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Sub: **Inviting Nominations/Willingness for National Working Groups corresponding to ITU-D Study Groups for the Study Cycle (2026-2029) - reg**

The International Telecommunication Union- Development (ITU-D) Sector supports developing countries by fostering international cooperation in telecommunications and ICTs. It aims to bridge the digital divide, promote sustainable development, and drive digital transformation through policies, training, and financial strategies.

2. In the recently concluded World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC)-25 for ITU-D   Sector at Baku, Azerbaijan, two Study Groups have been formed as below for the Study Cycle 2026-2029

- **Study Group-1**: Universal meaningful connectivity for bridging the digital divide (**5 Study questions**)
- **Study Group-2:** Digital Transformation **(5 Study Questions**)

More details about the ITU-D Study Groups and their questions may be obtained from the ITU website (https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/studygroups/)

3. The Study Groups and Study questions are important instruments for functioning of ITU-D. The work under the study groups and study question drives through contributions submitted by the Member States. Accordingly, National Working Groups (NWGs), mirroring and co-terminus with ITU-D Study groups are to be formed with the following structure with an aim to enhance the Indian contribution in the ITU-D sector.

NWG	Management Level	Study Question Level
NWG-1	- **Chair (1):** ITU Appointed Vice Chair of SG1- Mr. Sunil Singhal, DDG(LP) - **Vice-Chair 1:** Expert from DoT wing - **Vice Chair 2**: Industry/ Academia Expert	- **Lead (1):** Expert from DoT wing - **Co-lead (1):** Industry/Academia Expert - **Contributing members**: interested officers from DoT/Industry/Academia/Other Ministries or Departments
NWG-2	- **Chair (1)**: ITU Appointed Vice Chair of SG2- Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director (IR) - **Vice-Chair 1:** Expert from DoT wing - **Vice Chair 2:** Industry/	

		Academia Expert	

4. Further, for each study question, the relevant **DoT Wings** /**Divisions have been identified (indicative but not exhaustive) and is attached as Annexure-I.** The officers from any other divisions/ministries/government institutions can opt for any study questions of their interest.

5. The IR wing of the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Communications, invites nominations/willingness of subject matter/domain experts a s the members of NWG-1 and NWG-2 from DoT officers including those from Field Offices, Telecom/ICT experts from Industry, Academia, and other relevant ministries/ government institutions.

6. The nomination/willingness may be submitted via email to adg.ir-dot@gov.in with a copy to dirir3-dot@gov.in as per the enclosed **Annexure-II** format preferably by **19 Jan 2026(Monday)**.

7. This issued with the approval of the competent authority.

Enclosed as above

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To,
(with a request for its wide circulation among all concerned including their field offices)

1. Secretary of all relevant Ministries/Departments
2. DG (Telecom)/CGCA, DoT, New Delhi
3. Administrator, DBN
4. DG, NCA-T/DG, NCA-F
5. Sr.DDG TEC/ Sr DDG NCCS/Wireless Advisor, WPC/
6. Secretary(TRAI)
7. DDGs of all concerned nodal wings
8. Directors of all IITs, IISc Bengaluru
9. All relevant stakeholders (through DoT/TEC/TSDSI Website)

Copy for kind information to:

1. Secretary(T), DoT New Delhi
2. Chairman, TRAI, New Delhi
3. Member(S)/ Member(T)/ Member (F)
4. Additional Secretary (T), DoT, New Delhi
5. CMD, BSNL
6. DG, TSDSI
7. Director(IT) to upload this to the DOT website

Annexure-I

Identified Nodal wings/Divisions of DoT (Indicative but not exhaustive)

S.No	Study Question	DoT Wing /Division
Study Group-1: **Universal meaningful connectivity for bridging the digital divide (NWG-1)**		
Question 1/1	Enabling policies and strategies for universal connectivity with a focus on underserved, remote and rural areas	DBN, BSNL, NBM
Question 2/1	Enabling policies and regulations for adopting digital telecommunication/ICT services and technologies for distribution and broadcasting	LP, Policy (O/o JST), WPC
Question 3/1	The use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management	DM
Question 4/1	Economic aspects of national telecommunications/ICTs	LFP, NCA-T, NCA-F, ERU
Question 5/1	Consumer protection and empowerment, and meaningful accessibility for all, especially for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs	TRAI, NCA-T
Study Group-2: **Digital Transformation (NWG-2)**		
Question 1/2	Enabling telecommunications/ICTs for digital transformation and smart sustainable cities and communities	SRI, TEC (IoT), NT
Question 2/2	ICTs for the environment, and assessment of human exposure to electromagnetic fields	TEC(Radio), CS
Question 3/2	Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity	AI and DIU, SA, SPPI, NCCS
Question 4/2	Availability and affordability of user devices, and telecommunication/ICT equipment issues, including conformance and interoperability.	TEC(CA), SRI
Question 5/2	Adoption and utilization of new and emerging telecommunication/ICT services and technologies, and development of digital skills.	TTDF, SRI, SD

Annexure-II

Application for Nomination/Willingness for a member of National Working Groups corresponding to ITU-D Study Groups, Study Cycle (2026-2029)

Study Group (select only one): ☐ NWG-1 or ☐ NWG-2
Study Questions: ITU-D Study Question____ (Specify Number eg: 1/1)

1	Name	
2	Organization	
3	Designation	
4	E-mail ID	
5	Mobile Number.	
6	Contact Address	
7	Educational qualifications.	
8	Date of retirement, if applicable.	
9. Previous Association with the ITU-D Study Groups (if any)		
9.A	Details of leadership/ management position (s) held in the ITU-D Study Group applied for, if any.	
9.B	Details of contributions submitted to the ITU-D Study Group applied for, if any.	
9.C	Whether meetings attended of corresponding National Working Group? If yes, the details of the meetings attended.	
10. Association with other ITU Study Groups/ other Development bodies (if any)		
10.A	Details of other leadership/ management position (s) held in ITU, APT, 3GPP or other Global Development bodies.	
10.B	Details of contributions submitted to other ITU Study Groups/ other Development bodies.	
11	Work Profile relevant to the applied position	
12	Any other relevant important information substantiating nomination/willingness	

(Separate Sheet may attached, if required)

(Signature with stamp)