

# Second Inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for PP-26

30 April 2026

Geneva


Room A. 13:30



# Welcoming Remarks

- Secretary-General
- PP-26 Chair-designate

# Draft Agenda

1. Update on status of PP-26 preparations, by ITU and the Host Country
  2. Update on regional groups' preparations and emerging topics per region
  3. Draft time management plan
  4. Guidelines on Policy Statements
  5. Dates and venues of next inter-regional meetings
  6. Other business
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# Status of Preparations

- By the secretariat
- By the Host Country



# Secretariat Preparations



# Update on Preparations

- Deadline on Proposals
- Prepare your proposals to the Conference
- Regional introductory Training
- Training for women and young delegates
- Improvement of the PP digital experience
- Update on candidatures
- Credentials
- Opening of registration
- Social events booking

# Deadlines for submitting proposals

9

March  
2026

Proposals to amend  
CS and CV

Ref: CS 224, CV 519,  
Res.114 (Marrakesh, 2002)

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July  
2026

Other proposals for  
the work of the  
conference

(Ref: No. 40 of  
the General Rules)

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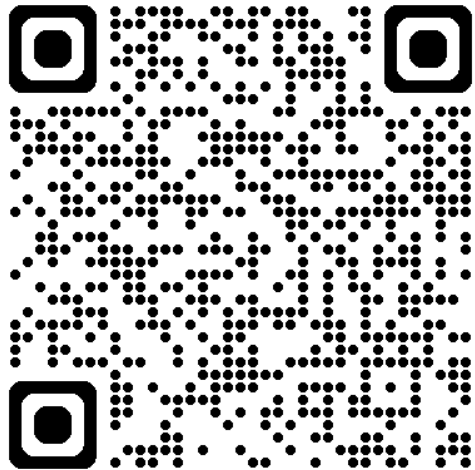
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**FIRM DEADLINE**  
to ensure translation of  
the document

(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.

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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>

# Prepare your proposal through the conference proposal interface (CPI) – Proposed webinars

- Monday, 18 May – 8:00-11:00 Geneva Time
- Tuesday, 19 May – 11:00-14:00 Geneva Time
- Monday, 1 June – 14:00-17:00 Geneva Time

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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>

# 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, timelines, delegates' functions, chairing committees, resolution drafting, administrative processes and procedures, credentials, election procedures, 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.

# Training for women and young delegates

Enhancing the Participation of Women and Youth Delegates in the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (PP-26) Training Programme, under final discussion.



The programme will include:

- One self-paced online training course on the ITU Academy, in the six UN languages, for women and youth delegates, who wish to improve their understanding, knowledge and skills for a meaningful and active participation in ITU conferences, who wish to improve their knowledge and skills for a meaningful and active participation in ITU conferences.
- Six online webinars on developing negotiating skills and chairing meetings in the UN system (one per ITU region), in two languages per region.
- At least six online mentoring and networking activities between delegates from all ITU regions, with experience in ITU conferences and the participants of this programme.

# Improvement of the PP digital experience



As part of the ongoing transformation, the secretariat is advancing several initiatives aimed at integrating AI technologies to improve the PP digital experience:

- Modernized web navigation and registration
- Mobile app including networking
- AI avatar videos for new delegate training
- AI tools portal, including:
  - AI document agent so delegates find what they need quickly – contributions, resolutions, CS/CV etc
  - AI assistant to answer questions about PP26 (logistics, programme etc)
  - AI editing and translation tools

# Update on candidatures



- The call for candidatures was issued in [CL-25/48](#).
- All candidatures must reach the Secretary-General via the Member State's Permanent Mission or relevant administration not later than 23h59 Geneva time on Monday, 12 October 2026 (ref. No. 170 of the GR) via [ppelections@itu.int](mailto: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.

# Credentials



- [CL-26/21](#) on Credentials for delegations issued on 24 March 2026
- 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/>

# 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.
- ITU Fellowships shall not be granted for treaty-making conferences.
- 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 their delegations.

## 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](mailto: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/>



**Thank you!**

For further info  
[gbs@itu.int](mailto:gbs@itu.int)

# Host Country Preparations



# Update on regional groups' preparations and emerging topics per region

- APT
  - Arab Group
  - ATU
  - CEPT
  - CITEL
  - Cuba
  - RCC
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**Draft time management plan**



# Proposed Draft Time Management for PP-26

WEEK 1			WEEK 2			WEEK 3		
9 November			16 November			23 November		
M O N D A Y	09.45	<b>Heads of Delegation Meeting</b>	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (1.5h): - Elections: RRB & Council <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h)	09.30	<b>Committee 6</b> (3h) <b>Committee 5</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)		
	11.15	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	12.30		12.30			
	14.30	<b>First Plenary</b> (3h): - Conference structure, committee set-up, chairmanship, allocation of documents, org. of work - Other organizational matters - Set definitive upper limit of contributory unit - Set deadline for definitive choice of class of contribution - Policy statements	12.30	<b>Steering Committee</b>		<b>Plenary</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 5</b> (1.5h) <b>Committee 3</b> (end) (1.5h)		
	17.30		14.30	<b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h) <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 5</b> (1.5h) <b>Committee 4</b> at 18.00	14.30			
17.30	<b>Steering Committee</b>							
10 November			17 November			24 November		
T U E S D A Y	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Policy statements	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (1.5h) - Committee 3 report to		
	12.30	<b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h)	12.30		12.30	<i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)		
	14.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Policy statements <b>High-level Roundtable</b> (3h) <b>Committee 2</b> (3h) <b>Committee 5</b> (3h)	14.30		14.30	<b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 5</b> (end) (1.5h) <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h)		
17.30	17.30			17.30	<b>Steering Committee</b>			
11 November			18 November			25 November		
W E D N E S D A Y	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Policy statements	09.30	<b>Committee 2</b> (end) (3h) <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h)	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)		
	12.30	<b>High-level Roundtable</b> (3h) <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)	12.30		12.30			
	14.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Policy statements <b>Committee 5</b> (3h) <b>Committee 3</b> (1.5h, start at 16.00)	14.30	<b>Committee 5</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)	14.30	<b>Committee 6</b> (end) (1.5h) <b>WG-PL</b> (end) (1.5h)		
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23.59 GVA time	<b>Proposed deadline for definitive choice of class of contribution</b>							
12 November			19 November			26 November		
T H U R S D A Y	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Elections: SG	09.30	<b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h)	09.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h)		
	12.30	- Policy statements	12.30		12.30			
	14.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Elections: DSG - Policy statements	14.30	<b>16.00 Plenary</b> (1.5h): - Committee 2 report to PL	14.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h)		
17.30	17.30		17.30					
17.30	<b>Steering Committee</b>	17.30	<b>Steering Committee</b>					
13 November			20 November			27 November		
F R I D A Y	09.00	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Elections: Directors	09.00	<b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 5</b> (1.5h)	08.30	<b>Plenary</b> (1h)		
	12.00	- Policy statements	12.00		09.30	<b>Extraordinary session of Council</b> (2.5h)		
	14.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h) - Policy statements <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h)	14.30	<b>WG-PL</b> (1.5h) <b>Committee 6</b> (1.5h) <i>followed by</i> <b>Committee 5</b> (1.5h)	14.30	<b>Plenary</b> (3h): - Signing and closing cere		
17.30	17.30		17.30					

# Policy Statements



# Policy statements



- High-ranking officials will be invited to deliver policy statements addressing the overall theme of the Conference: *Together for a connected, digital future*.
- 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 July onwards.
- Guidelines for delegations have been published as an information document for the Council. ([Document C26/INF/13](#))

# **Dates and Venues of next IRMs**



# 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): 30 April 2026, 13.00-14.30;
- 3rd meeting: Further to the re-scheduling of WTPF-26, the next date is 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): 13-14 October 2026 TBC.

# Regional preparatory meetings



The calendar of meetings can be found on the PP-26 website: <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/about/pp-preparatory/>.

You are kindly invited to send any modifications, additions, or updates to the secretariat at [gbs@itu.int](mailto:gbs@itu.int).

**Other business**





**Thank you!**

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