



Vice-Chairman, APG-23

MEETING REPORT ON RA-23 PREPARATION GROUP

1. Introduction

A meeting on preparation for RA-23 was convened at 10:00 – 11:20 on 21 April 2021. The meeting was chaired by Muneo Abe, a Vice-Chairman of APG-23. The agenda of the meeting can be found in Document APG23-3/ADM-12 Rev.1.

After confirming the scope of the group, the meeting reviewed the activities of RAG which met in May 2020 and March/April 2021 and future work of APG was discussed.

2. Scope of APG preparation for RA

As this was the first APG meeting in preparation for RA-23, the meeting confirmed the scope of the group with the following documents;

- a. Working methods of APG-23 ([APG23-1/OUT-04](#))
- b. Objectives and expected outputs of APG-23 ([APG23-2/INP-04 Rev1](#))

3. Discussions

1) Review of RAG (Radiocommunication Advisory Group) activities

The meeting reviewed the discussions at the meetings of RAG held 22-27 May 2020 and 29 March – 1 April 2021. Summaries of Conclusions of RAG20 ([CA/252](#)) and RAG21 ([CA/256](#)) were used for the review together with some related input documents to these RAG meetings.

a. Specific matters instructed by RA-19 and WRC-19

The meeting noted the specific matters instructed to RAG by RA-19 and WRC-19 Conferences as described in Sec.3.1.1 and Sec.3.2.5 of [RAG20/1\(Rev.1\)](#) and creation of CGs (Corresponding Groups) 1 and 2 by RAG to respond to these specific matters.

CG 1 on Implementation of WRC-19 Gender Declaration

Report ([RAG21/30](#)) of CG 1 to RAG21 included its plan to start drafting a new ITU-R Resolution on this matter in year 2021. The Report also included Draft Liaison Statement from RAG to SGs, WPs and Regional Groups for promoting this issue. Although the main body of summary of conclusion of RAG21 ([CA/256](#)) referred only to the portion addressed to SGs and WPs, the cover page of [CA/256](#) included the encouragements by RAG for Administrations, Sector Members and the six telecommunications organizations to actively work towards ensuring the participation of women in ITU-R meetings at all levels and to nominate and support women for leadership roles.

The meeting discussed about what APG should do on this matter.

APG-23 Chairman, Dr. Wee explained that, he had been consulted by the former Secretary General of APT about the possibility of participation in “Network of Women”.

The meeting noted the following opinion for accomplishing WRC-19 Gender Declaration:

- i. APG should encourage Administrations and members to promote participations of women in their delegations to ITU-R meetings and increase female candidates for leadership positions in ITU-R.
- ii. Gender balance should be observed at RA-23 meeting. Regional coordination should take account of the gender balance.

CG 2 on Possible revisions of Resolution ITU-R 1-8

The meeting noted the Terms of Reference of CG 2 created at the RAG21 meeting, in which study of establishment of the maximum term of office for WP Chair is of an optional nature. An opinion raised was that as more expertise is required for WP Chair than SG Chair, the maximum term of office should not be determined for WP Chair. APT Members are encouraged and requested to participate actively in the discussions of CG 2. It was also noted that APG plenary encouraged Chairs of APG WPs/DGs to participate in RAG meetings in addition to ITU-R WPs related WRC-23 AIs, as much as practically possible.

BR explained that other information on CG 2 will be made available shortly on the website of RAG, responding a question at the meeting.

- b. Noting of other elements of summary of conclusions of RAG20 & 21 meetings
Due to the time constraint, other elements of summary of conclusion could not be reviewed, but the chairman highlighted active involvement of APT Members, e.g. IRN, CHN and J, in RAG discussions. Contributions from those Members were well perceived and led to important results in ITU-R activities.

2) Future work of APG preparation for RA-23

a. ITU-R Resolutions

The chairman referred [Doc.RA19/PLEN/77](#) which shows a list of ITU-R Resolutions indicating actions at RA-19, i.e. MOD, ADD, NOC and SUP. The meeting noted the view that modifications of the Resolutions should be considered only if such modifications are necessary. APT members are encouraged to study the ITU-R Resolutions and, if areas requiring modifications are identified, to propose such modifications with the justifications/reasons, e.g. contradiction, and methods for the modifications, e.g. consolidation, new resolution etc.

b. APT Coordination of ITU-R office bearer nominations

The meeting reviewed the current SG Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen from the viewpoint whether they are in the 1st term or 2nd term. Concerning Vice-Chairmen, the number of Vice-Chairmen in the 2nd term is only 1 or zero in SGs 4, 5, 6 and 7. New candidates for Vice-Chairman of these SGs might experience severe

competition. Regarding the SG Chairmen, Chairmen of SGs 3, 5, 6 and 7 are in the 2nd term and, therefore new Chairmen will be elected for these SGs. At the next meeting, APG may start discussions about those vacant positions of SG Chairs.

Vice-Chairmen of SGs from APT region are encouraged to participate in the activities of the corresponding SG and associated WPs to which they are nominated.

4. Acknowledgement

The chairman thanked the participants for their contribution and corporation in the meeting. Also he expressed his apologies that elements other than CG 1 and CG 2 issues in summaries of conclusions could not be reviewed at the meeting due to the time constraint.
