

PCC.I/RES. 333 (XLIII-23)¹

WORKSHOP ON ALTERNATIVE COVERAGE MODELS FOR REMOTE AND UNDERSERVED AREAS

The 43 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

CONSIDERING:

- a) That resolution CCP.I RES. 323 (XLI-22) updated the structure and terms of reference of PCC.I working groups and rapporteurships, including the structure of the Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion, and gender equity;
- b) That, according to resolution CCP.I RES. 323 (XLI-22), the mandate of the Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion, and gender equity is to promote actions and best practices conducive to achieving the inclusion and social appropriation of telecommunications/ICTs, taking into consideration gender equality and the needs of minority or vulnerable social groups,

RECOGNIZING:

- a) That the terms of reference of the work plan of the Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion, and gender equity include conducting activities for capacity building of member states in telecommunications/ICT, with special attention to minority and vulnerable social groups, so that they can use and take advantage of them for their human development, coordinating actions with stakeholders in the private sector, the academic community, civil society, and government entities;
- b) That part of the terms of reference of the Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion, and gender equity aims to promote the gathering, analysis, conduction of studies, and exchange of best practices in terms of public policies, regulatory frameworks, incentives, national broadband plans, affordability and accessibility issues in the countries of the region that make it possible to bridge the digital divide; enhance coverage in unserved or underserved areas, especially in rural areas involving the participation of indigenous peoples, other population groups, community operators, nonprofit operators, and small operators; ensure universal access to telecommunications and broadband services; and achieve digital inclusion;
- c) That the work plan of the Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion, and gender equity has called for exchanging experiences on alternative coverage models for remote and underserved areas,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve holding a one-and-a-half-hour (1.5 hr) workshop, to be conducted in the framework of the sessions of the Working Group on Policies and Regulation (WGPR) at the 44 Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I), on “Alternative Coverage Models for Remote and Underserved Areas,” for the purpose of bridging the gap between supply (coverage) and demand (usage and implementation).

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2. To hold this seminar at no cost to CITELE.
3. To designate the Rapporteurship on broadband, universal access, digital inclusion, and gender equity of the WGPR to coordinate this workshop with support from the CITELE Secretariat.
4. To approve the topic specified in the annex to the present resolution as the workshop's key focus.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 333 (XLIII-23)

PRELIMINARY TOPICS

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Panel for discussion with industry regulators and leaders.