

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, 6 to 10 November 2023

General Information

- The one-day Plenary meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland on 10 November 2023.
- Fourth 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 for all ITU's six official languages were available for the meeting;
- The one-day Plenary meeting was preceded by:
 - SG3 Rapporteur Group Meetings (Q1/3, Q3/3, Q6/3, Q7/3, Q9/3) (Geneva, 6-9 November 2023) (with remote participation via MyMeetings).

Participation Statistics for the SG3 Rapporteur Group Meetings (6-9 November 2023)

Delegates per Category		Council Region		Developed / Developing Economies	
Member States	60	Africa	31	Developed country	18
Sector Members	14	Americas	17	Developing country	43
Associates	1	Asia and Australasia	23	Least developed country	15
Res. 99	0	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	3		
Academia	1	Western Europe	2		

Total number of participants	80
Total number of countries	38

Physical Participants	65%
Remote Participants	35%

Participation Statistics for the one-day SG3 Plenary Meeting (10 November 2023)

Delegates per Category		Council Region		Developed / Developing Economies	
Member States	64	Africa	31	Developed country	18
Sector Members	13	Americas	17	Developing country	48
Associates	1	Asia and Australasia	25	Least developed country	13
Res. 99	0	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	3		
Academia	1	Western Europe	3		

Total number of participants	85
Total number of countries	40

Physical Participants	64%
Remote Participants	36%

Meeting Statistics for the SG3 Rapporteur Group Meetings (6-9 November 2023)

Types of Documents		Contributors		Other statistics	
Contributions	17	Africa	5	New work items proposed	6
TDs	12	Americas	6	New work items initiated	2
Incoming Liaison Statements	4	Asia and Australasia	6	Baseline texts agreed	4
Outgoing Liaison Statements	3	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	0	Ad-hoc sessions organized	0
		Western Europe	1		

Meeting Statistics for the one-day SG3 Plenary Meeting (10 November 2023)

Types of Documents		Contributors		Other statistics	
Contributions	2	Africa	0	Recommendations approved	1
TDs	35	Americas	0	Recommendations determined	1
Incoming Liaison Statements	55	Asia and Australasia	2	Documents agreed	1
Outgoing Liaison Statements	5	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	0	New work items proposed	0
		Western Europe	0	New work items initiated	2
				Baseline texts agreed	4
				Ad-hoc sessions organized	0

Key Results

Recommendation approved (TAP – WTSA-20 Resolution 1)

- Draft revised Recommendation ITU-T D.285 “*Guiding principles for charging and accounting for intelligent network supported services*” ([SG3-Report 9](#)) was approved by the SG3 plenary.

Recommendation determined (TAP – WTSA-20 Resolution 1)

- Draft revised Recommendation ITU-T D.212 “*Charging and accounting principles for the use of Signalling System No. 7*” ([TD146/PLEN](#)) was determined by the SG3 plenary.

Technical Report agreed

- Draft new ITU-T Technical Report DSTR-ROAMREG “*Regional Roaming Initiatives*” ([TD149/PLEN](#)) was agreed by SG3 plenary (pursuant to Recommendation ITU-T A.13).

Meeting reports agreed

- Reports of Rapporteur Group Meetings for Q1/3, Q3/3, Q6/3, Q7/3, and Q9/3 ([TD141/PLEN](#) to [TD145/PLEN](#));
- Report of SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) meeting, Bangkok, Thailand, 11-12 September 2023 ([TD129/PLEN](#));
- Report of SG3 Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC) meeting, San Jose, Costa Rica, 28-29 September 2023 ([TD130/PLEN](#));
- Report of SG3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB) meeting, Virtual, 20 June 2023 ([TD127/PLEN](#));
 - SG3 agreed for SG3RG-ARB to proceed with the approval process for determined Draft new Regional Recommendation ITU-T D.700R “*Principles for dealing with OTTs*”, as contained in.as per WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022). See [TD128/PLEN](#) for more information.

Other Discussions

New work items initiated

- Study_NetworkSlicing, Technical Report on “Study of network slicing in the international telecommunication ecosystem” ([TD150/PLEN](#)) and
- TR_OTTReporting, Technical Report on “Establishing International Reporting Standards for OTT Applications ([TD148/PLEN](#))”.

WTSA-24 preparations

SG3 Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24 (CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep) presented:

- Unchanged Study Group 3 – Mandate, lead study group roles, points of guidance, and list of Recommendations under responsibility ([TD135/PLEN](#)) and
- Current Proposed Update to SG3 Question texts ([TD136/PLEN](#)).

SG3 agreed for the continuation of the SG3 Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24 (CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep) until the next SG3 meeting in 2024.

Focus Group on Cost Models for Affordable Data Services (FG-CD)

- FG-CD presented SG3 with the report of the first meeting that was held in New Delhi, India on 5-6 October 2023 ([TD139/PLEN](#)).

Other topics

- Proposal on how to submit and handle contributions for new entrants to ITU-T SG3 ([C91](#)) – liaised to TSAG (working method related);
- Proposal to change term “standardization gap” to “standardization inclusion” ([C92](#)) – advised to bring this to WTSA (Res.44 related).

Upcoming ITU-T SG3 Activities

Meeting	Location	Dates	Comments
SG3RG-AFR Regional Group for Africa	Lilongwe, Malawi	10-12 April 2024	In collocation with FG-CD second meeting and workshop (8-9 April 2024)
SG3RG-AO Regional Group for Asia and Oceania	Korea (Rep. of) (TBC)	May or June 2024 (TBC)	
SG3RG-ARB Regional Group for the Arab Region	Kuwait (TBC)	3-8 March 2024 (TBC)	
SG3RG-LAC Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean	TBC	Third quarter 2024 (TBC)	In collocation with ITU-D IPEC-24
CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24	Virtual	31 January 2024, 1300-1430 CET; 27 March 2024, 1300-1430 CET; 29 May 2024, 1300-1430 CEST	See CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep ToR
SG3 Meeting in 2024	CICG Geneva, Switzerland	9-18 July 2024	

Additional interim activities, such as RGMs and Editor's sessions, can be found in [SG3-TD131/PLEN](#).