



ITU Regional Development Forum 2008
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**Global Standards Symposium:
Expected outcomes for Africa**

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Global Standards Symposium (GSS) October 20, 2008, Johannesburg

- GSS Background
 - PP-06 Resolution 123 and R.1271 (MOD)
 - Steering committee
- GSS Themes
 - Bridging the standardization gap
 - Standards Challenges
 - Climate Change, Accessibility, Standards clarity
- GSS programme and speakers
- Expected outcomes for Africa

GSS background

- WTSA-04, Florianópolis
 - ➔ A Cybersecurity symposium was held one day before WTSA-04
- PP-06 (Antalya) Resolution 123

instructs the TSB Director to consider ... organizing a worldwide standardization roundtable and coordination meeting, possibly in conjunction with WTSA, for one day immediately prior to the assembly
- Council 2007, in R.1271 (MOD)

resolves that a worldwide standardization round table and coordination meeting ("Global Standardization Symposium") be convened on 20 October 2008 at the same venue as WTSA-08

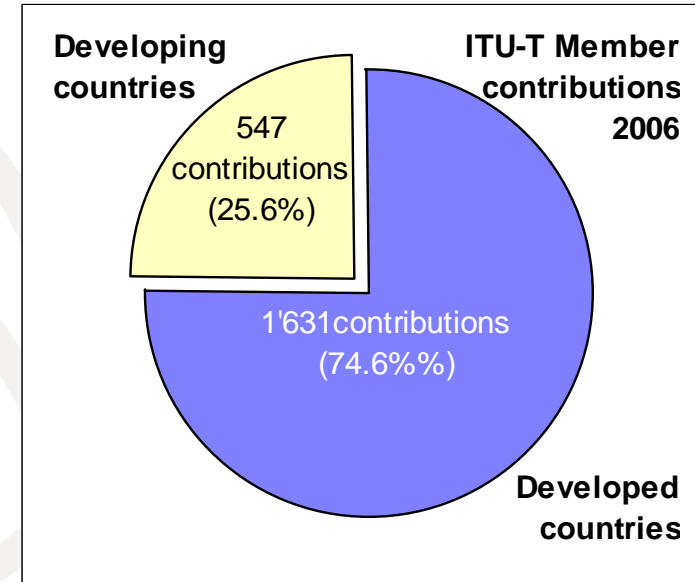
GSS steering committee

- TSAG, Feb 2007
 - Created a correspondence group (tsagroundtable@itu.int) to work by electronic means on a series of questions
 - Convened by Jean-Yves Monfort (France Telecom)
- TSAG, Dec 2007
 - Confirmed the creation of a steering committee
 - Co-chairs (Viet Nam and South Africa)
 - Balanced membership
 - Member States (incl. regulators) 9
 - Sector Members 6
 - Standards Development Organizations & others 6

GSS Themes

■ Bridging the Standardization Gap

- 2007 workshops
 - Mendoza, September
 - Kigali, October
- 2008 Regional Forums
 - Brasilia, May
 - Accra, May
 - Tashkent, June
 - Damascus, July
 - Hanoi, September



Other GSS themes



- Standardization challenges

- ICTs and Climate Change

 - Kyoto Symposium, 15-16 April 2008

 - London Symposium, 17-18 June 2008

- Accessibility

 - ITU/G3ict Forum, April 21 2008

 - Making accessibility a reality, Rio 13 Nov 2007



- Standards clarity

 - How to respond to the increasing complexity of the standards development environment?

10:00 – 10:40 Opening ceremony

- Welcome
 - **Dr Ivy Matsepe-Casaburri**, Minister of Communications, South Africa
 - **Dr Hamadoun I. Touré**, Secretary-General, ITU
- Keynote presentations
 - **Mr Malcolm Johnson**, Director, ITU-T
 - Special guest
- Chairman's opening remarks
 - **H.E. Mr Nguyen Thanh Hung**, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Information and Communications (Viet Nam)

Session 2: 11:00 – 12:30

Bridging the Standardization Gap

■ Moderator:

- ➔ **Mr. Sergio SCARABINO***, Argentina

■ Speakers:

- ➔ **H.E. Romain MURENZI***, Rwanda
- ➔ **Mr. Patrick MASAMBU**, Uganda
- ➔ **Mr Jeff SPAGNOLA**, CISCO

■ Case studies of bridging the gap

- ➔ **Dr Sebietso MOKONE MATABANE***, Sentech (South Africa)
- ➔ **Dr Mun-Kee CHOI**, ETRI (Republic of Korea)
- ➔ **China***

Session 3: 14:00 – 15:40

Global Standards Challenges

CTO session

■ Moderator:

H.E Dr. Benjamin AGGREY NTIM, Ghana

■ Speakers:

- **Dr Stephan SCHOLZ**, Nokia Siemens Networks
- **Mr Paul Excel**, BT Group
- **Dr John ROESE**, Nortel
- **Mr Steve PUSEY***, Vodafone
- **H.E. Ambassador David GROSS**, Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy (USA), Presentation of results of the OECD Ministerial Conference on the Future of the Internet Economy (Seoul, 17-18 June)
- **Mr Marc FOSSIER**, Orange
- **Mr Jonathan MURRAY**, Microsoft

Session 4: 16:00 – 17:15 Global Standard Collaboration Roundtable

- Moderator:
 - ➔ **Mr Gary FISHMAN**, Chairman, TSAG
- Panelists:
 - ➔ **Mr Alan BRYDEN**, Secretary-General, International Organisation for Standardization
 - ➔ **Mr Akossi AKOSSI ***, Secretary-General, African Telecommunication Union
 - ➔ **Dr Yuji INOUE**, President and CEO, Telecommunication Technology Committee, Japan
 - ➔ **Mr George ARNOLD**, President, IEEE-SA
 - ➔ **Mr Walter WEIGL**, Director-General, European Telecommunication Standards Institute (ETSI)
 - ➔ **Ms Lynn St. AMOUR**, President/CEO, Internet Society
 - ➔ **Mr Enno LIESS**, Vice-President, International Electrotechnical Commission
 - ➔ **Mr Reinhard SCHOLL**, Deputy-Director, ITU-T

Session 5: 17:15 – 18:00

Adoption of GSS report and closing

- Symposium chairperson: H.E. Mr Nguyen Thanh Hung, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Information and Communications (Viet Nam)
- *The objective of the final session is to adopt a chairperson's report of the GSS that will include recommendations for action by the membership. The report, which will be prepared by a balanced steering committee of the GSS, will be presented to WTSA-08 for appropriate action.*

GSS: expected outcomes for Africa

- Focus on bridging the standardization gap — Africa has some of the highest broadband prices
 - ➔ Greater involvement of African companies and governments in standards-making
- Recommendations for action to WTSA
 - ➔ Shaping the future ITU-T work programme
- Recommendations on greater clarity in the standards development environment

LONG-TERM CHALLENGE

- More awareness and usage of free resource e.g. ITU-T Recommendations
- Increased ITU Sector and Associate Membership – increased use of international standards in ICT procurement leading to potential savings
- Influencing standards developments – submission of more proposals and contributions to TSAG & WTSA
- Prioritising national capacity building – emphasis on ITU- Recommendations

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- For more information:
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/gss/index.html>