



ITU PP-26

**Update on ATU preparations
for PP-26 conference
Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 27
November 2026**

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Introduction

- The presentation outlines the African group's preparation for the Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) to be held in Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 27 November 2026.
- The PP is the highest decision-making body of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), convened every four years.



African Structure for PP26 Preparations

The African Telecommunications Union (ATU) has set up the structure for the African Preparatory Meeting (Plenary) in preparation for PP-26, chaired by Nigeria. This includes the formation of three working groups:-

WG1: Focused on Policy and Legal Matters [PP-COM5].

WG2: Concentrating on ITU Administration and Management Issues [PP-COM6].

WG3: Addressing Public Policy Issues [PP-WG-PL]



These working groups are responsible for identifying priority issues and developing common positions for Africa to present at the Plenary.



Some of the key issues that are being considered by the African Group

The role of ITU in the **Global Digital Compact (GDC)**.

The role of ITU in **Artificial Intelligence (AI) Governance**.

ITU Strategic and Financial Plans 2028-2031.

Financial Sustainability of the Union.

The relevance and the future of the **International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)**.

The role of ITU on **OTTS**.

The role of ITU in **Cybersecurity**.

The role of ITU on international **Internet-related public policy issues**.

The role of ITU - **Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Satellite Mega constellations**.

ITU's role related to **WSIS** beyond 2025.

Submarine cables.



African Preparatory Meetings (APM)

July 2024

1st APM26 (Namibia)

September 2026

3rd and Final APM

7-11 September 2026 [TBC]

May 2026

2nd APM

25-29 May 2026

(Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe)



Thank you

