

# **ITU-T Study Group and TSAG Leadership Tutorial**

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## **Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries (WTSA Resolution 44)**

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# ITU Strategic plan for 2012-2015

ITU-T is to *"provide support and assistance to developing countries in bridging the standardization gap in relation with standardization matters, [ICT] network infrastructure and applications, and relevant training materials for capacity building, taking into account the characteristics of the telecommunication environment of the developing countries"*

# Progress in bridging the standardization gap

- Significant progress made in bridging the standardization gap (BSG)
- Biennial budget includes line item for BSG
- TSAG agreed to create a mentor role in ITU-T study groups to share best practices in applying ITU-T Recommendations
- Organization and working methods of ITU-T Study Groups 2, 3, 5 and 12

# BSG challenges

- Developing countries still have difficulties participating in ITU-T
  - participation usually limited to the final approval and implementation stages
- National coordination in many developing countries to contribute to ITU-T needs to be improved

# Specific actions identified in Res. 44

- Joint meetings of regional groups of different ITU-T Study Groups will encourage participation of developing countries
- Vice-chairmen of TSAG and ITU-T SGs can be charged with specific responsibility to further enhance more active participation of developing countries
  - Particularly, mobilizing participation from their regions

# Responsibilities of vice-chairmen and chairmen from developing countries

- To work closely with ITU members in the region to mobilize their participation in ITU-T
- To make mobilization and participation reports to the ITU body concerning the region
- To prepare and submit a mobilization programme for their regions at the first meeting of TSAG or ITU-T SG

# Additional support requested

- Increased fellowship budget
- Specialized panel for stimulating ICT innovations
- Assistance with implementing ITU-T Recommendations
- Hold workshops concurrently with the meetings of ITU-T regional groups
- Action plan annexed to Res. 44