



# Framework and overall objectives of the future development of IMT for 2030 and beyond

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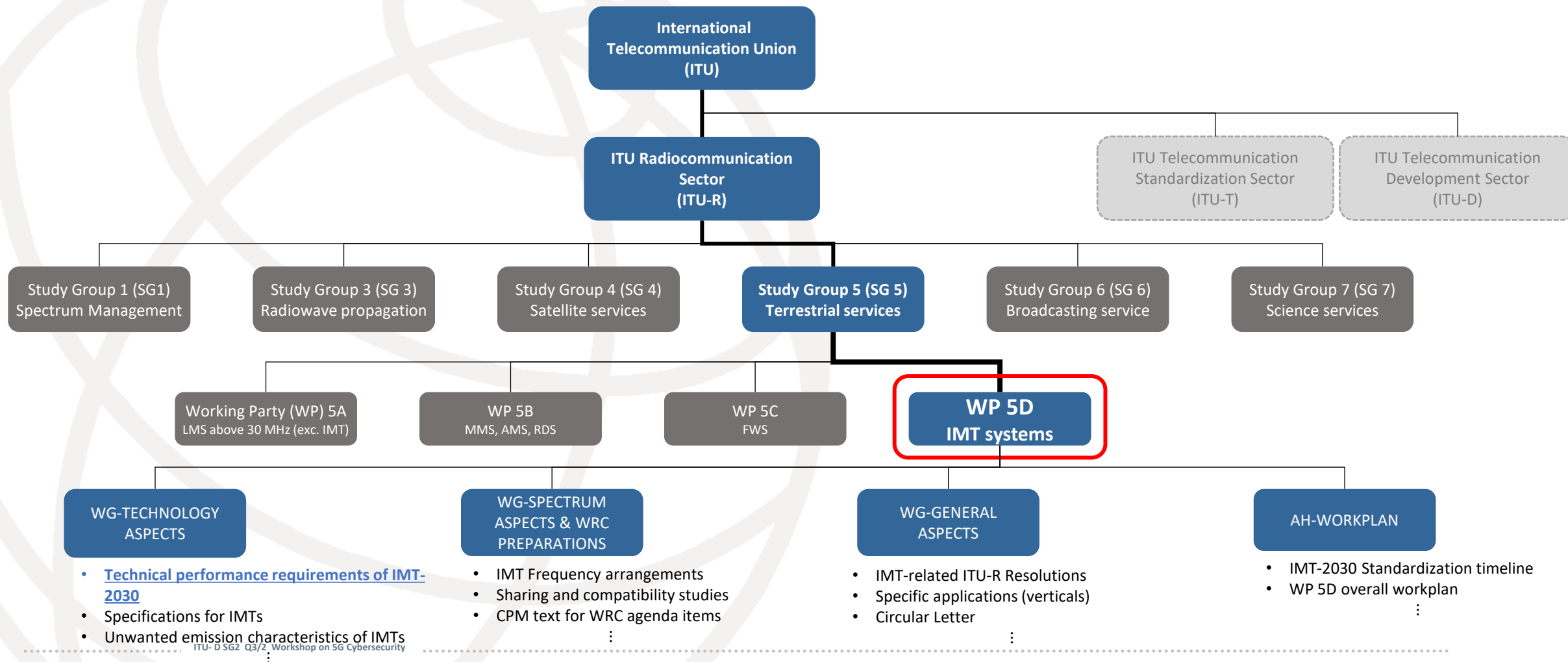
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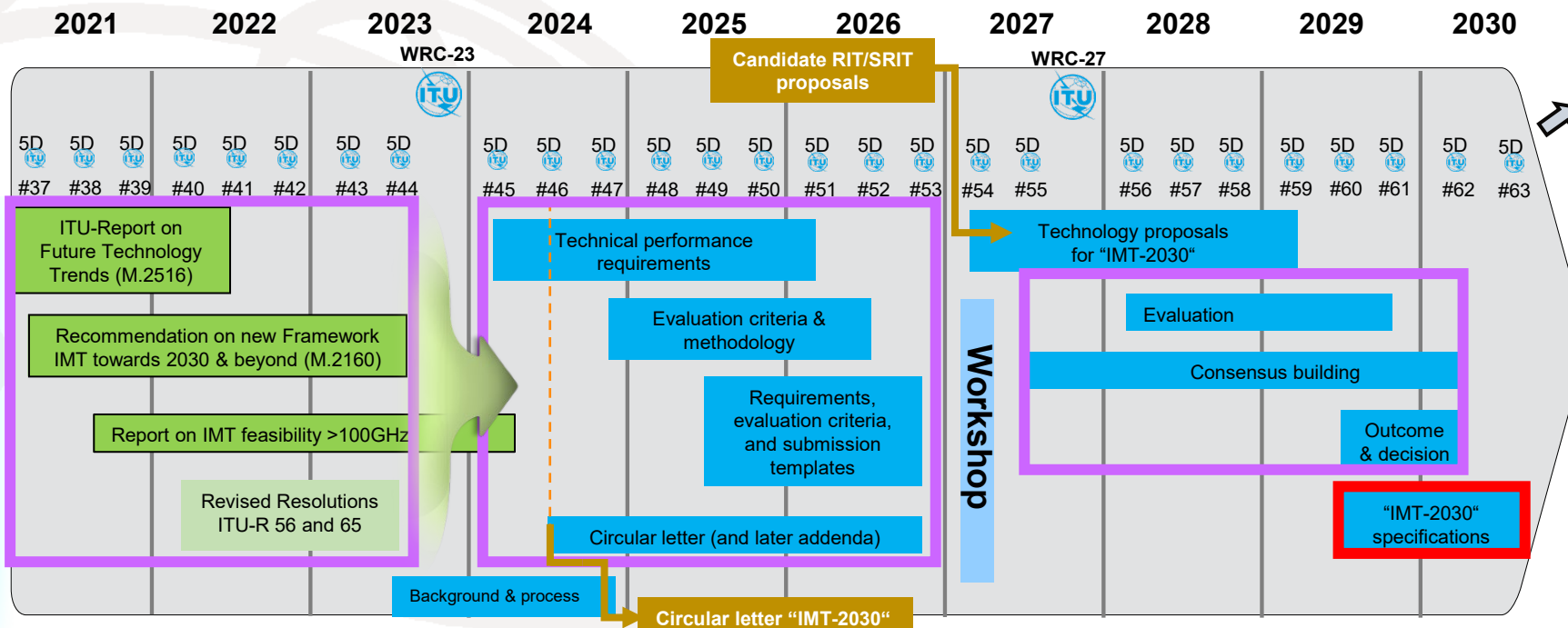
# ITU-R Working Party 5D

WP 5D is responsible for the overall radio system aspects of the terrestrial component of International Mobile Telecommunications (IMT) systems, comprising the current IMT-2000, IMT-Advanced and IMT-2020 as well as IMT-2030.





# ITU-R Timeline and Process



**ITU-R – Study Group 5 and subsequent approval by the Member States**

ITU Publications Recommendations

International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication Sector

**Recommendation ITU-R M. [t.b.d.] (xx/20xx)**

M Series: Mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and related satellite services

**Detailed specifications of the terrestrial radio interfaces of International Mobile Telecommunications-2030 (IMT-2030)**

Note 1: WP 5D #59 will additionally organize a workshop involving the Proponents and registered Independent Evaluation Groups (IEGs) to support the evaluation process

Note 2: While not expected to change, details may be adjusted if warranted. Content of deliverables to be defined by responsible WP 5D groups





# ITU-R M.2516 – Future Technology Trends

- This new Report provides a broad view of **future technical aspects** of terrestrial IMT systems considering the timeframe up to 2030 and beyond, characterized with respect to **key emerging services, applications trends and relevant driving factors**.

Emerging services  
and applications  
  
Drivers for future  
technologies

Emerging technology  
trends and enablers

Technologies  
to enhance the radio  
interface

Technology enablers  
to enhance the radio  
network

- The technology trends of terrestrial IMT systems described in Report ITU-R M.2516 **are applicable to radio interfaces, mobile terminals, and radio access networks** by considering the timeframe up to 2030 and beyond.



# ITU-R M.2160 “Framework for IMT-2030”

## Main body (Preamble)

Scope

Keywords

Abbreviations/Glossary

Related documents

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

*considering*

*considering further*

*recognizing*

*recommends*

that the Annex should be considered as **the framework and the overall objectives to guide the future development of IMT-2030.**

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Why is IMT-2030 needed?  
IMT-2030 expected benefits

Trend and prospect of IMT-2030  
features/technology/spectrum  
in around 2030

Guidance of IMT-2030 features

Guidance of IMT-2030 capabilities to  
fulfil usage scenarios

Relationship with existing IMTs and  
other access systems  
Roadmap for  
technology/standardization/  
deployment/spectrum

# ITU-R M.2160 (§2) - Trends

## § 2.1 Motivation and societal considerations

IMT-2030 is expected to be an important enabler for achieving the following characteristics, among others:

- Inclusivity
- Ubiquitous connectivity
- Sustainability
- Innovation
- Enhanced and resilience
- Standardization and interoperability
- Interworking

## § 2.3 Technology trends

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“Summary of Future Technology Trends (FTT)”

- Emerging technology trends and enablers
- Technologies to enhance the radio interface
- Technology enablers to enhance the radio network

## § 2.6 IMT in bands above 100 GHz

The development of IMT for 2030 and beyond is expected to enable new use cases and applications with high data rate and low latency, which will benefit from large contiguous bandwidths of tens of GHz. This suggests the need to consider spectrum in higher frequency ranges above 92 GHz as a complement to the use of lower frequency bands.

## § 2.2 User and application trends

9 trends

Ubiquitous intelligence

Ubiquitous computing

Immersive multimedia and multi-sensory interactions

Digital twin and virtual world

Smart industrial applications

Digital health and well-being

Ubiquitous connectivity

Integration of sensing and communication

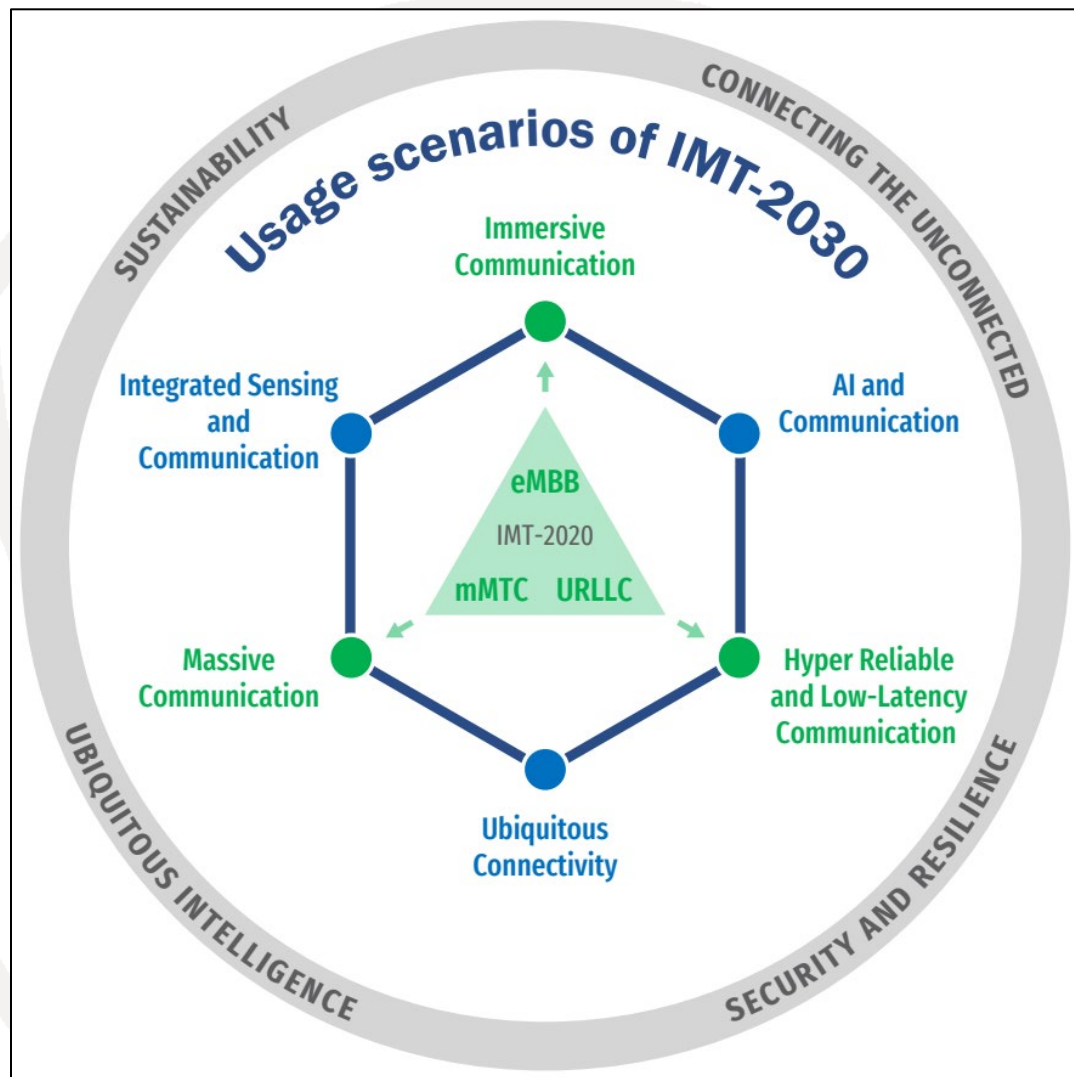
Sustainability

## § 2.4 Envisaged frequency bands and § 2.5 Spectrum harmonization

- § 2.4. Multiple frequency ranges will be needed to meet the capacity and coverage requirements of IMT systems and to serve the emerging services and applications. New generations of IMT may expect new spectrum for increasing data rates, capacity, new applications and to provide for new capabilities. IMT-2030 is envisaged to utilize a wide range of frequency bands ranging from sub-1 GHz up to frequency bands above 100 GHz. Low bands will continue to be crucial to enable nationwide coverage, in particular addressing the digital divide and expanding deep indoor coverage. Mid bands provide a balance between wide area coverage and capacity.
- § 2.5. The benefits of spectrum harmonization include facilitating economies of scale, enabling global roaming, reducing complexity of equipment design, improving spectrum efficiency including potentially reducing cross border interference. Harmonization of spectrum for IMT would lead to increased commonality of equipment and is desirable for achieving economies of scale and affordability of equipment, thus promoting digital inclusion.



# ITU-R M.2160 (§3) - Usage scenarios for IMT-2030



## 6 Usage scenarios

Extension from IMT-2020

eMBB → Immersive Communication

mMTC → Massive Communication

URLLC → HURLLC (Hyper Reliable & Low-Latency Communication)

New

Ubiquitous Connectivity

AI and Communication

Integrated Sensing and Communication

## 4 Overarching aspects

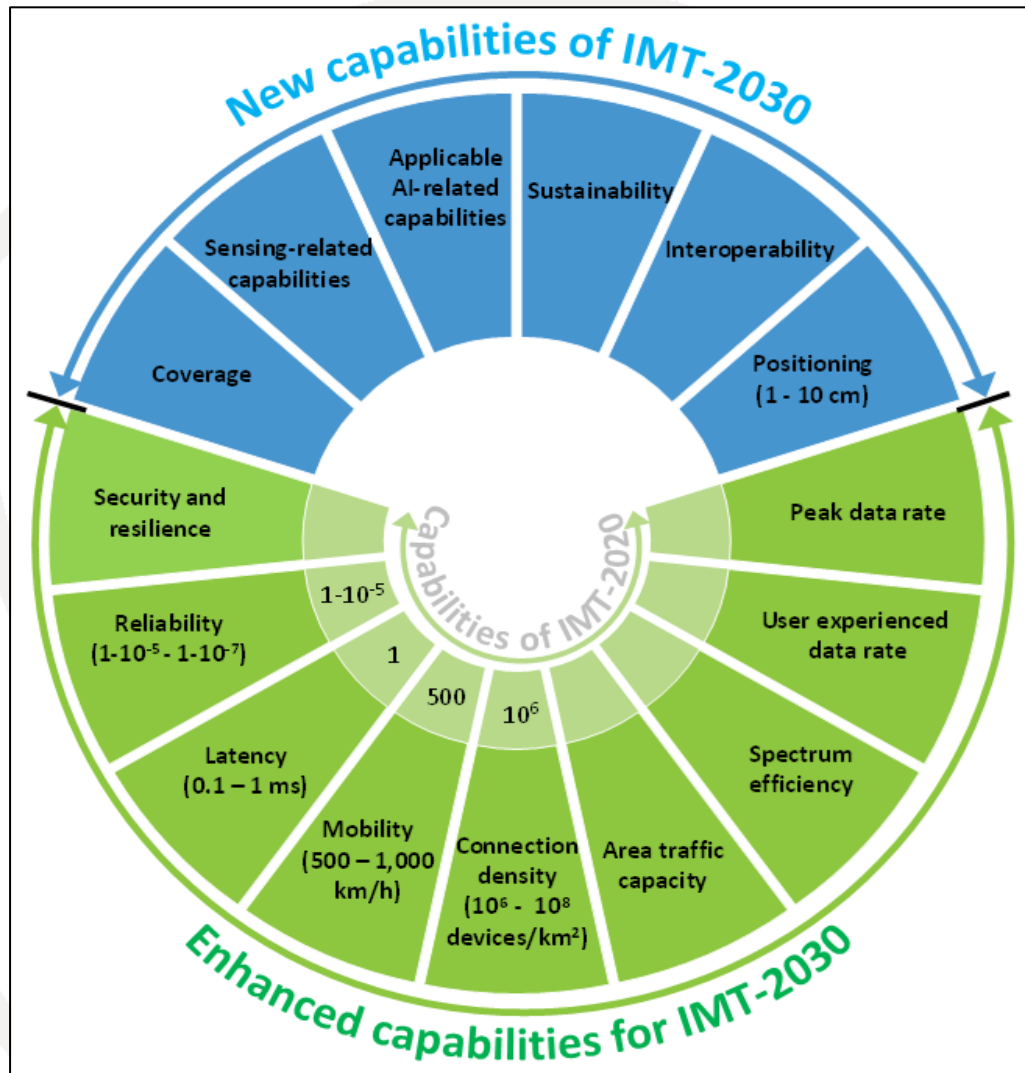
*act as design principles commonly applicable to all usage scenarios*

- Sustainability
- Connecting the unconnected,
- Ubiquitous intelligence,
- Security / resilience

So called "Wheel diagram", Recommendation ITU-R M.2160



# ITU-R M.2160 (§4) - Capabilities of IMT-2030



The Framework Recommendation identifies **15 capabilities** for IMT-2030 technology

- Nine of those capabilities are derived from existing IMT-2020 systems

**The range of values given for capabilities are estimated targets for research and investigation of IMT-2030**

- All values in the range have equal priority in research and investigation
- For each usage scenario, a single or multiple values within the range would be developed in future in other ITU-R Recommendations/Reports

IMT-2030 is also expected to help **address the need for increased environmental, social and economic sustainability**, and also support the goals of the Paris Agreement of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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# ITU-R M.2160 (§5) - Relationship and Timelines

## § 5.1 Relationships

- § 5.1.1 Relationship between IMT-2030 and existing IMT

Enhancements to existing IMT

Interworking with existing IMT

- § 5.1.2 Relationship between IMT-2030 and other access systems

Interworking between different access networks

such as non-terrestrial network of IMT (including satellite, HBS and UASs)

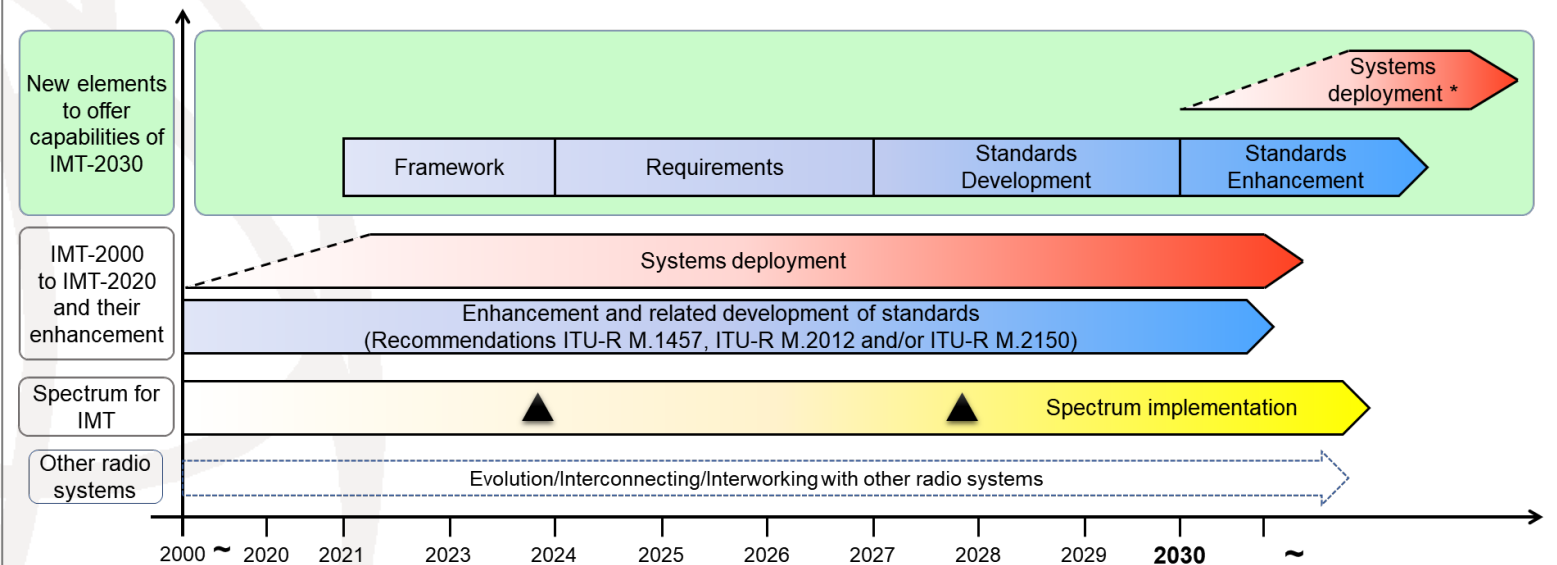
as well as with other non-IMT terrestrial networks (including RLAN and broadcast)

## § 5.3 Focus areas for further study

- Radio interface(s) standards development
- Access network related issues
- Traffic characteristics
- Spectrum related issues

## § 5.2 Timelines

- Roadmap for technology/standard development, deployment and spectrum
- In addition, enhancement of existing IMTs and relationship with other radio systems



The sloped dotted lines in systems deployment indicate that the exact starting point cannot yet be fixed.

▲ : Possible spectrum identification at WRC-23, WRC-27 and future WRCs

\* : Systems to satisfy the technical performance requirements of IMT-2030 could be developed before year 2030 in some countries.

: Possible deployment around the year 2030 in some countries (including trial systems)

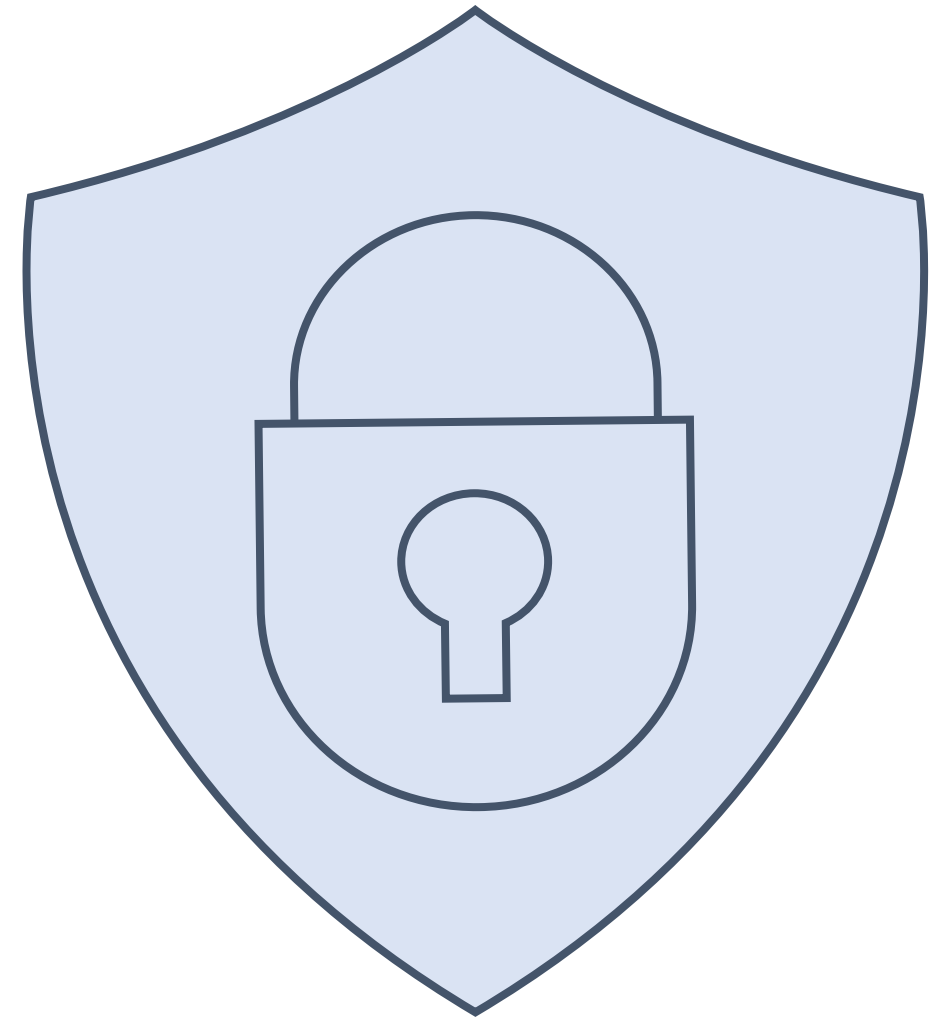
# Security and Resilience in IMT-2030

IMT-2030 system is expected to be **secure by design**. It is expected to have the ability to continue operating during and quickly recover from a disruptive event, whether natural or man-made. Making security and resilience as the key considerations in the design, deployment and operation of IMT-2030 systems is fundamental to achieving broader societal and economic goals.

## Security and resilience is essential capability of IMT-2030 systems

In the context of IMT-2030:

- **Security** refers to preservation of confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information, such as user data and signalling, and protection of networks, devices and systems against cyberattacks such as hacking, distributed denial of service, man in the middle attacks, etc.
- **Resilience** refers to capabilities of the networks and systems to continue operating correctly during and after a natural or man-made disturbance, such as the loss of primary source of power, etc.





# Summary

- The **Future Technology Trends Report ITU-R M.2516** summarizes anticipated developments
- The new **“Framework Recommendation” ITU-R M.2160 for IMT-2030** describes the overall objectives including use cases
- IMT towards 2030 and beyond technologies are expected to become **pervasive** in various new use cases. In this context, there will be a need **to ensure security, privacy and trust solutions** allowing for legitimate exchange of sensitive information through the network entities.
- This marks the achievement of the initial phase, **setting the basis for the development of IMT-2030. The next phase (2024-2027)** will be the definition of relevant **requirements and evaluation criteria** for potential radio interface technologies (RIT) for IMT-2030.
- Essential part of the IMT-process is **liaison with External Organizations** to receive contributions covering and elaborating future trends and new services ...  
... but also, **internal liaison within ITU** (other ITU-R Study Groups and ITU-sectors)

