

Executive Summary of
ITU-T Study Group 3:
Rapporteur Group Meetings and One-day Plenary Meeting

***Tariff and accounting principles and
international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues***

Geneva, 7 to 11 November 2022

General Information

- The one-day Plenary meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 11 November 2022.
- Second SG3 meeting in the 2022-2024 Study Period;
- The meeting was a physical meeting with remote participation provided via Zoom;
- Four sessions from 09:30 to 17:30 hours (Geneva time);
- Interpretation Arabic, English, and French were available for the meeting;
- The one-day Plenary meeting was preceded by:
 - ITU Workshop on “Economic and fiscal incentives to accelerate digital transformation of data and applications over telecommunication infrastructure” (Geneva, 3-4 November 2022)
 - Programme and presentations: [here](#), report to SG3: [here](#).
 - SG3 Rapporteur Group Meetings (Q1/3, Q3/3, Q6/3, Q7/3, Q9/3, Q11/3, Q12/3) (Geneva, 7-10 November 2022).

Participation Statistics for the SG3 Rapporteur Group Meetings (7-10 November)

Delegates per Category		Council Region		Developed / Developing Economies	
Member States	49	Africa	20	Developed country	22
Sector Members	19	Americas	20	Developing country	40
Associates	1	Asia and Australasia	25	Least developed country	11
Res. 99	4	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	1		
ITU Staff	6	Western Europe	7		

Total number of participants	79
Total number of countries	27

Physical Participants	29
Remote Participants	50

Participation Statistics for the one-day SG3 Plenary Meeting (11 November)

Delegates per Category		Council Region		Developed / Developing Economies	
Member States	55	Africa	19	Developed country	15
Sector Members	13	Americas	16	Developing country	45
Associates	1	Asia and Australasia	32	Least developed country	10
Res. 99	1	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	1		
ITU Staff	8	Western Europe	2		

Total number of participants	78
Total number of countries	27

Physical Participants	29
Remote Participants	49

Meeting Statistics for the SG3 Rapporteur Group Meetings (7-10 November)

Types of Documents		Contributors		Other statistics	
Contributions	17	Africa	0	New work items proposed	1
TDs	37	The Americas	8	New work items initiated	1
Incoming Liaison Statements	12	Arab States	0	Baseline texts agreed	7
Outgoing Liaison Statements	5	Asia and the Pacific	9	Ad-hoc sessions organized	1
		CIS	0		
		Europe	0		

Meeting Statistics for the one-day SG3 Plenary Meeting (11 November)

Types of Documents		Contributors		Other statistics	
Contributions	4	Africa	0	Recommendations approved	0
TDs	77	The Americas	1	Recommendations determined	0
Incoming Liaison Statements	38	Arab States	0	Documents agreed	0
Outgoing Liaison Statements	5	Asia and the Pacific	3	New work items proposed	1
		CIS	0	New work items initiated	1
		Europe	0	Baseline texts agreed	7
				Ad-hoc sessions organized	0

Key Results

- Agreed:
 - Reports of Rapporteur Group Meetings (Q1/3, Q3/3, Q6/3, Q7/3, Q9/3, Q11/3, Q12/3)
 - Report of the Correspondence Group on OTTs (CG-OTTs)
 - Summary and highlights of the ITU workshop on "Economic and fiscal incentives to accelerate digital transformation of data and applications over telecommunication infrastructure" (Geneva, 3-4 November 2022)
 - Report of SG3RG-AO meeting (New Delhi, 9-12 August 2022)
 - Report of SG3RG-LAC meeting (Virtual, 6-7 September 2022)
- Agreed to initiate new work item *Study_OTTs, Study on policy, regulatory, and economic aspects of OTTs in the context of international telecommunication/ICT services and networks* (NWI template in [TD77/PLEN](#)).
- Appointed Associate Rapporteurs from Mali for Q9/3, Q10/3, and Q11/3.
- Agreed to close the Correspondence Group on OTTs (CG-OTTs).
- Agreed to initiate WTSA-24 preparations, through the establishment of the Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24 (CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep) (Terms of Reference in [TD76/PLEN](#)).

Other Discussions

- Proposed ITU-T Focus Group (FG) on costing models for affordable data services:
 - Members from several regions found interest in the proposal and saw it of importance to study the costing models where a standardized benchmarking model is currently not available, yet a costing model was seen useful but should also include fixed networks.
 - While an ITU-T Focus Group would also allow participation and inputs from non-members and from industry, members raised the need for having interpretation as provided by SG3, which Focus Groups typically do not provide; though, interpretation would be available when results from the Focus Group would come to SG3.
- Proposals on how to submit and handle contributions for new entrants to ITU-T SG3
 - The meeting saw the issue of importance to increase, and ease contributions by members to SG3.
 - Several members believed in the necessity for SG3 to take some action. Alternative and/or complimentary solutions (such as assistance by SG3 Mentor, assistance by SG3 Vice Chairmen, Vice Chairmen of SG3 regional groups, BSG training sessions, coaching by TSB) should be considered too.

Upcoming SG3 Activities

Meeting	Location	Dates
SG3RG-AFR Regional Group for Africa	TBC	February 2023 (TBC)
SG3RG-AO Regional Group for Asia and Oceania	TBC	January 2023 (TBC)
SG3RG-ARB Regional Group for the Arab Region	TBC	January 2023 (TBC)
SG3RG-LAC Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean	TBC	before June 2023 (TBC)
Informal discussion among Q3/3 Editors	Virtual	Between November 2022 and February 2023 (TBC)
Editors' ad hoc drafting session(s) for Q11/3	Virtual	Between November 2022 and February 2023 (TBC)
Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24 (CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep)	Virtual	Between November 2022 and February 2023 (TBC)
SG3 Meeting in 2023	Geneva, Switzerland	1-10 March 2023