

Microsoft Teams

Quarterly Roadmap Review

A comprehensive review of 21 Microsoft Teams features deploying in the June – July 2026 window, grouped by capability area to support planning and stakeholder communications.

21 Roadmap Items

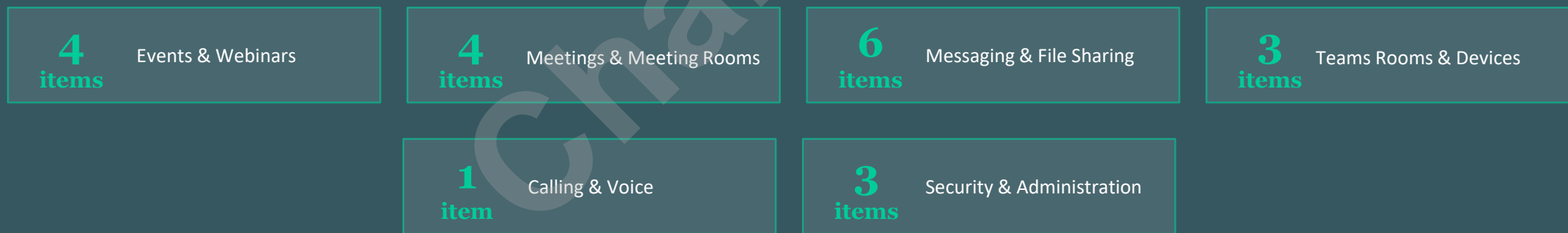
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6 Capability Areas

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Events & Webinars

Town halls, webinars, and large-scale event enhancements

4 items

ID: 561647

Room availability signal for Teams events

Desktop

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams events will display real-time room availability signals, enabling attendees to see which meeting rooms are available for in-person participation during hybrid events.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No configuration required. Rollout is automatic for all Teams event organisers.

User: Event attendees can see room availability at a glance, making it easier to choose in-person participation without checking room booking systems separately.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Attendees will continue to rely on separate room booking tools to check availability during Teams events, creating friction for hybrid participation and reducing in-person attendance.

ID: 561648

Town hall media optimization for VDI attendees

Desktop

Worldwide; GCC

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Media quality for town hall attendees using Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) will be optimised, delivering improved video and audio performance for remote workers in virtualised environments.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required. Feature is enabled automatically for VDI environments.

User: VDI-based attendees experience significantly improved audio and video quality during large-scale town hall events.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

VDI users attending town halls will continue to experience degraded media quality, leading to a poor experience for a significant portion of the remote workforce during critical company-wide communications.

ID: 561493

Upload custom backgrounds for Teams events

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Organisers and presenters in Teams events can now upload and apply custom backgrounds, enabling branded visual experiences during town halls and webinars.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required. Available automatically to event organisers.

User: Event presenters gain the ability to present with branded or professionally designed backgrounds, improving production quality.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Events will continue to use standard virtual backgrounds, missing an opportunity to reinforce brand identity and professional presentation quality during high-visibility broadcasts.

ID: 560320

Breakout rooms in Teams events

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jul 2026

DESCRIPTION

Breakout room functionality is extended to Teams events, allowing event organisers to split large audiences into smaller discussion groups during town halls and webinars.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required; enabled by default for event organisers.

User: Organisers can create more interactive events. Attendees benefit from focused small-group discussions and structured Q&A.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Teams events will remain one-directional broadcasts with no structured audience engagement mechanism, reducing the ability to facilitate interactive learning or segmented group discussions.

Meetings & Meeting Rooms

In-meeting experience, Teams Rooms, and display improvements

4 items

ID: 560321

Meeting toolbar redesigned

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

The in-meeting toolbar in Teams has been redesigned with an updated layout and visual hierarchy, making the most frequently used controls more accessible and reducing cognitive load during meetings.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No action required. Helpdesk teams should be briefed to reduce support queries about the changed UI.

User: Commonly used meeting controls are now more prominent and easier to reach, improving in-meeting navigation.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will notice the UI change without context, leading to unnecessary helpdesk queries and temporary productivity loss as colleagues adapt to the new toolbar layout.

ID: 561604

Chat panel open by default in gallery view on Teams Rooms on Android

Android; Teams Rooms

Worldwide; GCC; GCC High

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

The chat panel will now open by default in gallery view on Teams Rooms on Android devices, ensuring that meeting chat is immediately visible to room participants without manual intervention.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No configuration required. Enabled by default for all Teams Rooms on Android.

User: Room participants will see meeting chat automatically, improving awareness of in-meeting messages and shared content.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Room participants will continue to miss meeting chat unless manually opened, reducing collaboration and information sharing, especially for hybrid meetings with active chat participation.

ID: 559602

Front-of-Room view control for Webinars & Structured Meetings in Teams Rooms on Android

Android

DOD; Worldwide; GCC; GCC ...

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams Rooms on Android will support front-of-room view control for webinars and structured meetings, allowing room administrators to manage what is displayed on the front-of-room screen during structured sessions.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review Teams Rooms on Android settings and update training for room administrators.

User: Meeting organisers gain more control over the room display experience during structured webinars and meetings.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Organisations running webinars in Teams Rooms will lack front-of-room display control, resulting in a less polished and less controlled attendee experience.

ID: 560323

Profanity filter is disabled by default for captions

Desktop

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

The profanity filter for live captions in Teams meetings will now be disabled by default, allowing captions to display exact speech. Users can re-enable the filter in their personal settings.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review organisational policy for caption filtering. Communicate the change to users if filtering is required.

User: Captions will display verbatim speech by default. Users who prefer filtered content should enable the filter in settings.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Without communication, users expecting profanity filtering in captions may be surprised by verbatim content, potentially causing discomfort in sensitive or public-facing meeting scenarios.

Messaging & File Sharing

Chat, file previews, quick share, and mobile collaboration

6 items

ID: 561321

SharePoint thumbnail previews

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Files shared from SharePoint in Teams chats and channels will now display rich thumbnail previews, giving recipients a visual preview of document content before opening.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required. Feature enabled automatically for SharePoint-connected files.

User: Shared files are easier to identify at a glance, reducing time spent opening files to check their contents.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Teams chats will continue showing generic file icons for SharePoint links, making it harder to identify shared content quickly and slowing down file-based collaboration workflows.

ID: 560815

Improved visibility and control for downloads

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams will provide clearer visibility into active file downloads with improved status indicators and controls, allowing users to monitor and manage ongoing downloads from within Teams.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required.

User: Users gain better awareness of file download status and can manage downloads without switching to a separate browser or file manager.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will continue to have limited visibility into Teams file download progress, leading to confusion about whether downloads have completed and potential duplicate download attempts.

ID: 560814

Search in quick sharing experience

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

A search capability is added to the Teams quick sharing panel, enabling users to search for files, links, and content while composing messages rather than scrolling through recent items.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required.

User: Finding and sharing specific files while composing messages becomes significantly faster, reducing time spent scrolling through recent item lists.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will continue to scroll through limited recent items when sharing files, making it difficult to find older files and slowing down content sharing workflows.

ID: 560813

Unblock users to send messages while file uploads in the background

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams will allow users to continue composing and sending messages while a file upload processes in the background, removing the current blocking behaviour during uploads.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required. Feature enabled automatically.

User: Users can continue messaging immediately after initiating a file upload, eliminating wait time and improving multitasking.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will continue to be blocked from sending messages during file uploads, creating unnecessary interruptions to conversation flow and reducing productivity during frequent file-sharing interactions.

ID: 560816

Quick Share for Images

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

A new Quick Share feature enables users to rapidly share images from their clipboard or device directly into Teams conversations with fewer steps, without the full file attachment flow.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required.

User: Sharing screenshots, diagrams, and photos becomes faster and more intuitive, reducing friction in visual communication within Teams.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Users will continue to use the multi-step file attachment process to share images, slowing down visual communication and making Teams less efficient compared to messaging alternatives.

ID: 558679

Standardized preview experience for Word, PowerPoint, and Excel files

Android

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

The file preview experience for Word, PowerPoint, and Excel files on Android is standardised, providing a consistent, high-quality preview interface for all Microsoft Office document types on mobile.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required.

User: Mobile users can preview all Office file types in a consistent, reliable way, reducing the need to open full apps just to view shared documents.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Android users will continue to have inconsistent file preview experiences across Office file types, forcing unnecessary app switches and reducing the quality of mobile collaboration.

Teams Rooms & Devices

Hot desking, room planning, and authentication improvements

3 items

ID: 561031

Enhanced bookable desk experience with Teams panel-based desk dock devices

Android

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams panel-based desk dock devices will support an enhanced hot-desking booking experience, allowing users to reserve and check in to hot desks directly from the panel device using Teams.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review desk dock device inventory and ensure devices run compatible firmware. Update hot-desk policies as needed.

User: Users can seamlessly book and check in to hot desks from the panel device, without needing a separate app or browser.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Hot-desking users will continue to rely on separate booking systems or personal devices to reserve desks, creating friction and reducing the utility of Teams panel-based desk dock deployments.

ID: 561549

Teams room builder in the Pro Management portal

Teams Rooms; Web

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

A new room builder tool in the Teams Rooms Pro Management portal enables IT admins to visually design and configure meeting room layouts, device placements, and technology setups before deployment.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Access the room builder via the Pro Management portal. Streamlines room planning and configuration. No additional licensing required beyond Teams Rooms Pro.

User: No direct user impact; admin planning tool.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

IT admins will continue to plan and configure room deployments manually without a visual tool, increasing the risk of configuration errors and lengthening room deployment timelines.

ID: 558853

Entra passwordless resource account support for Teams Rooms on Windows

Teams Rooms

Worldwide; GCC; GCC High

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams Rooms on Windows will support Microsoft Entra passwordless authentication for resource accounts, enabling sign-in without passwords using FIDO2 keys or certificate-based authentication.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review and configure Entra passwordless authentication policies before enabling. Significant security uplift requiring planning and testing.

User: No direct user impact; improves backend security for room resource accounts.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Teams Rooms will continue to use password-based resource accounts, maintaining a weaker authentication posture and increasing the risk of account compromise as passwordless becomes the industry standard.

Calling & Voice

Teams Phone call transfer reliability improvements

1 item

ID: 561028

Teams Phone Call Transfer Improvements

Desktop; Mac

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Call transfer functionality in Teams Phone receives multiple improvements, including more reliable blind and consultative transfers, better transfer notifications, and improved handling of transfer failures.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: No admin action required. Improvements rolled out automatically.

User: Call handling agents and front-line workers experience more reliable and intuitive call transfers, reducing dropped or failed transfer attempts.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Teams Phone users will continue to encounter unreliable transfer behaviour, leading to poor customer experiences, dropped calls, and reduced confidence in Teams Phone as a telephony solution.

Security & Administration

Threat detection, user reporting, and cross-platform security

3 items

ID: 560702

Security Detection Report in Teams Admin Center

Web

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

A new Security Detection Report in the Teams Admin Center provides administrators with visibility into detected security threats, suspicious activities, and policy violations within Teams.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review the new Security Detection Report once available. Configure alert thresholds and integrate with existing security workflows.

User: No direct user impact; security intelligence tool for IT and security teams.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Security teams will lack centralised visibility into Teams-specific threat detections, relying on broader M365 Defender tools that may not surface Teams-specific signals with the same granularity.

ID: 560547

Report external users for security concerns in Teams

Desktop; Mac; Linux

Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams users can now report external guest or federated users who exhibit suspicious or policy-violating behaviour directly from within Teams, triggering an admin review workflow.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Configure the reporting workflow to route reports to the appropriate security or compliance team. Ensure processes are in place to review and action reports.

User: Users have a clear, in-app mechanism to flag external user behaviour concerns.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Without this reporting mechanism, users have no structured way to flag suspicious external user behaviour in Teams, potentially allowing security or compliance incidents to go unreported and unaddressed.

ID: 558539

Enhanced cross-platform join via SIP for Teams Rooms on Android

Android

DOD; Worldwide

Rollout: Jun 2026

DESCRIPTION

Teams Rooms on Android receive enhanced SIP-based cross-platform joining capabilities, improving reliability, quality, and feature parity when joining Cisco, Zoom, and other SIP-enabled third-party platforms.

ADMIN & USER IMPACT

Admin: Review SIP configuration for Teams Rooms on Android. Test cross-platform join reliability and update user documentation.

User: Room users can join third-party meetings more reliably from Teams Rooms without needing separate devices.

RISK OF NOT ACTING

Cross-platform meeting joins from Teams Rooms on Android will remain less reliable, forcing users to fall back to personal devices for Cisco, Zoom, or other SIP meetings and reducing room investment value.

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