#### ITU-T SG20 and SG5 session for Newcomers

# Participating in ITU-T Activities: Information for Newcomers

SG20 and SG5 Newcomers' virtual session, 21 April 2021

ITU-T SG20 Mentor



#### **ITU** events

- ITU brings people together physically through regular meetings, conferences and seminars and electronically through the Internet.
- These events are listed in a <u>calendar</u> on ITU's website.
- Subscribe to stay informed:
  - o General Secretariat
  - o Radiocommunication
  - Standardization
  - o **Development**





## **MyMeetings**

The ITU-T <u>MyMeetings</u> tool provides a consistent, efficient e-meetings service to participants in the work of ITU-T. Among its benefits are:

- 1. Hosted on ITU servers, which are accessible from all countries and regions.
- 2. Completely web-based; no OS limitation and no application installation.
- 3. Same e-meetings tool for fully electronic meetings and remote participation at physical meetings.
- 4. User authentication, including access control for statutory meetings (users must register beforehand).
- 5. Low bandwidth requirements for video and audio.
- 6. Self-service and on-demand meetings (coming soon).



## Newcomers – Essential information (1)

#### Before the meeting (or as early as possible):

- TIES account: Access to meeting documents and resources
   [If you do not already have one, you should register asap]
- Website: Useful information and contact details.
- Collective letter: Describes meeting arrangements.
- Circulars: Inform membership about important events.
- Registration: Done electronically via study group home page
   NEW: checking via the Designated Focal Point of the Member.



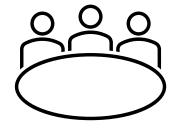
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## Newcomers – Essential information (1)

#### During the meeting (on-site):

- Meeting room allocation: Shown on monitors.
- Seating plan: seats at opening and closing plenaries are reserved for your delegation (nameplates). Most other sessions do not have dedicated seating.
- Wi-Fi network in Geneva: "ITUwifi-legacy"
- Password:
  - o Your ITU User Account or email address registered with ITU; or
  - The username and password that is printed on your access badge, which is valid as per the date printed on your badge.
- Loan laptops: request at helpdesk; signed off by counsellor.
- Developing countries: fellowships.





#### During the meeting (virtual):

 Remote Participation: via <u>MyMeetings</u> or Webcast



## **Newcomers - Essential information (2) Home page of Study Group**

ITU-T's standardization work is done within technical Study Groups. The SG home page provides details about its area of responsibility, schedule of meetings and work in progress, as well as secure access to meeting documents and services.



#### **MEETING IN FOCUS** Announcement - Registration Draft Agenda Draft timetable Meeting room allocation | Mobile friendly version Remote participation **Executive Summary** Webcast [Archive] OTHER MEETINGS Rapporteur group meetings and Interim activities All SG20 meeting documents (2017-2020)





## **Introducing ITU & ITU-T**

- The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) is a platform for governments and the private sector to coordinate development of the telecommunication networks and services that connect the world.
- ITU T complements ITU's Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), Development Sector (ITU-D) and General Secretariat in fulfilling ITU's strategic goals.



ITU (International Telecommunication Union) is a specialized agency of the United Nations



## **ITU-T** strategic goals

ITU-T is driven to remain the preeminent worldwide telecommunication standards body

- To develop interoperable, nondiscriminatory international standards (ITU-T Recommendations)
- To assist in bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries
- To extend and facilitate international cooperation among international, regional and national standardization bodies



## Importance of global standards

Manufacturers, network operators and consumers all benefit from international standards:



Essential for international communications and trade



Driving competitiveness, efficiency and innovation



Providing interoperability and economies of scale



Lower prices and increased availability



## **Participation**

Member States: Governments and regulatory bodies Sector Members: Private sector and regional / international organizations

Associates (including SMEs):
Private sector (focus on one study group)

Academia:
Universities
and research
establishments

Invited experts:

Very limited role –
on exceptional
basis, by
invitation from the
Director of TSB in
consultation with
the chairman of
the SG

ITU-T Membership and Services: www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/membership



#### ITU elected officials 2019-2022



**Houlin Zhao** of China: Secretary-General of ITU



**Malcolm Johnson** of UK: Deputy Secretary-General

#### **Directors of the three Bureaux**



Mario Maniewicz of Uruguay: Radiocommunication (ITU-R)



Chaesub Lee of Korea: Standardization (ITU-T)



Doreen Bogdan-Martin of United States: Development (ITU-D)



#### **ITU** sectors

#### Three Sectors

#### **Standardization (ITU-T):**

promotes enabling technical, policy and regulatory frameworks to boost ICT development. It is a platform for governments and private sector to coordinate development of telecommunication networks and services that connect the world.

#### Radiocommunication (ITU R):

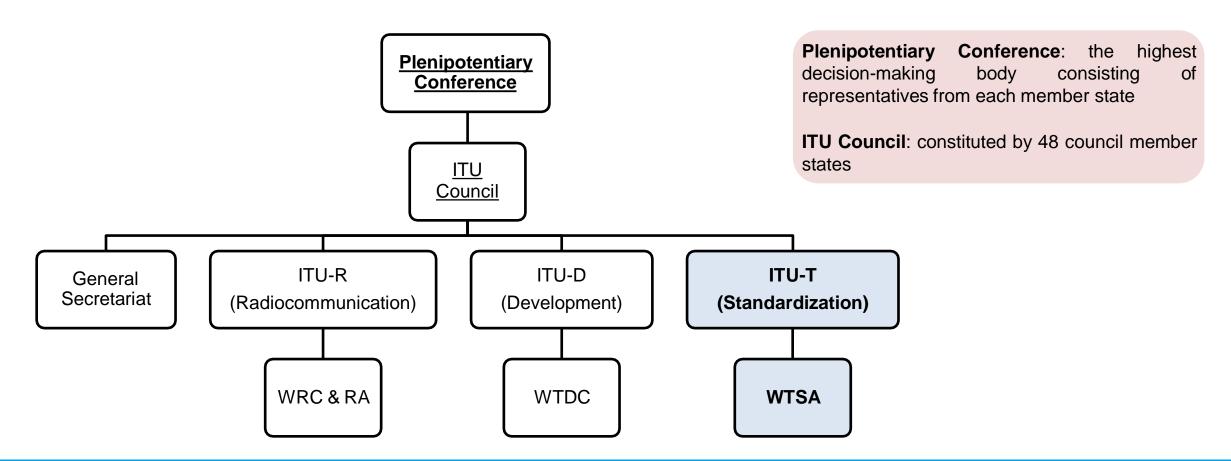
coordinates the shared global use of radio spectrum and geostationary satellite orbit

#### **Development (ITU-D):**

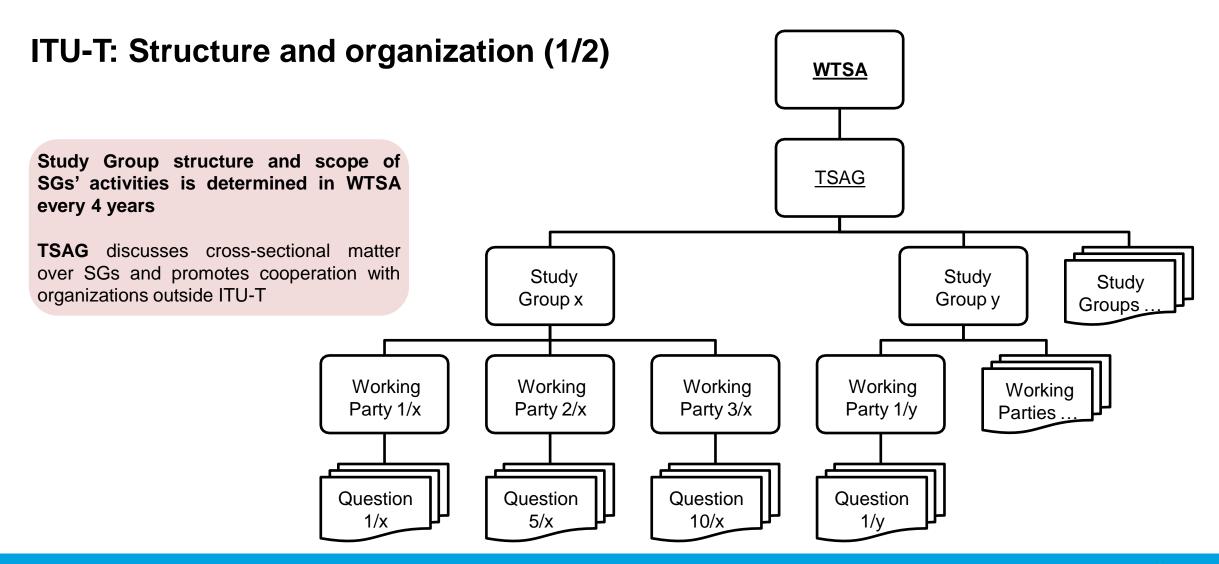
works to improve telecommunication infrastructure in the developing world



## Structure and organization of ITU

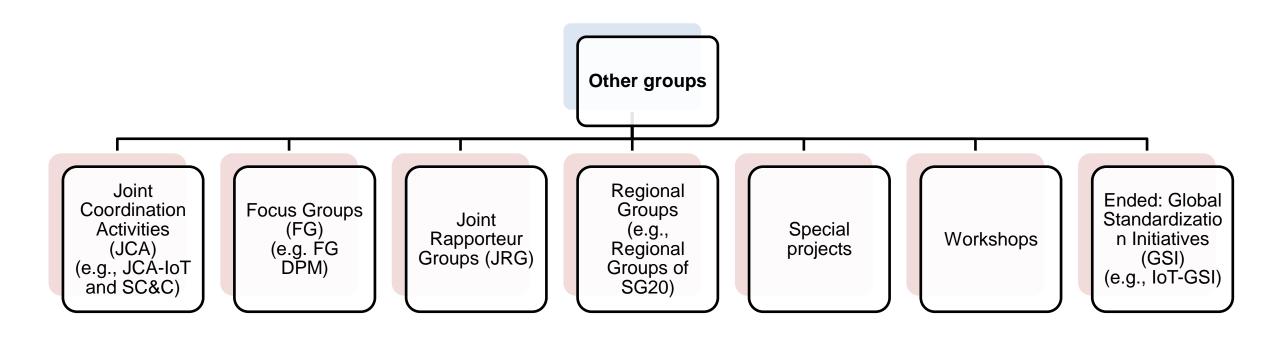








## ITU-T: Structure and organization (2/2)





## **ITU-T Study Groups - 2017-2020**

SG2 - Operational aspects

SG3 - Economic and policy issues

SG5 - Environment and climate change

SG9 - Broadband cable and TV

SG11 - Protocols and test specifications

SG12 - Performance, QoS and QoE

SG13 - Future networks, with focus on IMT-2020, cloud computing and trusted network infrastructures

SG15 - Transport, Access and Home

SG16 - Multimedia

SG17 - Security

SG20 - Internet of Things and smart cities & communities



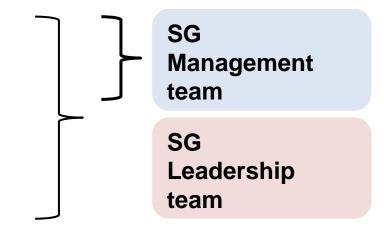
#### "Study Group nn at a glance":

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/about/groups/Pages/sgnn.aspx



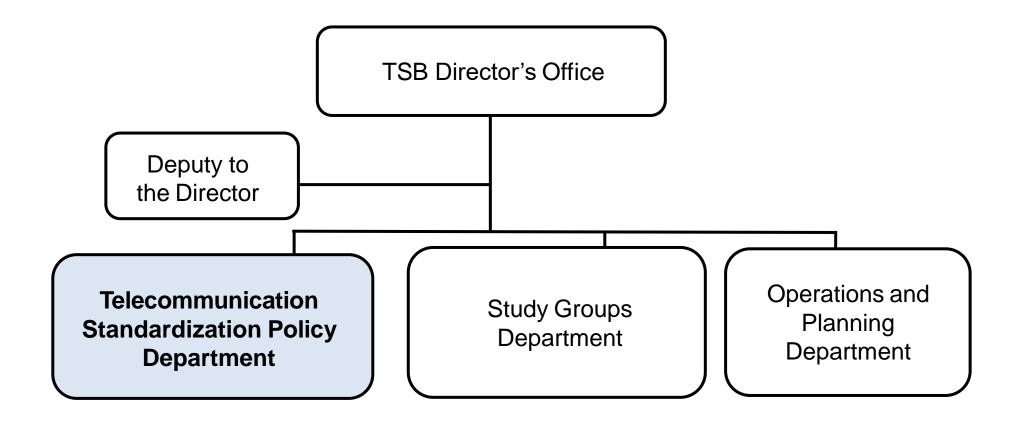
## **Study Group roles**

- Study Group Chairman and Vice-Chairmen
- Working Party Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen
- Rapporteurs
- Associate Rapporteurs
- Editors
- Liaison Rapporteurs
- Delegates
- TSB Study Group Secretariat (ITU staff): Counsellor/Advisor/Engineer and Assistant(s)
   tsbsq5@itu.int or tsbsq20@itu.int





#### **TSB** structure





#### **TSB** secretariat services

Key role: facilitate standards development Administrative support and technical knowledge

Meeting logistics

Procedural advice

Document processing and distribution

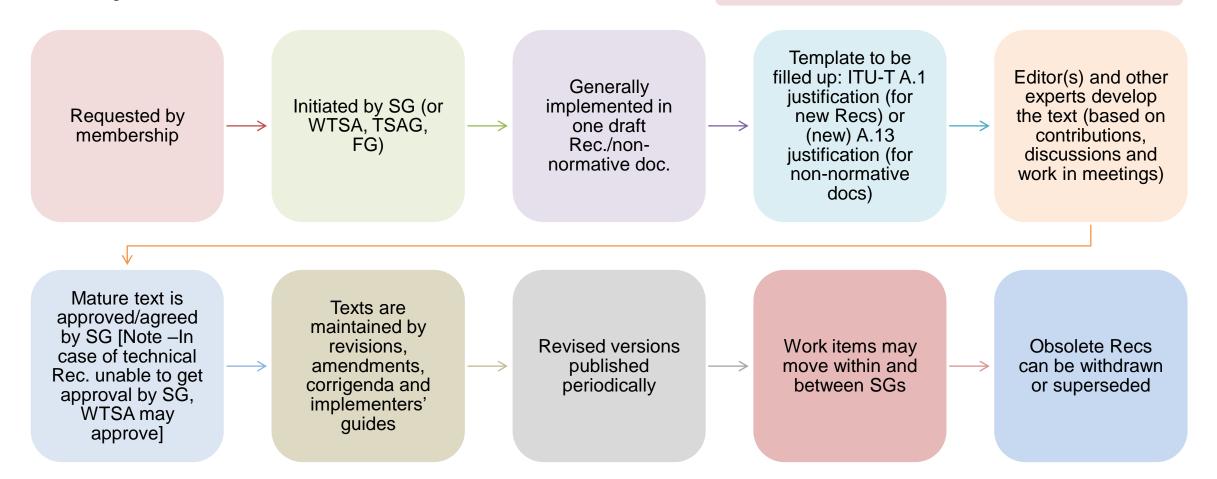
Ensure quality of output standards

Coordinate routine Study Group activities



## Life cycle of a work item

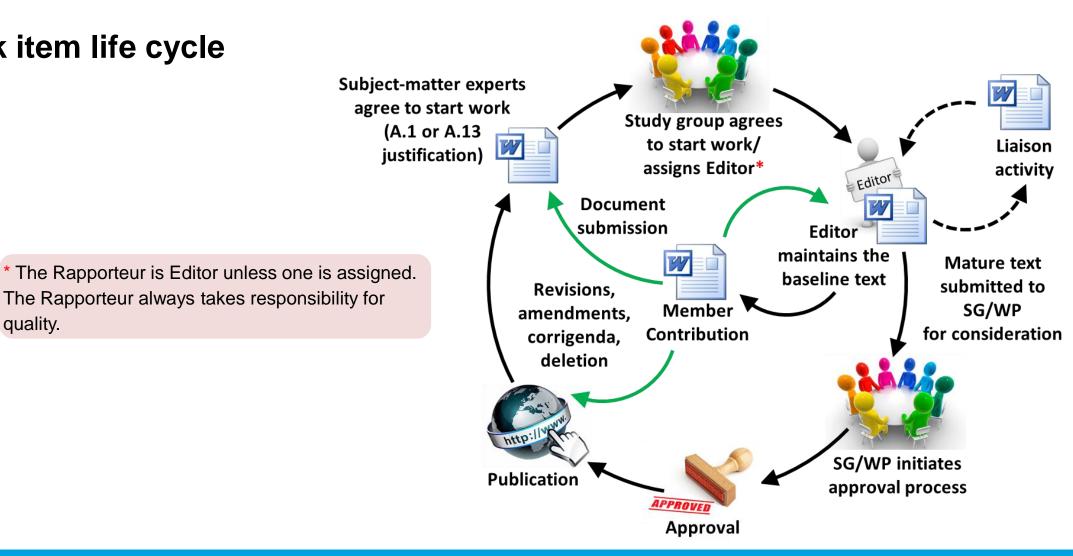
ITU-T Work Programme: <a href="https://www.itu.int/ITU-T/go/wpd">www.itu.int/ITU-T/go/wpd</a>





## Work item life cycle

quality.





## Work item life cycle (cont.)

- ITU-T Work Programme: <u>www.itu.int/ITU-T/go/wpd</u>
- Resolution 1 (TAP): <a href="https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.1-2016">https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.1-2016</a>
- Recommendation ITU-T A.8 (AAP): <a href="www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.8">www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A.8</a>
- Author's guide: <u>www.itu.int/oth/T0A0F000004</u>
- ITU English Language Style Guide: <u>www.itu.int/SG-CP/docs/styleguide.doc</u>
- Considering end-user needs in developing Recommendations: <a href="www.itu.int/oth/ToAoF000003/en">www.itu.int/oth/ToAoF000003/en</a>
- Manual for Rapporteurs/Editors: <a href="https://www.itu.int/oth/T0A0F000006">www.itu.int/oth/T0A0F000006</a>



#### **ITU-T Publications 1/2**

#### Main products: ITU-T Recommendations

- Normative texts: Approved by members
- Recommendations are international standards
- Grouped into themed series
- Compliance only mandatory after adoption in law
- Developed at the request of membership
- Maintained through amendments, corrigenda and revisions



NOTE: The vast majority of all Recommendations, once the final editing process is complete, are made available in electronic (PDF) form free of charge to all



#### **ITU-T Publications 2/2**

#### Other publications

- Non-normative texts: Agreed by members
- Supplements (similar to Appendixes of a Recommendation)
- Implementers' guides
- Tutorials, technical papers, technical reports
- Focus Group deliverables
- Ad-hoc publications (handbooks, manuals, guides ...)

GENERAL NOTE FOR ITU-T RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Prior to publication, approved/agreed texts undergo editorial review by the secretariat to ensure the high quality of ITU-T standards. Since this process takes time, the approved text is posted as a provisional "prepublished" version, not available to the public.



#### **Approval and agreement**

NOTE: WTSA may approve texts when all else fails

#### Traditional approval process (TAP)

- Default method for international standards (Recommendations) with regulatory or policy implications (e.g., numbering plans and tariffs)
   Note: How a SG can select between TAP and AAP is described in WTSA Res. 1 section 8
- Member States (MS) have final decision

#### Alternative approval process (AAP)

- Default method for technical Recommendations with no regulatory or policy implications
- MSs and SMs both fully participate

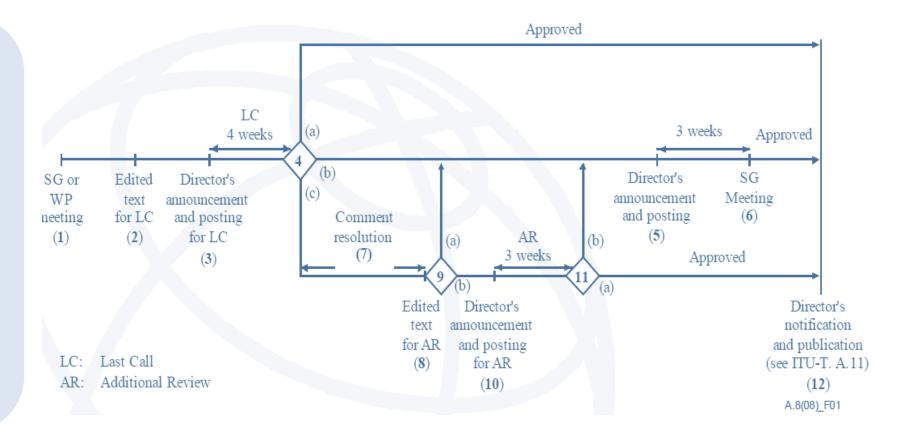
#### Agreement

• Used for non-normative texts (supplements, handbooks, guides etc.)



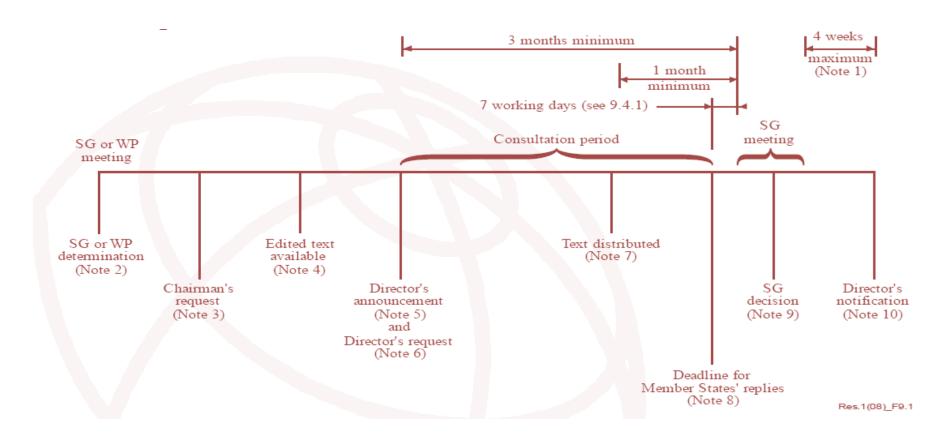
## AAP process chart (ITU-T Rec. A.8)

- SG or WP consent
- 2. Edited text available
- 3. Director's last call announcement and posting
- 4. Last call judgement
- Director's study group announcement and posting
- 6. Study group decision meeting
- Comment resolution
- Edited text available
- 9. Next step judgement
- Director's additional review announcement and posting
- 11. Additional review judgement
- 12. Director's notification





## TAP process chart (WTSA Res.1, section 9)





## TAP process chart (WTSA Res.1, section 9) (cont.)

- 1. Exceptionally, additional period of up to four weeks is granted upon member state delegation's request of extension for its decision
- 2. SG or WP DETERMINATION
- 3. CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST for Director's announcement of the intention to seek approval at next SG meeting.
- 4. EDITED TEXT AVAILABLE
- DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT
- 6. DIRECTOR'S REQUEST to Member States to inform him whether they approve or not the request that next SG can decide on approval
- 7. TEXT DISTRIBUTED
- 8. DEADLINE FOR MEMBER STATES' REPLIES: If 70% of replies received during the consultation period (up to 7 working days before the meeting) indicate approval, the approval process can proceed at next SG meeting (otherwise it does not take place). Disapproving Member States should advise their reasons for disapproving and indicate the possible changes that would facilitate further consideration and approval of the draft Recommendation.
- 9. STUDY GROUP DECISION: After debate at the SG meeting, the decision of the delegations to approve the Recommendation under the approval procedure must be unopposed. Reservations shall be noted in the report.
- 10. DIRECTOR'S NOTIFICATION whether the draft Recommendation is approved or not.



## **Coordination and cooperation**

#### ITU-T work relies on coordination & cooperation

Formal liaison statements

Cooperation with other organizations (Recomm. ITU-T A.4, A.5 and A.6)

Joint Coordination Activities (JCAs)

Corresponde nce Groups

Special projects

Lead Study Groups management
team:
Chairman,
Vicechairmen,
Rapporteurs,
Liaison
Rapporteurs,
Editors,
Secretariat

Extended SG



## **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)**

Legal rights that protect creations and inventions

Any IPR needed to implement Recommendations must be disclosed

Software Copyright
Guidelines and
Patent guidelines
must be followed

Trademarks are not allowed in Recommendations



## **Meetings**

Study Group meetings (coordinate activities, progress work items, approve/start approval of texts)

Working Party meetings (can determine/consent texts)

Rapporteur meetings (Rapporteur group meetings)

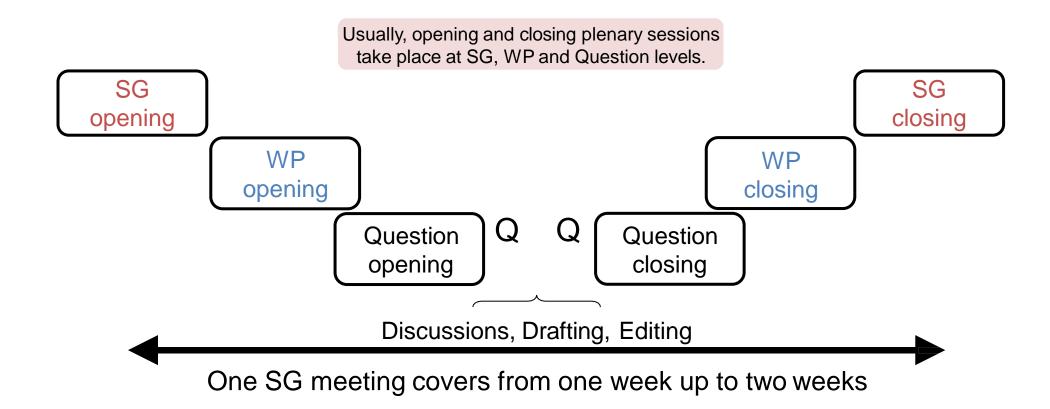
Focus Group meetings

- Meeting location: in Geneva, outside Geneva (by invitation)
- Meeting date: varies by committee (SG/WP meetings notified by Circulars)
- Physical meetings, including with remote observation (i.e., webcast) and with (active) remote participation; virtual meetings ("e-meetings")
- Current practice of running meetings "paperless"
- Languages (interpretation and translation)

Meeting information is listed on each SG homepage (www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups)



## **Meeting style in ITU-T**





## Basic practices during a meeting

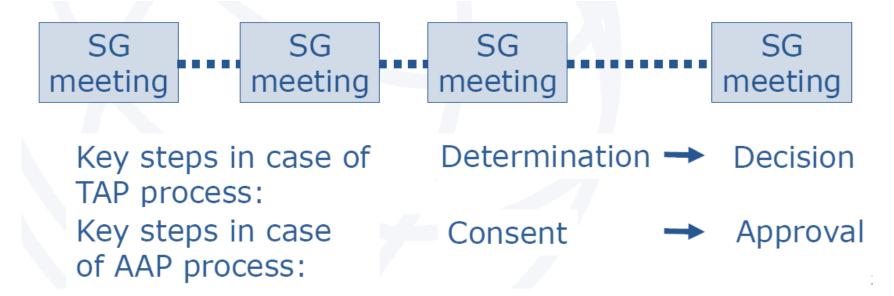
## **Meeting** conduct

- The meeting chairman ensures smooth running and should create an environment that allows the meeting to find consensus
- Participants are "given the floor" before speaking
- Participants are invited to speak clearly and slowly
- Reaching agreements
- Conflicting opinions may need concessions
- Resolution of disagreements is generally achieved by those directly involved
- Wherever possible, aim for "consensus"



## Process for completion of a Recommendation

- Usually, several meetings are necessary to produce one Recommendation.
- Every session and meeting has its own importance for progress and finalization of a document. As
  contributor, you should be well aware of the process and attentive to the progress of the work.





#### **ITU-T** documents

- Formal meeting documents (SG home page)
  - Collective letters meeting announcements
  - Circulars other info to all membership (e.g. on events)
  - [Resolutions (revised every 4 years in WTSA)]
  - Contributions written proposals submitted by members (sequential numbering inside a study period)

ITU-T is a contribution-driven (and consensus-based) organization ......



#### ITU-T documents (cont.)

- TDs produced by SG leadership team and TSB (sequential in a study period, multiple TD series possible)
- Liaison statements communications with liaison partners
- Reports reports created at meetings, draft texts
- Working documents (informal FTP area, collaboration site)
  - Rapporteur group meetings documents some docs have no life outside the meeting (e.g. drafting docs), others are submitted as TD to next SG/WP meeting



### Meetings are document-oriented

- In summary, meeting results are recorded in the meeting report and implemented in draft Recommendations or Supplements (initial/updated versions).
- The report and all meeting output documents are usually available for the closing session and approved at the closing session.

NOTE: Rapporteur meetings have soft rules





### ITU-T collaboration with other orgs

- World Standards Cooperation ISO-IEC-ITU
  - Common patent policy & Joint events
  - A number of ITU-T's standards are common text with ISO/IEC JTC 1
- Global Standards Collaboration
  - Supports ITU as preeminent global ICT standards organization
  - IEC/ISO/ITU Joint Smart City Task Force









### **International support**

- ITU-T works primarily in English (for cost savings), but some translation and interpretation services are available for the other five official languages of the Union (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish)
- ITU-T provides extra support for participants from developing countries.
   For more information, please contact the Study Group Secretariat.

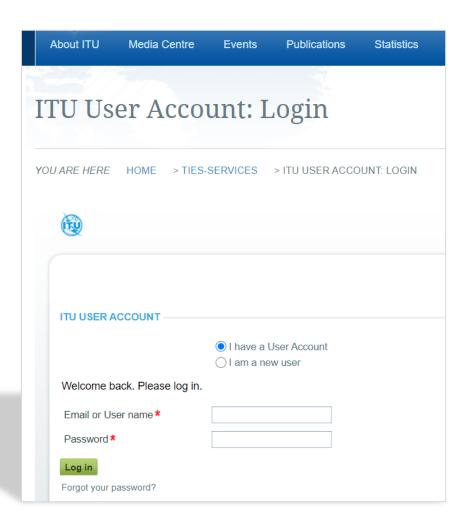




### **TIES** overview

The Telecommunication Information Exchange Service (TIES) provides member access to, e.g.:

- Documentation
- Draft and pre-published texts
- Informal FTP areas, email reflectors and archives
- Self-subscription to and use of members-only services





### ITU user accounts / TIES access

How to get TIES access:	Complete the online ITU user account application form	
	Validate your user account	
	Request TIES access permissions (via web interface)	
	Your organization's Focal Point authorizes request	
	Update preferences and subscriptions on a self-service basis	
	Access rights updated by ITU as needed	



### Electronic working methods (1/6)

- Wi-Fi network in Geneva: "ITUwifi-legacy"
- Password:
  - Your ITU User Account or email address registered with ITU; or
  - The username and password that is printed on your access badge, which is valid as per the date printed on your badge.
- Website: <a href="https://itu.int/ITU-T">https://itu.int/ITU-T</a>
- Meeting document sync tool (to synchronize documents of current meeting from ITU server to local drive) .....

- Email reflectors (mailing lists)
- Document submission
  - Direct document posting (see backup slides)
  - AAP comment submission
  - o Email
- AAP tracking

EWM Services homepage at:

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ewm/Pages/default.aspx



### Electronic working methods (2/6)

- Virtual meetings
  - GoToMeeting/ Zoom (web conferences)
  - MyMeetings
  - Hybrid (physical/virtual) meetings
  - Telephone conference calls
- Databases:
  - Recommendations

https://www.itu.int/en/ITUT/publications/Pages/recs.aspx .......

- Liaison statements
- Work programme<a href="https://www.itu.int/itu-t/workprog/wp\_search.aspx">https://www.itu.int/itu-t/workprog/wp\_search.aspx</a>
- Test signals
- Formal descriptions
- IPR (patents and software copyrights)
   <a href="https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/default.aspx</a>



### Informal FTP Areas (IFAs) (3/6)

- For participants' use as repository and exchange facility of documents and other files.
- Access is restricted to users with TIES/Guest account
- Standard folder structure
  - /docs mirror of document stored on DMS, read-only access and archived
  - /exchange working area for SG participants upload and download documents and other files, read + write access and also archived

- /temp a temporary exchange area that will not be archived at the end of the Study Period
- A Study Group's IFA can be accessed:
  - using a web browser: https://www.itu.int/ifa/t/2017/sg#
  - using a FTP client: Remote host: "ifa.itu.int"; Remote directory: "/t/2017/sg#"



### **SharePoint extranet (4/6)**

- Flexible tool also used as repository and exchange facility for documents and other files
- Access restricted to TIES users
- Used for:
  - Rapporteur group meeting documents (managed by Rapporteurs)
  - Focus Group documents (managed by TSB Secretariat)





### MyWorkspace (5/6)

Mobile-friendly tools and services that provide access to valued information and services, including:

- Events calendar
- ITU-T experts community & chat
- Documents
- Mailing lists
- Translation
- Self-service e-meetings MyMeetings
- TSB Cloud secure file storage & sharing

Collaboration site: https://www.itu.int/myworkspace#





















### Mailing Lists (6/6)

- Restricted to ITU-T membership
  - ITU account required
- To subscribe:
  - Log on to the ITU-T Electronic Registration and Subscription Service page at: <a href="https://itu.int/ITU-T/services">https://itu.int/ITU-T/services</a>
  - Click on the subscription button
  - Choose from the list and submit

- Mailing lists default setup
  - ITU-T Mailing list e-mail:
     if provided, this e-mail becomes the default
     e-mail address, replacing TIES e-mail
  - Contact e-mail:
     for administrative operations (e.g., contact in case of problems, lost passwords, etc.)



### The importance of contributions and related guidelines

### **Quality contributions are essential**

- Contributions provide the vital "fuel" to the work of the Study Groups
- Well-written and well-structured contributions are essential to the success of Study Groups and Working Parties
- Our collaborative work towards global ICT standards depends wholly on the timely submission of relevant and quality contributions by delegates to the ITU-T

# Where to find information about contributions submission process

- General directives on the preparation and submission of contributions are set out in the ITU-T A-series recommendations
- ITU-T A.1 covers the submission and processing of contributions, i.e. deadlines, posting, patent/licensing declarations
- ITU-T A.2, including its Appendix, provides guidelines on content, mechanics and formatting



### **Contribution format**

Based on the Contribution template (see Supplementary information)

- Document information:
  - Source, title, purpose, relevant Questions
  - Contact information
  - Keywords, abstract
  - Introduction
  - Rationale or discussion
  - Development
  - Proposal or conclusion





### If you need further information or advice

Please consider the following support:

Delegate Resources:

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx

ITU-T delegate guide:

https://www.itu.int/oth/T0A0F000002/enSG20

Mentor: Marco Carugi: marco.carugi@gmail.com

Membership: <a href="https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/membership">www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/membership</a>

Registration: <u>tsbreg@itu.int</u>

Technical questions: **the specific Rapporteur** (and, in case, the ITU-T expert coordinating work in a given technical area). Contact details can be found on the SG homepage.

#### All other issues:

- SG5 Advisor Ms. Reyna Ubeda (<u>reyna.ubeda@itu.int</u>) and SG5 Secretariat (<u>tsbsq5@itu.int</u>).
- SG20 Counsellor Ms. Cristina Bueti (<u>cristina.bueti@itu.int</u>) and SG20 Secretariat (<u>tsbsg20@itu.int</u>).
- The SG5 and SG20 Management team will be involved as appropriate.



# Thank you!

Questions? Interested in learning more? Let us know!



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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



Details on contributions preparation and submission



### **Preparing contributions 1/3**

 Rec. A.2, Appendix I: Guidelines for the preparation of contributions relative to the study of ITU-T Questions



#### Contents of contribution

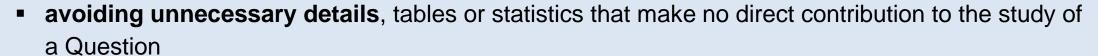
- A contribution should be clear, concise and comprehensive in itself
- The main text of the contribution should contain at least the sections on Rationale (or Discussion) and Proposal (or Conclusion)
- Supplementary sections such as annexes, if necessary, should follow the main text



### **Preparing contributions 2/3**

#### Contents of contribution – cont.

Clear, concise and comprehensive:

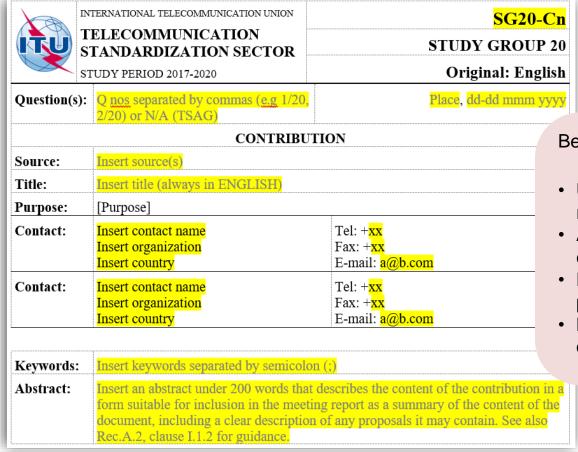


- clearly written with a view to being universally understood, i.e., use international terminology
  and avoid the technical jargon peculiar to the author's country
- as a rule, not exceeding about 2500 words (requiring no more than 5 printed pages)
- documents of purely theoretical interest that are not directly related to the Questions under study should not be submitted





### Contribution template (3/3)



Before submitting a Contribution:

- Update highlighted elements, then remove highlighting.
- Add "contact" rows, if needed by, copy-pasting existing one.
- Do not use "Track Changes" when preparing the metadata.
- Make sure revision tracking is turned off before you upload the documents.



### **Direct Document Posting (DDP) overview**

- Tool for direct upload of documents by TIES users
- Only for contributions
  - A two-stage process:
    - Register the document
    - Upload the document
- TIES account required .......

- Requested by membership:
  - Control content and availability
  - Non-repudiation (confirmation of receipt)
  - Number allocation
  - Assists study group administration
  - Early access to documents
- Consistent experience across study groups
- Both registration and upload before deadline



### **Direct Document Posting (DDP)**

- How to use direct document posting:
  - Prepare Contribution using template
  - Register document (DDP step 1)
     (Contribution number reserved)
  - Add Contribution number in the file
  - Upload document (DDP step 2)
     (immediately available on the web)
  - TSB validation
  - o Add, delete or modify content after initial upload ......

- Link to DDP is available on every Study Group page
- DDP User Guide: https://www.itu.int/oth/T0A0F000012/en

Submitters should ensure that all national or organizational procedures have been followed before uploading Contributions



## Other information



### A series: Organization of the work of ITU-T

- A.1: Working methods for study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector
- A.2: Presentation of contributions to the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector
- A.4: Communication process between the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector and forums and consortia
- A.5: Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations
- A.6: Cooperation and exchange of information between the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector and national and regional standards development organizations
- A.7: Focus groups: Establishment and working procedures
- A.8: Alternative approval process for new and revised ITU-T Recommendations
- A.11: Publication of ITU-T Recommendations and World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly proceedings
- A.12: Identification and layout of ITU-T Recommendations
- A.13: Supplements to ITU-T Recommendations
- A.23: Collaboration with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on information technology
- A.25: Generic procedures for incorporating text between ITU-T and other organizations
- A.31: Guidelines and coordination requirements for the organization of ITU-T seminars and workshops
- A supplements: Supplements to the Series A Recommendations

  A-series Recommendations: www.itu.int/rec/T-REC-A



### Legal framework

- WTSA Res. 1 –Rules of Procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector.
- Rec. A.1. Work Methods for Study Groups of the ITU-T

Those legal instruments as well as those working procedures adopted by any meeting of a Sector must be compatible with:

- The ITU Constitution (CS)
- The ITU Convention (CV)
- The General Rules of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings (GR) adopted by the Plenipotentiary Conference
- GR shall apply to meetings of the Sectors



### **Guiding texts**

- Basic Texts
  - Constitution (CS)
  - Convention (CV)
  - General Rules (GR)
     (of Conferences, Assemblies and Meetings of the Union)
  - o Others .....

- Resolutions Principles and instructions for:
  - Finance
  - Working methods
  - Work programme
  - External cooperation
  - Other strategic and technical matters
- A-series Recommendations
  - Describe ITU-T's working procedures

