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ABSTRACT

All Global Telecommunication Organization (GTO) meetings should be conducted virtually, i.e. via e-meetings in order to reduce the carbon footprint of the GTO, save money and take advantage of modern technology.

Introduction

It is not efficient to conduct GTO meetings physically in terms of time and cost spent for travelling, logistics and preparation work. Most of the countries already have telecommunication infrastructures in place for ICT services, which are capable to support e-meetings. This includes basic modes of communications such as email, phones, and even video conferencing.

Advantages of e-meeting

Without conducting a physical meeting, effort as well as cost saved on travelling will greatly reduce the carbon footprint of the GTO.

Time and effort required to prepare an e-meeting are definitely shorter and more efficient than having a physical meeting, which involves travel arrangement, logistics, etc. With this advantage, GTO meetings can be held even more often.

By only having meetings virtually, it will also encourage the participations of more countries, especially those countries with problems of travelling for any reasons.

Conclusion

We propose that all GTO meetings be conducted via e-meetings. Apart from reducing the carbon footprint and being more efficient in terms of cost and effort, the GTO as a standardization body for telecommunications should always take the lead to utilize modern telecommunications technology itself. One way to do this is to conduct e-meetings rather than having conventional physical meetings.