**PACP-29**

**PRELIMINARY APT COMMON PROPOSAL**

**MODIFICATIONS TO WTDC RESOLUTION 90  
FOSTERING TELECOMMUNICATION/ICT-CENTRIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND DIGITAL INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS FOR SUSTAINABLE DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT**

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| **Summary:**  It is proposed to amend text of Resolution 90 WTDC (Rev. Kigali, 2022) to further bridge the digital innovation gap and empower ITU membership to foster the development of digital innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems for social and economic development.  **Expected Results:**  APT Member administrations invite WTDC to examine the proposal and approve the changes to Resolution 90.  **References:**  *WTDC Resolution 90 of WTDC (Kigali, 2022)* |

1. **PROPOSALS**

APT Member administrations propose to modify WTDC Resolution 90, according to the annex below.

**ANNEX**

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**RESOLUTION 90 (Rev. Baku, 2025)**

**Fostering telecommunication/ICT-centric entrepreneurship and digital innovation ecosystems for sustainable digital development**

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Baku, 2025),

*recalling*

1. Resolution 30 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development conference, on the role of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) in implementing the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
2. Resolution 75 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017) of the World Telecommunication Development Conference, on the implementation of the Smart Africa Manifesto and support for the development of the information and communication technology (ICT) sector in Africa;
3. Resolution 76 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development conference, on promoting ICTs among young women and men for social and economic empowerment;
4. Resolution 85 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) of the World Telecommunication Development conference, on facilitating the Internet of Things and smart sustainable cities and communities for global development;
5. Resolution 198 (Rev.Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the empowerment of youth through telecommunication/ICT;
6. Resolution 205 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on ITU's role in fostering telecommunication/ICT-centric innovation to support the digital economy and society;
7. Resolution 209 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, encouraging the participation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the work of the Union;
8. Resolution 68/220 of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), on science, technology and innovation for development,

*recognizing*

1. that telecommunication/ICT innovation has a critical role for enabling infrastruc­ture development, services for remote, rural and underserved areas, and deployment of telecommunications/ICTs to support digitalization of the economy;
2. that telecommunication/ICT innovation has a transformational impact on indi­viduals, societies and economies throughout the world;
3. that technology-driven entrepreneurial endeavours provide a means to accel­erate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a bot­tom-up multi-stakeholder approach to problem-solving;
4. that digital innovation ecosystems, which offer a thriving environment for~~to~~ sustaining digital development, need focused intervention by decision-makers and partners;
5. that UNGA Resolution 70/1, on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, has substantial implications for the activities of ITU, especially those fostering innova­tion, for the advancement of SDG 9;
6. the importance of digital innovation and the need for an enabling environment to tackle complex issues faced by communities during crisis, and the need to ensure every country develops the innovation capacity for futureproofing against pandemics and crises;
7. that inclusion of all of society is an essential goal for development,

*noting*

1. the ITU-D's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development (IADD) which builds local and organizational capabilities in innovation and entrepreneurship for the ITU membership;
2. the ITU Global Innovation Forum, which brings together relevant stakeholders to foster the development of digital innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems for social and economic development,

*resolves to instruct the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau*

1. to support, within existing resources, the sharing of good practices in telecommunications/ICTs developed by Member States to enable blueprints for accelerated development of digital entrepreneurship initiatives, including by leveraging platforms such as IADD and the Global Innovation Forum, the development of technology parks, innovation hubs, incubators, accelerators and mentoring programmes, funds and partnership mechanisms;
2. to continue providing technical assistance to developing countries in the telecommunication/ICT-related development of policies, strategies and roadmaps, where digital entrepreneurship is the key driver for digitalization of the economy, taking into account ITU experience in the matter;
3. to continue strengthening the capabilities of stakeholders at the national level that foster entrepreneurship-driven innovation and support the development of sustainable digital innovation communities using telecommunications/ICTs in support of the achievement of the SDGs;
4. to work in coordination with international and regional organizations and cooperate with other stakeholders in order to establish a supportive environment to enable the exchange of knowledge, expertise and best practices to support the deployment of entrepreneurship-driven innovation projects leveraging telecommunications/ICTs;
5. to support local initiatives, start-ups and SMEs in leveraging telecommunications/ICTs to access domestic and global markets in order to scale up their innovation, including through collaboration with the International Trade Centre and other relevant international and regional organizations;
6. to facilitate sharing of best practices and strategies that accelerate the development of ICT/telecommunication-driven entrepreneurial universities, technology-based vocational schools and a culture of entrepreneurship, as well as mechanisms to enhance multistakeholder and multisector cooperation at the national level for sustainable digital development;
7. to continue the work of ITU in supporting digital innovation ecosystems without discrimination of any kind, including with respect to age, ability, gender or location,

*instructs the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau, in collaboration with the Directors of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau and the Radiocommunication Bureau*

1. to ensure that coordination takes place on all activities relevant to the purposes of this resolution;
2. to collate work done within ITU relating to the objectives of this resolution, including work in study groups, and to facilitate knowledge-sharing and dissemination of good practices in all countries;
3. to promote, within the remit of ITU, digital entrepreneurship and the development of digital innovation,

*invites the Secretary-General*

to support the activities in ITU-D that enable telecommunication/ICT-centric entrepreneurship-driven innovation and digital innovation ecosystems, including by human and financial means for ITU members,

*invites Member States and Sector Members*

1. to participate actively, in collaboration with other stakeholders, in digital entrepreneurship and digital innovation ecosystem-related activities, while facilitating the participation of Tech hub, entrepreneurial support organizations, local initiatives, SMEs and start-ups;
2. to collaborate with ITU on activities related to the implementation of this resolution that leverage digital entrepreneurship to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs;
3. to actively participate in the IADD;
4. to establish policies/strategies in their countries/regions that foster telecommunication/ICT-centric innovation.