Fourth Inter-regional Preparatory Meeting for PP-26

13-14 October 2026
(Virtual)

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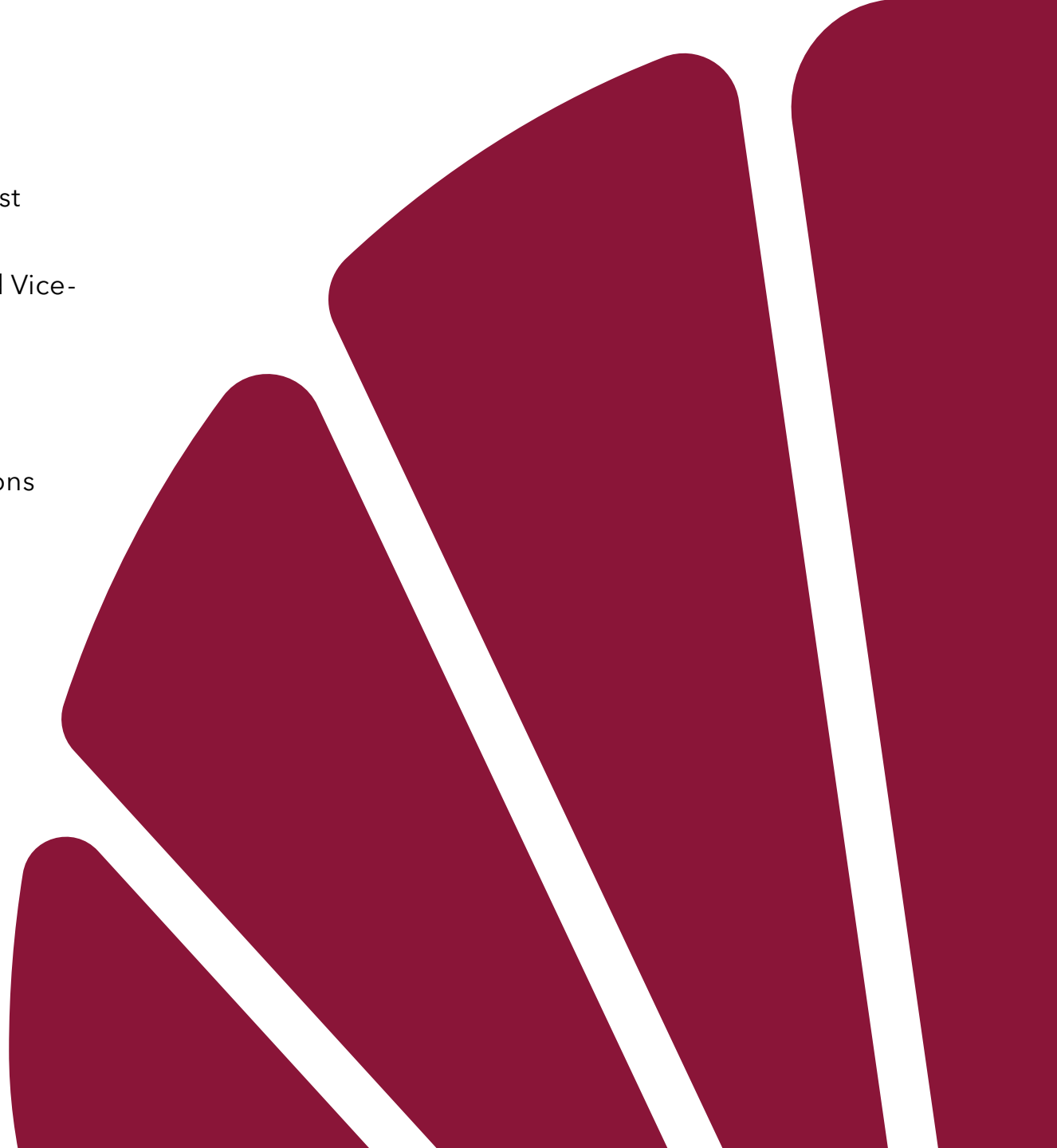
Welcoming Remarks

- Secretary-General
- PP-26 Chair-designate

Draft Agenda

1. Update on status of PP-26 preparations, by ITU and the Host Country
2. Structure of the Conference and nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair positions
3. Conduct of proceedings and working methods
4. Draft allocation of proposals to Committees
5. Discussions on themes identified and highlighted resolutions proposed by the Chair-designate:
    a. Financial Plan and Cost recovery
    b. Strategic Plan and Results-based management
    c. Regional presence
    d. AI
    e. Internet-related issues
    f. Cybersecurity
    g. Infrastructure-related issues
    h. Space 2030 and satellite-related issues
    i. Other topics to be proposed by the regions
6. Nomination of tellers
7. Draft time management plan
8. Other business

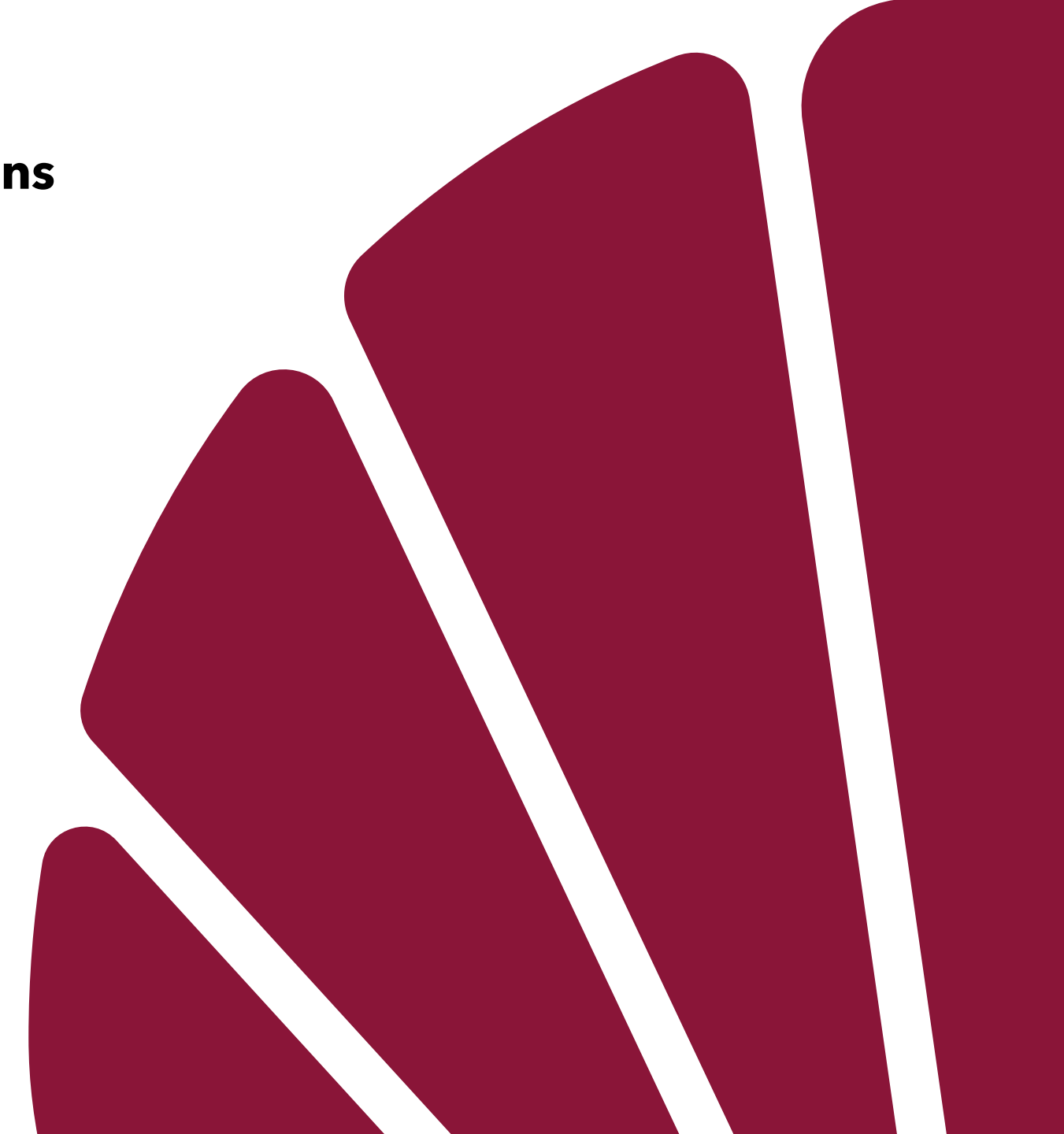


Status of Preparations

Secretariat Preparations

Update on secretariat preparations

- Latest information
- Ministerial programme
- GSMA/MWC Doha co-location
- Credentials
- Right to vote
- Registration and Hayya portal
- Organize your trip to Doha



Latest information

- CL-26/39: Enhancing the participation of delegates in the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 – Training Program
- CL-26/41: Organizational arrangements for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)
- CL-26/42: Organizational arrangements for high-level delegates (VIPs) for the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Doha, 2026)

- Newsletter edition 2 sent out via email

- Documents to the PP from the Council and the secretariat have been published here.

- Deadline for submission of candidatures expired yesterday.

Co-location of MWC26 Doha with PP-26

- The MWC26 Doha exhibition floor will be adjacent to PP-26
- ITU delegates may experience how advanced connectivity, AI and digital infrastructure are accelerating economic growth and societal progress around the globe.
- Full details can be found in the press release here.

Overview of the Ministerial Programme

8–11 November 2026, Doha, Qatar

Find more here

MWC26 Doha | GSMA Digital Leadership Forum

Sunday, 8 November 2026 | 09:30–12:30

State of Qatar Ministerial Roundtable

Sunday, 8 November 2026 | 14:00–17:00 | DECC, Hall and Room TBC

PP-26 Policy statements

Monday, 9 November (afternoon) to Friday, 13 November (afternoon)

PP-26 High-level Thematic Discussion on Resilience

Tuesday, 10 November 2026 | 14:30–17:30

PP-26 High-level Thematic Discussion on Emerging technologies

Wednesday, 11 November 2026 | 09:30–12:30

Ministers who would like to speak at a HLTD are invited to submit an expression of interest here **by 25 October 2026.** Speaking slots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

VIP Categories

VVIP: Heads of State, Heads of Government, Vice-Presidents, Crown Princes/Princesses, and immediate members of the Qatar Royal Family.

UN: Executive Heads of United Nations (UN) Agencies, elected officials of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the United Nations Resident Coordinator for Qatar.

MIN: Cabinet Ministers/Secretaries; Heads of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Administrations who do not have a Ministry of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) and are represented by another entity; Heads of Regulatory Authorities with Minister rank; Chair of PP-26; and Qatar local officials assigned at Ministerial level.

DMIN: Deputy Ministers.

AMB: Ambassadors, Special Envoys, and Special Guests.

Scan here for more information VIP services

VIP Categories and Services

	UN *Golden lanyard*	MIN *Golden lanyard*	DMIN *Golden lanyard*	AMB *Standard lanyard*
Airport meet & greet and access to VIP lounge	✓	✓	*No*	*No*
Car with private chauffeur (first 4 days) *Incl. for countries with diplomatic representation in Doha*	✓	✓	*No*	*No*
Liaison Officer	✓	✓	*No*	*No*
Access to the VIP drop-off/pick-up point at the venue	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fast-track security screening at the venue	✓	✓	✓	✓
Gala dinner special seating arrangements	✓	✓	✓	*No*
Access to VIP lounge at the venue	✓	✓	✓	✓
VIP Fast-track badging, and badge collection by 3rd party	✓	✓	✓	✓

Scan here for a slot request

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.
- Full information is available here and guidelines for delegations have been published here.

High-level Thematic Discussion on Resilience

Tuesday, 10 November 2026 | 14:30–17:30

A closed-door ministerial dialogue to share national perspectives, priorities and solutions for strengthening the resilience of telecommunication/ICT networks and services.

Details available here.

Scan here for a slot request

High-level Thematic Discussion on Emerging Technologies

Wednesday, 11 November 2026 | 09:30–12:30

A closed-door ministerial dialogue to exchange perspectives on how emerging technologies can support universal and meaningful connectivity through enhanced partnerships, knowledge-sharing and innovation ecosystems.

Details available here.

Bilateral Room booking

- Meeting rooms will be available at the PP-26 venue throughout the conference for bilateral meetings and delegation meetings.
- An online booking system will be available for delegations wishing to reserve a meeting room.
- Further information and booking details is available at: https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/participation/practical-info/meeting-room-bookings/
- The ITU secretariat will manage the meeting rooms for the Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 at the Doha Exhibition & Convention Center (DECC), Doha.

Credentials: reminder to submit

The circular letter on Credentials (CL-26/21) was dispatched on 24 March 2026 and a reminder (CL-26/38) was dispatched on 17 September 2026.

As a reminder:

- 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.
- Full information, including templates and a Q&A, is available here.

Right to vote

In order for a Member State to have the right to vote for the election and on a procedural or substantive issue the following conditions must be met:

1. Member State must be parties to the Geneva Constitution and Convention of the ITU (CS 210);
2. Member State must not be in arrears of payments to the Union for an amount equivalent to two years or more of the contribution due for the two preceding years (CS 169);
3. Credentials must be in order (see next slide).

List of Member States having the right to vote: Status of Member States

Registration of official delegates: register in 3 steps

1

REGISTER FOR PP-26

Use the online system.
An ITU user account creation/update is required

2

WAIT FOR CONFIRMATION

Upon approval by DRFP, you will receive a confirmation email with a unique registration ID (voucher)

3

COMPLETE HOST COUNTRY + HAYYA

Apply for the entry permit/ e-Visa, have Registration ID code ready

Do not begin Step 3 before receiving your PP-26 confirmation and registration ID (voucher)

Visas and entry permits are managed by the Host Country, not the ITU secretariat.

Badge collection- In person only. Registration Desk at DECC is open from Friday 6 November 2026.
IMPORTANT: Please bring along a copy (paper or digital) of your registration confirmation for badge collection

PP-26 registration **ITU account** **Hayya portal**

Hayya Portal

- Apply for an E-Visa (Hayya)
- All international delegates must have a valid Hayya Entry Permit, where applicable.
- Delegates must complete the Host Country registration and Hayya Entry Permit process via the designated online portal at https://hayya.qa.
- Please note that visas and entry permits are handled entirely by the Host Country, not the ITU secretariat.
- Delegates should not begin any separate **Host Country or Hayya application process BEFORE receiving their PP-26 confirmation** of registration and unique Registration ID code (voucher).

Participation targets

REPRESENTATION TARGETS

40% **women in delegations**

20% **youth delegates under 35 years**

DELEGATION MEDIA REPS

Delegation photographers and videographers should request **delegation accreditation** instead of media accreditation.

View guidelines

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES RESIDING IN QATAR

Including embassy personnel: do not use the Host Country/Hayya portal. Contact Guest Management for guidance.

ITU-delegations@gm.gov.qa

Organize your trip to Doha

- Information on travel, visas, accommodation, the city of Doha, and the country of Qatar can be found on the Host Country's website here.

- **Qatar Airways promotional fare:**
  - A special promotional code for PP-26 delegates is now available for flights to Doha.
  - Use code **ITUP26** when booking via the Host Country Flights page (book by 27 November; travel 30 October – 7 December 2026).
- **Al Maha Services promotion:**
  - Premium Meet &Assist services at Hamad International Airport are available with a 20% discount
  - Use code **ITUP26** when booking via the Host Country Flights page.

Thank you!

For further info contact gbs@itu.int

Host Country Preparations

Structure of the Conference, and nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair positions

Conference structure

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BASED ON
ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE - 2022

COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	COMMITTEE 6	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
Steering Committee	Credentials	Budget	Editorial	Policy and legal issues	Administration and management	Issues related to public policies
Statutory (GR 12.1)	*Statutory (GR12.2)*	*Statutory (GR 12.3)*	*Statutory (GR 12.4)*	*Substantive*	*Substantive*	*Substantive*

Committees' Terms of Reference

Based on PP-22

COMMITTEE 1
Steering Committee

Coordinate all matters connected with the smooth execution of work and plan the order and number of meetings, avoiding overlapping wherever possible in view of the limited number of members of some delegations (No. 67 of the General Rules).

Committees' Terms of Reference

Based on PP-22

COMMITTEE 2

Credentials

Verify the credentials of delegations and report on its conclusions to the Plenary Meeting within the time specified by the latter (No. 68 of the General Rules).

Committees' Terms of Reference

Based on PP-22

COMMITTEE 3

Budget

Determine the organization and the facilities available to the delegates, examine and approve the accounts for expenditure incurred throughout the duration of the Conference and report to the Plenary Meeting on the estimated total expenditure of the Conference and on the estimated costs entailed by the execution of the decisions of the Conference (No. 71 and 73 of the General Rules).

Committees' Terms of Reference

Based on PP-22

COMMITTEE 4

Editorial

Perfect the form of the texts to be included in the Final Acts of the Conference, without altering the sense, for submission to the Plenary Meeting (No. 69 of the General Rules).

Committees' Terms of Reference

Based on PP-22

COMMITTEE 5

Policy and legal issues

Consider reports and proposals related to policy matters of the Union, including the reports submitted by the Council on the activities of the Union, recommend appropriate decisions with respect to the activities of the General Secretariat and the three Sectors, examine proposals for amending the Constitution, Convention, General Rules and Optional Protocol and, taking into account relevant reports and recommendations from Committee 6 and the Working Group of the Plenary, recommend all appropriate actions to the Plenary. Consider any other questions of a legal nature raised during the Conference and transmit to Committee 6 matters having financial implications.

Committees' Terms of Reference

Based on PP-22

COMMITTEE 6

Administration and management

Consider the draft Strategic Plan and other reports and proposals relating to the Strategic Plan, examine relevant reports and proposals on the general management of the Union, in particular those relating to financial and human resources and relevant parts of the reports submitted by other Committees and Working Groups; prepare draft financial policies and a draft financial plan for 2028-2031 and recommend to the Plenary all appropriate decisions related to the management of the Union's activities; transmit to Committee 5 matters requiring amendments to the Constitution, Convention and the General Rules

Committees' Terms of Reference

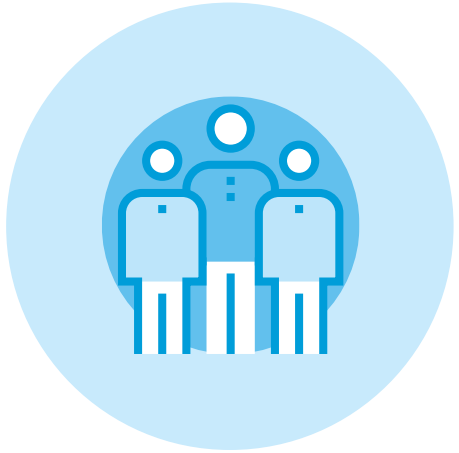
Based on PP-22

WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)

Issues related to public policies

Consider reports and proposals and recommend appropriate actions with regard to issues related to public policies, including Internet, and other general matters; and transmit to Committee 5 matters requiring amendments to the Constitution, Convention and General Rules, and to Committee 6 matters having financial implications.

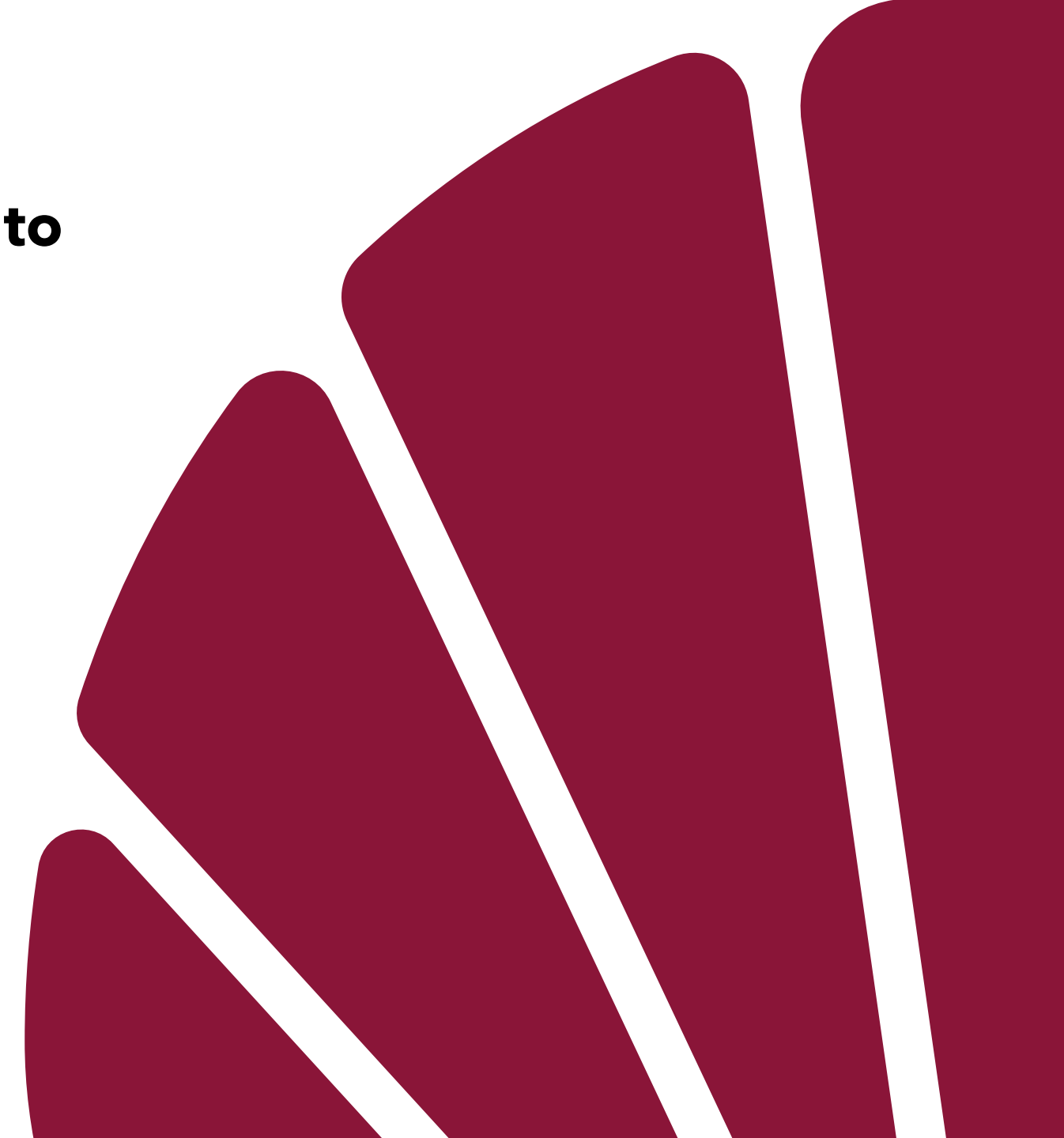
Proposing Chairs and Vice-Chairs



- General Rules, No. 49. Proposals for chairs and vice-chairs of the conference and its committees should take into account the principle of rotation, gender balance, geographical distribution, and the necessary competencies.
- Proposals are made by the ITU Secretary-General in consultation with the regions.
- The number of vice-chairs proposed will be in accordance with conference needs; 6 vice-chairs for PP-26, and 1 chair and 6 vice-chairs per committee (except Com 4).

Conduct of Proceedings and working methods

Draft allocation of proposals to Committees



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- Strategic Plan and Results-based management
- Regional Presence

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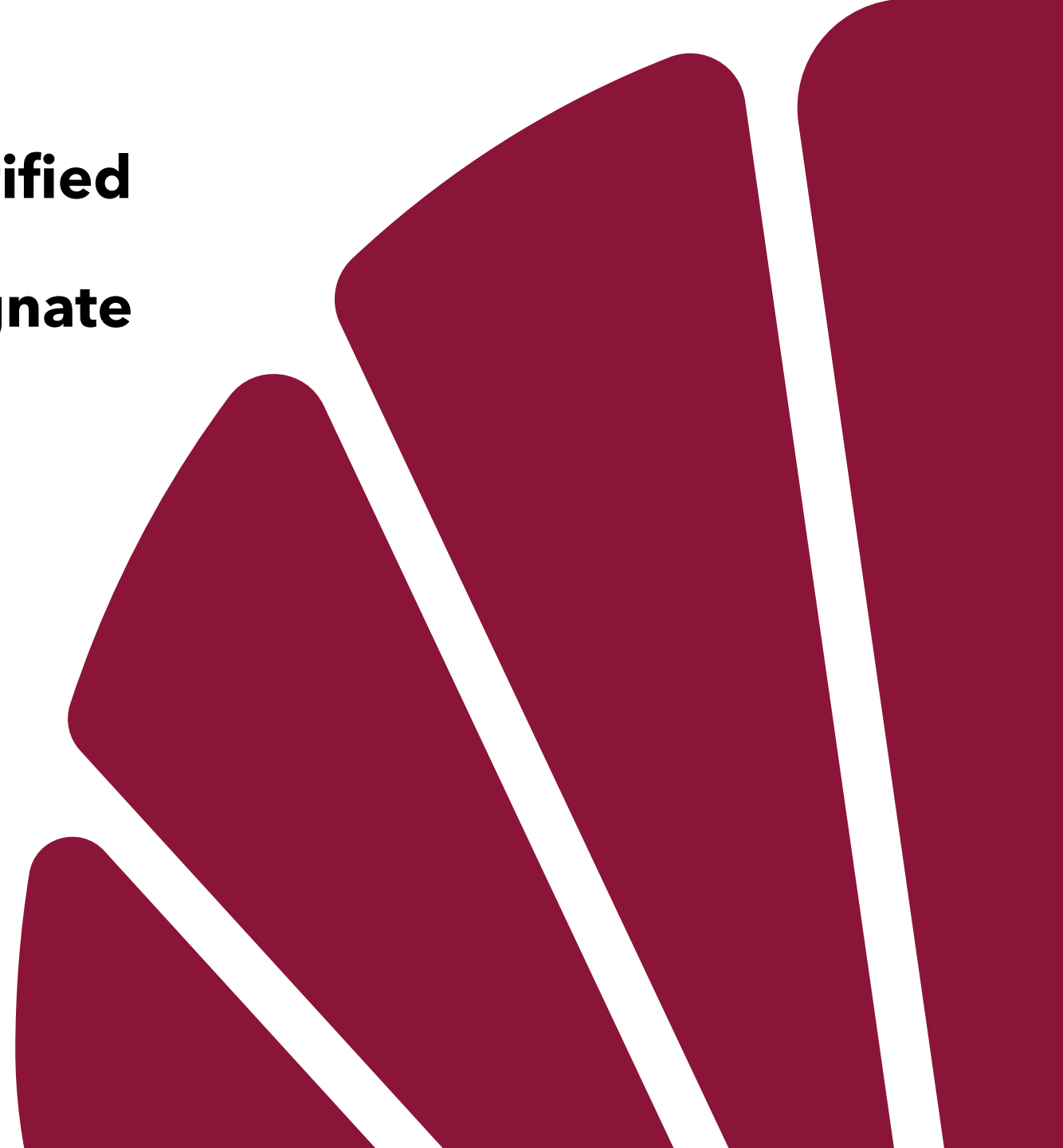
- Internet-related issues
- Cybersecurity



Discussions on themes identified and highlighted resolutions proposed by the Chair-designate

- Infrastructure-related issues
- Space 2030 and satellite-related issues
- Other topics to be proposed by the regions

Nomination of tellers

Proposing tellers for elections and votes

- Each team of tellers comprises 5 tellers (one teller for each administrative region: A, B, C, D, E).
- Tellers shall be designated by the Chair of the Conference based on informal consultation with regions (GR 176).
- Teams of tellers will be established. One team is used for the different rounds of the same election.
- Regions are encouraged to send their nominations for tellers to the secretariat in advance of the conference.

Draft time management plan

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The draft time management plan has been posted as ADM/2.

Please note these updated times:
Saturday, 7 November 2026: Last meeting of the 2026 Session of the Council, 0930-1230 hours

Sunday, 8 November 2026: Informal meeting of Heads of Delegation, time TBD

Monday, 9 November 2026:
- Formal meeting of Heads of Delegation, 0930-1030 hours
- Opening Ceremony, 1100-1200 hours
- First Plenary Meeting, 1430-1730 hours

Other business

Thank you!

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