

Towards the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026

21 April 2026, Belgrade

Sixth South East European (SEE) Roundtable for Governments and Regulators



General overview

1. What is the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference?
2. Who can participate?
3. Proposed Conference structure and timeline
4. Key dates and deadlines
5. How to prepare for the Conference as a Region?

Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 (PP-26)

The Plenipotentiary Conference (PP) is the highest policy-making body of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

ITU's 22nd Plenipotentiary Conference will be held in Doha, Qatar, from Monday, 9 to Friday, 27 November 2026 in the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center.

Full details on the event can be found on ITU's website at <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/> and the Host Country's website at <http://pp26-doha.gov.qa/>.



What is the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference?

Status and objectives

ITUPP
supreme organ of the Union
 (CS, Art.7)

Determines the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union

Elects the management team of the Union (Secretary-General, Deputy Secretary-General, and 3 Directors), the 48 Council Member States and 12 RRB Members

- Amends CS & CV
- Adopts the Financial Plan & Strategic Plan
- Adopts the Final Acts

Held every

4

years

During

3

weeks

Attending

≈ **2900**

participants

Agenda of the Conference

Stated in Article 8 of the ITU Constitution

a) determine the general policies for fulfilling the purposes of the Union prescribed in Article 1 of the Constitution;

b) consider the reports by the Council on the activities of the Union since the previous plenipotentiary conference and on the policy and strategic planning of the Union;

c) establish the basis for the budget of the Union and determine, in the light of its decisions taken on the reports referred to in No. 50 of the Constitution, related financial limits until the next plenipotentiary conference, after considering all relevant aspects of the work of the Union in that period;

d) establish, using the procedures described in Nos. 161D to 161G of the Constitution, the total number of contributory units for the period up to the next plenipotentiary conference on the basis of the classes of contribution announced by Member States;

e) provide any general directives dealing with the staffing of the Union and, if necessary, fix the basic salaries, the salary scales and the system of allowances and pensions for all the officials of the Union;

f) examine the accounts of the Union and finally approve them, if appropriate;

g) elect the Member States which are to serve on the Council;

h) elect the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General and the Directors of the Bureaux of the Sectors as elected officials of the Union;

i) elect the members of the Radio Regulations Board;

j) consider and adopt, if appropriate, proposals for amendments to the Constitution and the Convention, put forward by Member States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 55 of the Constitution and the relevant provisions of the Convention, respectively;

k) conclude or revise, if necessary, agreements between the Union and other international organizations, examine any provisional agreements with such organizations concluded by the Council on behalf of the Union, and take such measures in connection therewith as it deems appropriate;

l) adopt and amend the Rules of Procedure of conferences and other meetings of the Union;

m) deal with such other telecommunication questions as may be necessary.

Who can participate?

Invitations have been sent to the following categories of entities entitled to participate (ref. CV/Art. 23):

- Member States [CV/268]
 - [CL-25/47](#): Invitation on behalf of the Government of Qatar
 - [CL-25/48](#): Important information from the ITU Secretary-General
- Palestine [Res. 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)]
- Observer Organizations by virtue of CV Nos 269A, 269B, 269D:
 - the United Nations and its specialized agencies;
 - the International Atomic Energy Agency;
 - regional telecommunication organizations mentioned in Article 43 of the Constitution
 - [DM-25/1007](#): Invitation from the ITU Secretary-General
- ITU Sector Members by virtue of CV Nos 229 and 231 and Observer Organizations by virtue of CV No 269 C (intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems)
 - [DM-25/1006](#): Invitation from the ITU Secretary-General







Note: ITU Associates and Academia are not invited

Conference structure

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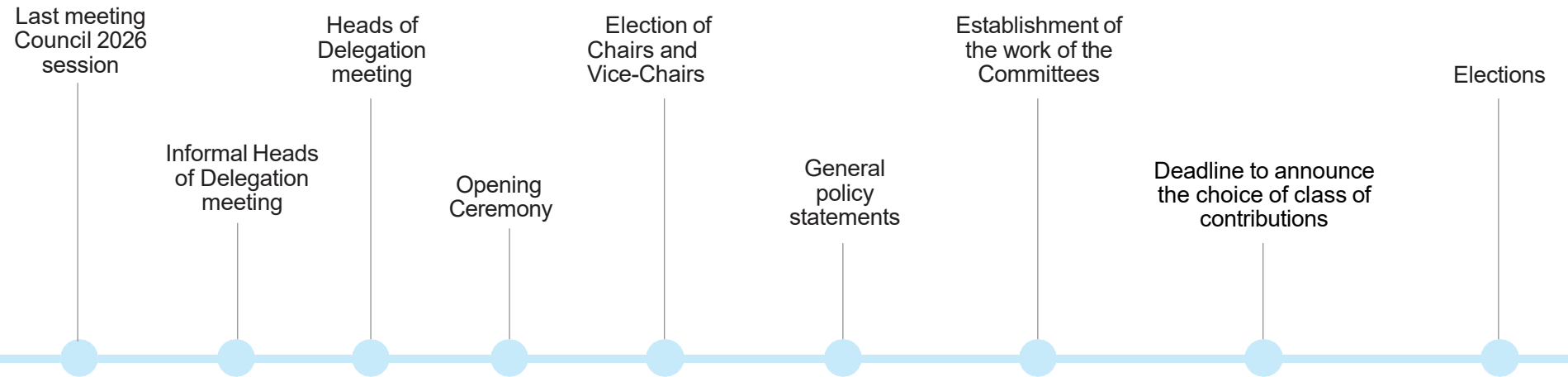
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COMMITTEE 1	COMMITTEE 2	COMMITTEE 3	COMMITTEE 4	COMMITTEE 5	COMMITTEE 6	WORKING GROUP OF THE PLENARY (WG-PL)
						
Steering Committee	Credentials	Budget	Editorial	Policy and legal issues	Administration and management	Issues related to public policies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

Proposed timeline

Proposed conference timeline

7-27 November



WEEK 1

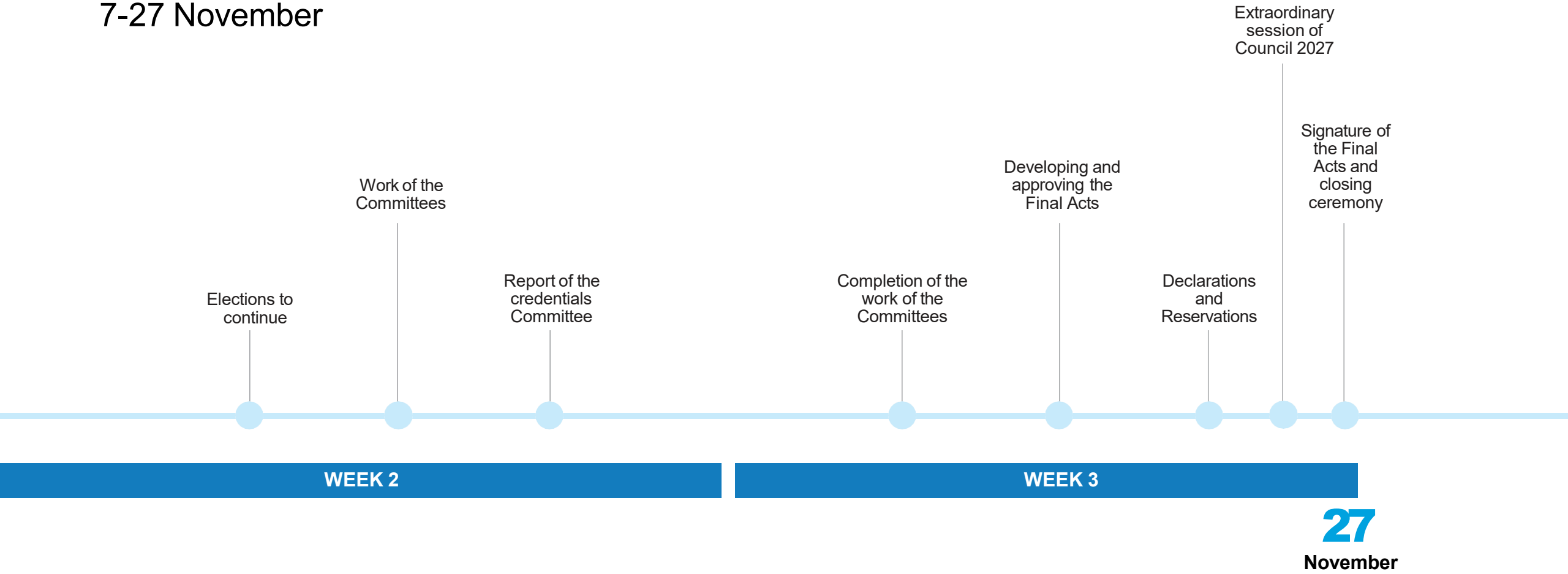
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November

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Important upcoming deadlines



Important deadlines



Lessons learned from PP-22

Draft Time Management Plan for PP-22 published in Document ADM/2-E

The draft TMP for PP-26 will be proposed to C26.



PP-22 DRAFT TIME MANAGEMENT PLAN (26 SEPTEMBER – 14 OCTOBER 2022)

	WEEK 1 26 September		WEEK 2 3 October		WEEK 3 10 October	
M O N D A Y	09.45	Heads of Delegation Meeting	09.30	Plenary (1.5h): - Elections: RRB & Council followed by Committee 6 (1.5h)	09.30	Committee 6 (3h) Committee 5 (1.5h) followed by WG-PL (1.5h)
	11.15	Opening Ceremony	12.30		12.30	
	14.30 – 17.30	First Plenary (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 14.30 – 17.30	Steering Committee WG-PL (1.5h) Committee 6 (1.5h) followed by Committee 5 (1.5h) Committee 4 at 18.00	14.30 – 17.30	Plenary (1.5h) followed by Committee 5 (1.5h) Committee 3 (end) (1.5h)
	17.30	Steering Committee			17.30	Steering Committee
	27 September		4 October		11 October	
T U E S D A Y	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (3h): - Policy statements WG-PL (1.5h) followed by Committee 6 (1.5h)	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (1.5h) followed by Committee 6 (1.5h) WG-PL (1.5h)	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (1.5h) - Committee 3 report to PL followed by Committee 6 (1.5h) WG-PL (1.5h)
	14.30 – 17.30	Plenary (3h): - Policy statements Committee 5 (3h) Committee 5 (3h)	14.30 – 17.30		14.30 – 17.30	WG-PL (1.5h) followed by Committee 5 (end) (1.5h) Committee 6 (1.5h)
					17.30	Steering Committee
	28 September		5 October		12 October	
W E D N E S D A Y	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (3h): - Policy statements Committee 6 (3h) WG-PL (3h)	09.30 – 12.30	Committee 3 (end) (3h) Committee 6 (1.5h)	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (1.5h) followed by WG-PL (1.5h)
	14.30 – 17.30	Plenary (3h): - Policy statements Committee 5 (3h) Committee 3 (1.5h, start at 16.00)	14.30 – 17.30	Committee 5 (1.5h) followed by WG-PL (1.5h)	14.30 – 17.30	Committee 6 (end) (1.5h) WG-PL (end) (1.5h)
	23.59 GVA time	Proposed deadline for definitive choice of class of contribution				
	29 September		6 October		13 October	
T H U R S D A Y	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (3h): - Elections: SG	09.30 – 12.30	Committee 6 (1.5h)	09.30 – 12.30	Plenary (3h)
	14.30 – 17.30	14.00-14.50: WG-PL Plenary (3h): - Policy statements - Elections: DSG	14.30 – 17.30	16.00 Plenary (1.5h): - Committee 2 report to PL	14.30 – 17.30	Plenary (3h)
	17.30	Steering Committee	17.30	Steering Committee		
	30 September		7 October		14 October	
F R I D A Y	09.00 – 12.00	Plenary (3h): - Policy statements - Elections: Directors	09.00 – 12.00	Committee 6 (1.5h) followed by Committee 5 (1.5h)	08.30 – 09.30	Plenary (1h) Extraordinary session of the Council (2.5h)
	14.30 – 17.30	14.00-15.00: Committee 6 Plenary: - Elections: BDT Director second and rounds	14.30 – 17.30	WG-PL (1.5h) Committee 6 (1.5h) followed by Committee 5 (1.5h)	14.30 – 17.30	Plenary (3h): - Signing and closing ceremony

Informal inter-regional preparatory meetings



Council 2025 confirmed the importance of the inter-regional preparatory meetings. Four meetings are planned as follows:

- **1st meeting** in conjunction with CWG cluster (12-23 January 2026): 13 January 2026, 13.00-14.30, Geneva;
- **2nd meeting** in conjunction with C26 (28 April – 8 May 2026): 30 April 2026, 13.00-14.30, Geneva + hybrid;
- **3rd meeting** in conjunction with WTPF-26 (9-11 June 2026): 10 June 2026, 13.00-14.30, Nassau + hybrid;
- **4th meeting**: after the deadline for submission of candidatures (12 October 2026 at 23.59 Geneva time), 14-15 October 2026 (TBC), Saudi Arabia + hybrid.

Regional preparatory meetings



The PP-26 regional preparatory process has started in all the regions. The calendar of meetings can be found on the PP-26 website:

<https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/about/pp-preparatory/>.

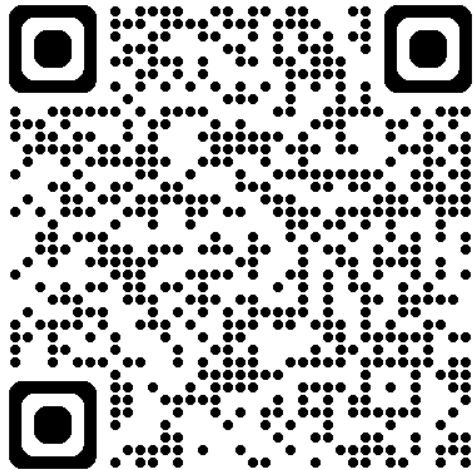
How to prepare on a regional level



- Identify tellers
- Identify Chairs and Vice-chairs
- Elaborate regional or multi-country proposals
- Participate in meetings of other regional groups if invited
- Participate in the inter-regional preparatory meetings
- Nomination of regional focal points per theme as well as a focal point on youth and women per region

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.

<https://www.itu.int/net4/proposals/CPI/PP26>

Submit a candidature



- All candidatures must reach the Secretary-General at ppelections@itu.int 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).
- For Elected Official and RRB positions, the candidature should be sent with name, CV and vision statement (in Word version), and photo (JPEG).
- All candidatures are posted on PP-26 website at <https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/elections/candidates/>

Proposing tellers for elections and votes



- Each team of tellers is composed of 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.

PP website and HC website



Further information on the PP-26 Conference can be found on the PP-26 website:

<https://pp.itu.int/2026/en/>.

Further information on Doha, visas, and hotel reservations can be found on the Host Country website: <http://pp26-doha.gov.qa/>.

Dedicated newsletters

Regular newsletters will be sent to Member States with reminders on deadlines, information, etc. The first one was sent in December.



PP-26 preparation for Member States

Start getting ready for PP-26!
Here's what you need to know



Reply to the invitation ([CL-25/47](#))

- Send your response to sg-registration@itu.int



Meet the [PP-26 Chair-designate](#)

- Get familiar with the leadership guiding the Conference



Take a crash course on what the PP is

- Review the [overview presentation](#)



Learn about the elections & submit candidatures

- Read about the [election process](#)
- Submit candidatures to ppelections@itu.int



Set your contributory unit strategy ([CL-25/36](#))

- Choose your provisional class of contributory unit by 31 December 2025



First deadline for proposals to amend C-S/ICV (C S 224 / CV 519): 9 March

- Prepare and [submit your proposal](#) before the deadline



Check out the Host Country's website

- Visit the [website](#) for logistics and local information

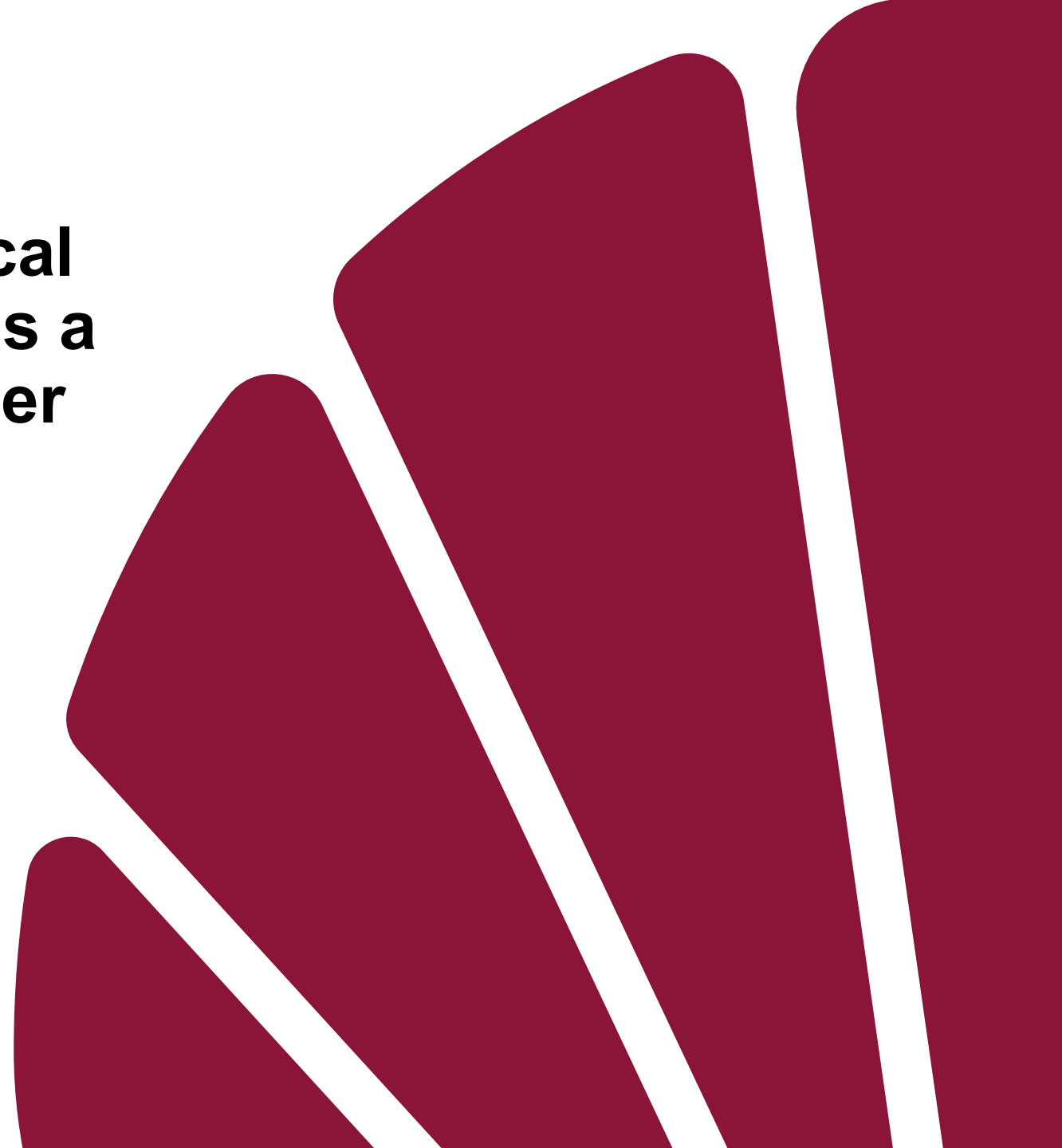
Improvement of the PP digital experience



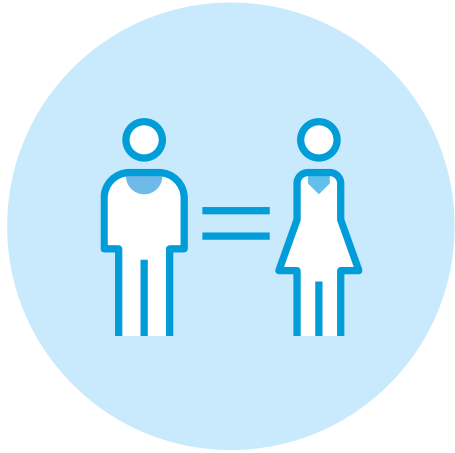
As part of the ongoing transformation project, the secretariat is advancing several initiatives aimed at integrating AI technologies to improve the PP digital experience.

In this context, the secretariat will be conducting interviews this week with delegates. For those who are interested in giving their feedback and contributing to this process, you can choose a time slot (30 minutes) via this [Calendly link](#). Your participation and perspective would be highly valuable to this work.

Nomination of regional focal points per theme as well as a FP on youth and women per region

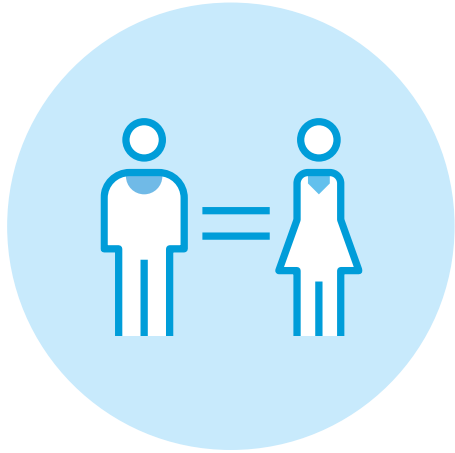


Participation of women in PP-26



- Council 2025 agreed on the importance of improving the participation of women in the conference, as well as on strengthening the leadership of women delegates in the Union's work.
- The Secretary-General is encouraging Member States to include more women in their delegation to reach at least 40% of women participants at PP-26.
- As was done at PP-22 with the financial support of Australia, the secretariat is considering organizing training, networking, and mentoring opportunities before and during PP-26.

Participation of women in PP



What can Member States do to at regional level to improve the participation of women in PP?

- Nominate women for chair and vice-chair positions
- Nominate women for tellers
- Involve the different ITU Network of Women in the preparatory process
- Nominate a woman as a focal point for this initiative at the regional level in the preparatory process

Participation of youth in PP



- Council 2025 agreed on the importance of encouraging the participation of youth in the conference.
- The Secretary-General is encouraging Member States to include youth under 35 years in their delegation at PP-26.
- In order to encourage an active participation of youth as delegates and observers, the secretariat is considering organizing capacity building, networking, inter-generational dialogues, and mentoring opportunities before and during PP-26.

Participation of youth in PP



What can Member States at regional level do to advance youth empowerment at PP?

- Include youth in their delegation
- Nominate a young person as a youth regional focal point in the preparatory process

An information session on women and youth participation in PP-26 will be organized on Wednesday, 21 January at 12.30-13.00 in Popov.



ITU PP26 Logo



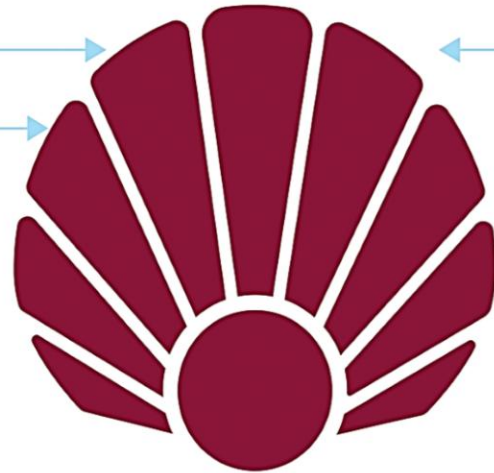
Pearl cultivation as Qatar's cultural symbol

Pearls reflect Qatar's heritage, symbolizing prosperity, beauty, and tradition. The shell and pearl in the logo highlight both Qatar's cultural roots and the uniqueness of the event.



The significance of the number nine

The number 9 references the nine serrated points on Qatar's flag, marking its place as the ninth member of the Trucial States. In numerology, it symbolizes transition and new beginnings—aligning with the conference's goals.



The connected dot

The central dot in the logo evokes digital connectivity and future communications, reflecting the event's focus on technology.



Colour

The logo incorporates the Qatar flag colour.



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**ITU Plenipotentiary
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Delegate Information Pack



ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2026 Delegate Information Pack - 2025



Conference Venue



Travel to and around Qatar



Accommodation



Logistics and Services

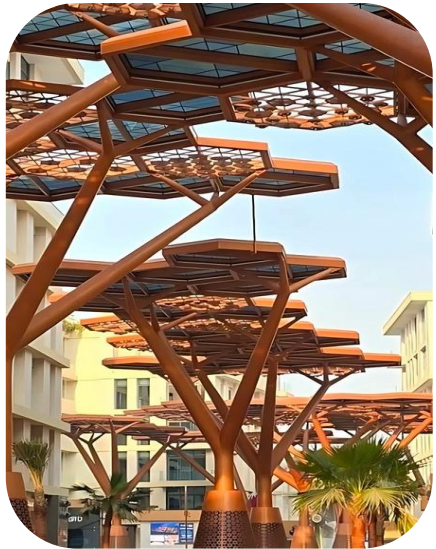


Tourism, Leisure & Hospitality



Local festivals and cultural events







Thank you!

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