

Update on ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2022 preparations

26 September – 14 October
Bucharest, Romania

3rd informal interregional preparatory meeting
30-31 August, 2022
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

As of 25 August 2022



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Update on preparations (as of 26 August 2022)

In order to prepare your efficient participation to the 2022 Plenipotentiary Conference, several presentations have been prepared and posted on <https://www.itu.int/pp22/en/about/pp-preparatory/>

- Introduction to PP
- Election process explained
- Document process explained
- Drafting of ITU resolutions
- Final Days of conference
- How ITU is funded
- Right to vote

Today we will update you with some new information.

General overview

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Update on PP preparations

Gentle reminders:

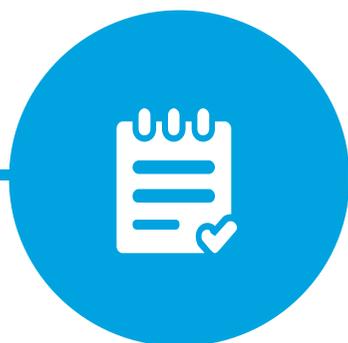
PP-22 Registration (in progress)



Registration process

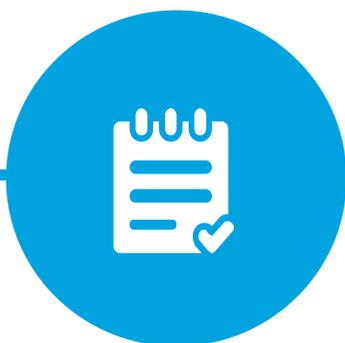
- An [ITU user account](#) is required to register to PP-22.
- Each delegate must complete/submit a [registration request form](#) and provide their passport details (mandatory for all).
- Registration requests must be **validated by the corresponding Designated Focal Points (DFPs)**.
- Staff from Embassies in Bucharest are invited to register following the above procedure.
- **Quick registration procedure in place for VIPs:** <https://pp22.itu.int/en/protocol-services/>.
- **Visa support:** provided by the HC to registered delegated (approved by their DFP) : <https://bucharestpp22.gov.ro/visas/>

Gentle reminders:



- Speaking slots can be requested online (TIES username and password required) on the PP website where Member States can indicate three preferred dates/times. Please be aware that the first two days (Monday, 26 September PM and Tuesday, 27 September AM and PM) are already extremely full.
- Following CL-22/27 on the organizational arrangements for Ministers and high-level delegates for PP-22, you are reminded to make the necessary preparations for participation of VVIPs and VIPs. **Please note Access to Conference Centre via A1 Access point.**
- Following CL-22/4 of 28 June 2022 concerning Credentials of Member State delegations participating in the Plenipotentiary Conference of ITU (PP-22), you are reminded to submit the original Credentials document to the ITU Headquarters at the latest on 20 September 2022.
- Following CL-22/23 of Provisional choice of class of contribution by Member States of the Union for the period from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2027,

Gentle reminders:



- Deadline for submission of contributions (Res. 165): **Monday, 5 September 2022**
- ITU News Interview: Candidates wishing to participate in these email interviews must submit their answers **at the latest by Friday, 2 September 2022 at 23:59 Geneva time**
- Definitive value of the Contributory Unit and fixed deadline of definitive choice of the class of contribution: **26 September**
- Proposed deadline to announce their final choice of class of contribution: **28 September at 23:59 Geneva time**

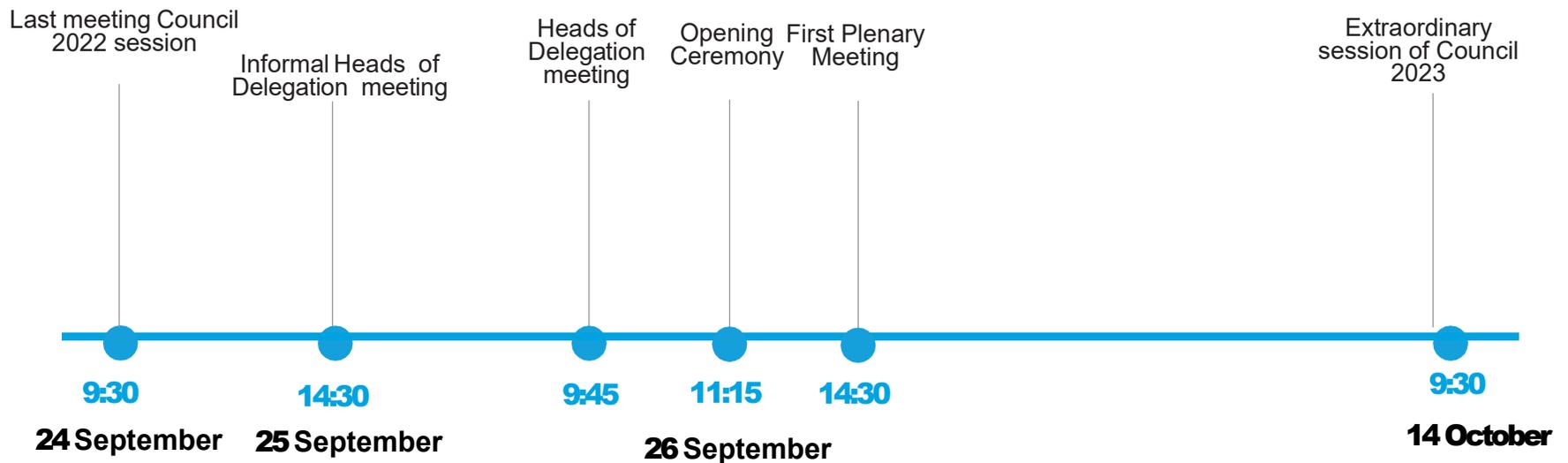
Please prepare your contribution through CPI and track the proposals through PMW



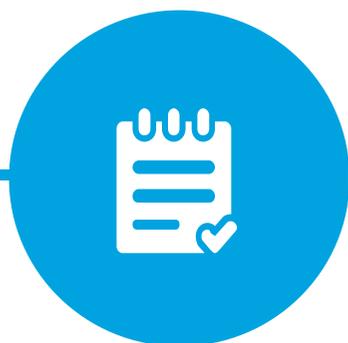
- To prepare and submit your proposal, refer to this page: <https://www.itu.int/pp22/documents/submission-of-proposals>
- The electronic tool Conference Proposal Interface (CPI) facilitates
 - the preparation and submission of proposals from authorized membership during a Conference.
 - the search in the current collection of basic texts of the ITU adopted at the last Plenipotentiary Conference.
- Once submitted in CPI, proposals can be easily tracked in the Proposals Management Web (PMW).
- Guidelines on how to use CPI and PMW are available on the PP-22 website. [Proposal Management System \(PMS\) user guide \(itu.int\)](#)
Note: some ITU contributions are available on CPI, such as a draft revised Res. 71, etc. They can be found by filtering under source “SG” or “CL”
- CPI (accessible to TIES users): <https://www.itu.int/net4/proposals/CPI/PP22>
- PMW: <https://www.itu.int/net4/proposals/PP22#>

Draft Calendar of work

- To assist you with preparation for the work of the conference, a preliminary draft time management plan for PP-22 was presented to Council 2022. It was published as an information document on the C22 website: <https://www.itu.int/md/S22-CL-INF-0011/en>. It will be updated after the deadline of contributions.
- The CL on Informal meeting of HoDs and time of formal meeting of HoDs will be sent this week**



Side and Social Events



- **Sunday, 25 September: Ministerial round table**
- Friday, 30 September: Strengthening Women's Empowerment and Leadership in the ITU, High-level Panel and Networking Breakfast to be held in the Palace of Parliament.
- Youth Event in the second week
- Equals in Tech in the third week (TBC)

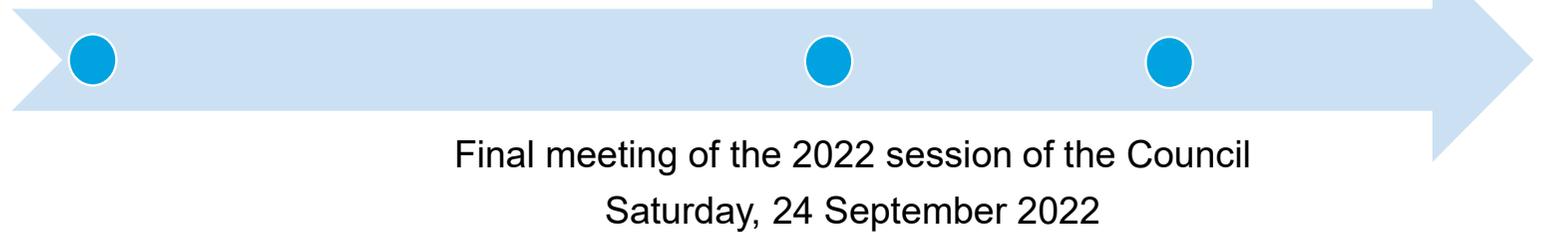
Further details will be provided on the **PP-22 website** in due course.

The calendar of social events has been published on the [PP-22 website](#)

Council meetings in Bucharest

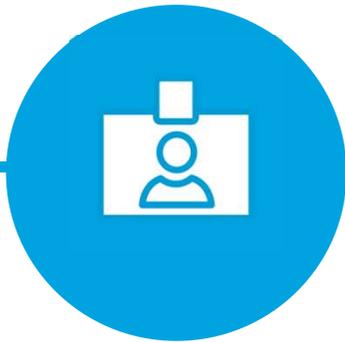
Council 22
March 21-31, 2022

The Extraordinary session of Council 23
Friday, 14 October 2022



- The draft agenda will be revised to include some financial items following [CL-22/20](#) sent in June regarding the invitation letter for Final meeting of the 2022 session of the council. The updated version will be circulated soon.
- The [CL-22/26](#) on Nomination of candidates for the positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Council Working Groups (CWGs) for the 2023-2026 period/cycle was sent on June 30 and the final list of candidates will be submitted for consideration and approval at the Extraordinary 2023 Session of the Council

Final days of the conference.



Declarations/Reservations concerning the Final Acts

- Between the final adoption, in second reading of the last texts of the Final Acts and the signing ceremony, a period of up to 24 hours is required for the preparation of the Final Acts and for the deposit/noting and publishing of the declarations/reservations.
- When the last text to be included in the Final Acts has been approved in second reading by the PL, a time limit of 4 hours is set to deposit of declarations/reservations.

The Signing Ceremony will be held during the last Plenary

| What are the Final Acts of PP? (1/2)

- “[n]ormally used to designate a **document** which constitutes a **formal statement or summary of the proceedings of an international conference**, recording the result of its deliberations, including as the case may be, **enumerating the treaties or related treaty instruments drawn up, together with any resolutions or voeux adopted by the conference**” (Satow)
- **GR 162**: “The texts of the final acts approved by [PP, WRC, WCIT] **shall be submitted for signature**, in the alphabetical order of the Member States’ names in French, to the delegates provided with the powers defined in Article 31 of the Convention”

What are the Final Acts of PP? (2/2)



- Amendments to Constitution and/or Convention, if any;
- Amendments to General Rules, if any;
- Revised & New Decisions, Resolutions, Recommendations(*);
- Abrogated Decisions, Resolutions, Recommendations(*);
- Reservations & Declarations;
- Signatories

* *Decision 3 (Minneapolis 1998)*

Reservations/Declarations at PP

- **CV 340**: Any Member State that, during a plenipotentiary conference, reserves its right to make reservations as specified in its declaration **when signing the final acts, may make reservations regarding an amendment to the Constitution or to this Convention [...]**
- Hence, filing of **reservations/declarations is not conceivable if there are no amendments to the Constitution or to the Convention.**

- **“Reservation”**: *a unilateral statement, however phrased or named, made by a State [...] when signing, ratifying, formally confirming, accepting, approving or acceding to a treaty, [...] whereby the State [...] purports to exclude or to modify the legal effect of certain provisions of the treaty in their application to that State [...].*
- **“[.]Declaration”**: a unilateral statement, however phrased or named, made by a State or an international organization, whereby that State or that organization purports to specify or clarify the meaning or scope of a treaty or of certain of its provisions
(ILC report, UNGA, A/66/10/Add.1)

Practical changes to final days of PP, if no amendments to CS/CV

- Signing Ceremony may still take place, as planned:
 - Final acts may be signed during Signing Ceremony by those Member States whose credentials are found to be in order (GR 162, CV Art. 31)
- However, since there is no amendment to a treaty:
 - No filing of reservations and declarations, counter-reservations and counter-declarations
 - No need for Member States to ratify, accept, approve of or accede to the Final Acts, after the end of the conference

Proposing Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen



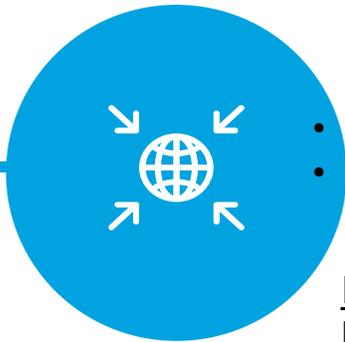
- General Rules, No. 66. Steering Committee (Com1) shall normally be composed of the Chairman of the conference or meetings, who shall be its chairman, the vice-chairmen of conference and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees.
- Submit your proposals to the ITU Secretary-General as soon as possible and please kindly provide the candidate's full name and title (Mrs/Ms/Mr).

Proposing tellers for elections and votes



- One team of **Tellers for all the elections and votes** will be composed of 5 tellers. + 5 alternates
- Elections are based on the administration regions : A, B, C, D, E, one teller as well as an alternate for each administrative region.

Room booking



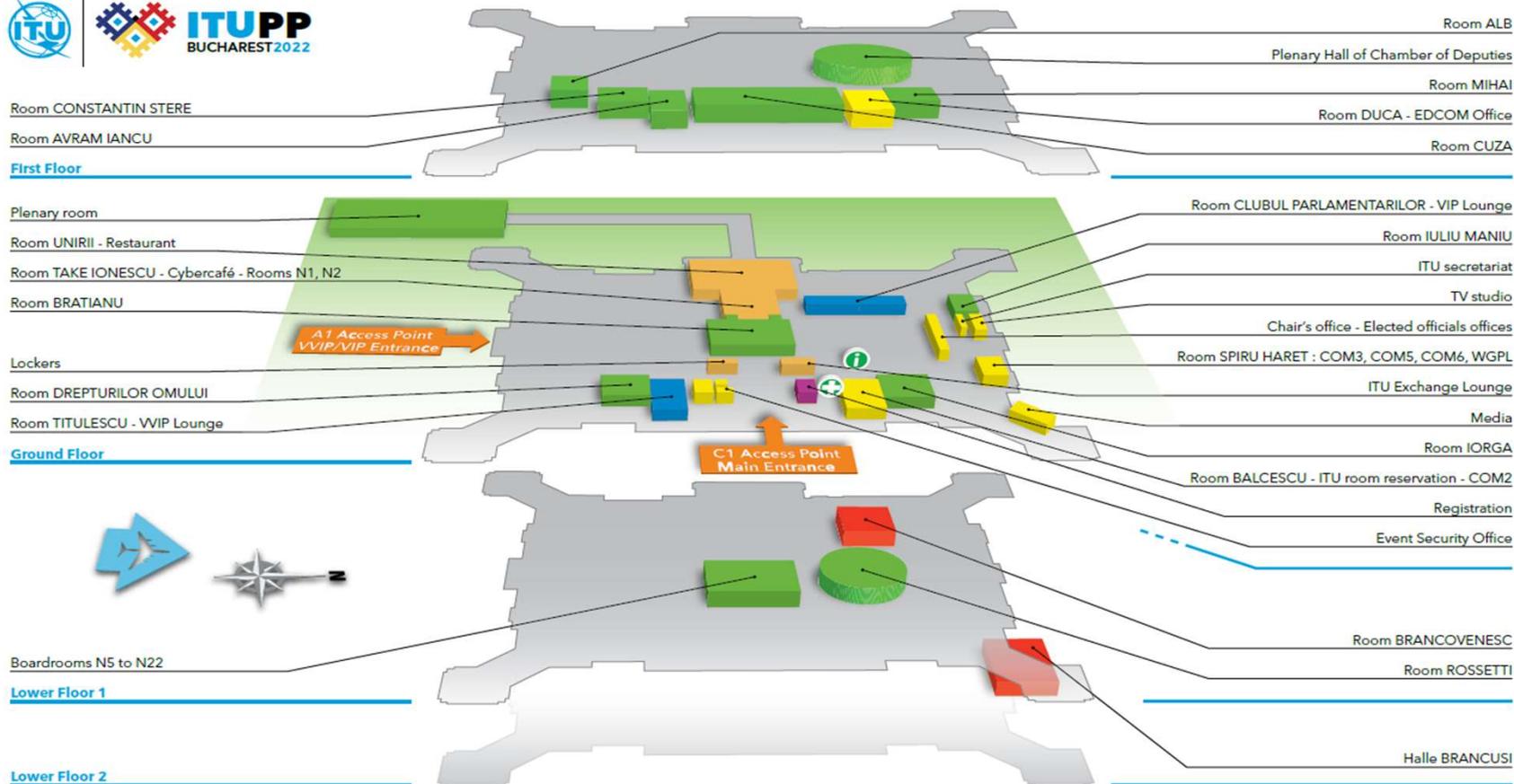
- Meeting rooms within the Conference premises at the Palace of Parliament will be managed by the ITU secretariat.
- Delegations wishing to reserve a room are requested to contact the Room Reservations Service at conf-logistics@itu.int, with an indication of the time of the meeting and the number of participants.
- Requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
- During the Conference, the Room Reservation Service will be located in the Conference venue (exact office number TBD).

Important information:

Meeting facilities at PP-22 are primarily reserved for the work of the Conference and due to the limited number of meeting rooms, and with a view of fairness to all participants the following terms and conditions will apply:

- The requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis and are restricted to 2 non-consecutive slots of 1.5 hours per day per delegation.
- The meeting rooms cannot be booked to serve as working space or office suites.
- When processing the requests, the following order of precedence will apply: 1) Committees of the PP and their working/drafting groups; 2) Member States and Regional Telecommunication Organizations; 3) Other Entities. Therefore, please take note that a reservation made in advance could be cancelled and rescheduled as and when necessary, according to the load of requests and the nature of the reservations

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Communications



Goal: Break records in making PP-22 gender-responsive, green and inclusive of youth

Newsroom: <https://www.itu.int/pp22/en/newsroom/>

Advocacy kit (6 languages) – what can ITU, Host Country Romania, Member States and delegates do:

<https://www.itu.int/pp22/en/newsroom/>

Communication package (videos, social media graphics, media contacts and releases, photos, etc. for your social media platforms):

<https://trello.com/b/k1E8QDZp/plenipotentiary2022>

Advocacy



All advocacy opportunities to engage with ITU:

<https://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/Pages/MC-2022-06-24-Plenipotentiary-Conference.aspx>

Photo competition – green, gender, youth – for individuals above 18 years of age and corporate entities. Submission closed: <https://www.itu.int/pp22/en/newsroom/photo-competition/>

New podcast episodes “Technology for Good” with women who have shown they can influence tech and ICT policy and development for the good of all:

<https://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/Pages/podcasts.aspx>

Twitter Spaces – live audio conversations with invited speakers from ITU’s membership - on a green, gender-responsive and inclusive PP-22. Published as podcasts “Technologized” here:

<https://www.itu.int/en/mediacentre/Pages/podcasts.aspx>

PP website and HC website

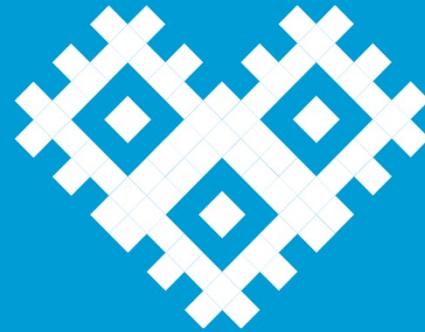


Further information on the PP-22 Conference can be found on the PP-22 website:

www.itu.int/pp22.

Further information on Bucharest, visas, travel, shipping, and hotel reservations can be found on the Host Country website:

www.bucharestpp22.gov.ro.



Thank you!

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