contributions from members which will later be collated with a view to reaching consensus so that the Commonwealth's common positions could be introduced into the deliberations of the Plenipotentiary Conference. A recommendation was put forward to have one topic be selected as the focus of the contribution.



Additionally, for those member countries that are seeking elected positions at the Plenipotentiary Conference, the CTO meetings present an opportunity to host hospitality events in support of their candidates.

Support for Commonwealth Candidatures

CTO has enhanced publicity of Commonwealth Candidates for ITU PP 2018 by featuring those that officially announced their candidatures in its monthly E-Commonwealth publication.

All Commonwealth candidates officially announced to the CTO will be featured on the CTO website.

Position	Commonwealth Candidate/s	Country
Deputy Secretary-General	Mr Malcolm Johnson 	United Kingdom
Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)	Mr. William Ijeh 	Nigeria
	Dr Cosmas Zavazava 	Zimbabwe

Radio Regulations Board (RRB)	Mr Simon Bugaba 	Uganda
	Mr Samuel Mandla Mchunu 	South Africa
ITU Council Seat for Member States	Region A: Americas	Bahamas
		Canada
	Region D: Africa	Cameroon
		Ghana
		Kenya
		Nigeria
		Rwanda
		South Africa
	Region E: Asia and Australia	Tanzania
		Uganda
Australia		
	India	
	Pakistan	