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**WTSA-08 : Issues for
developing countries**

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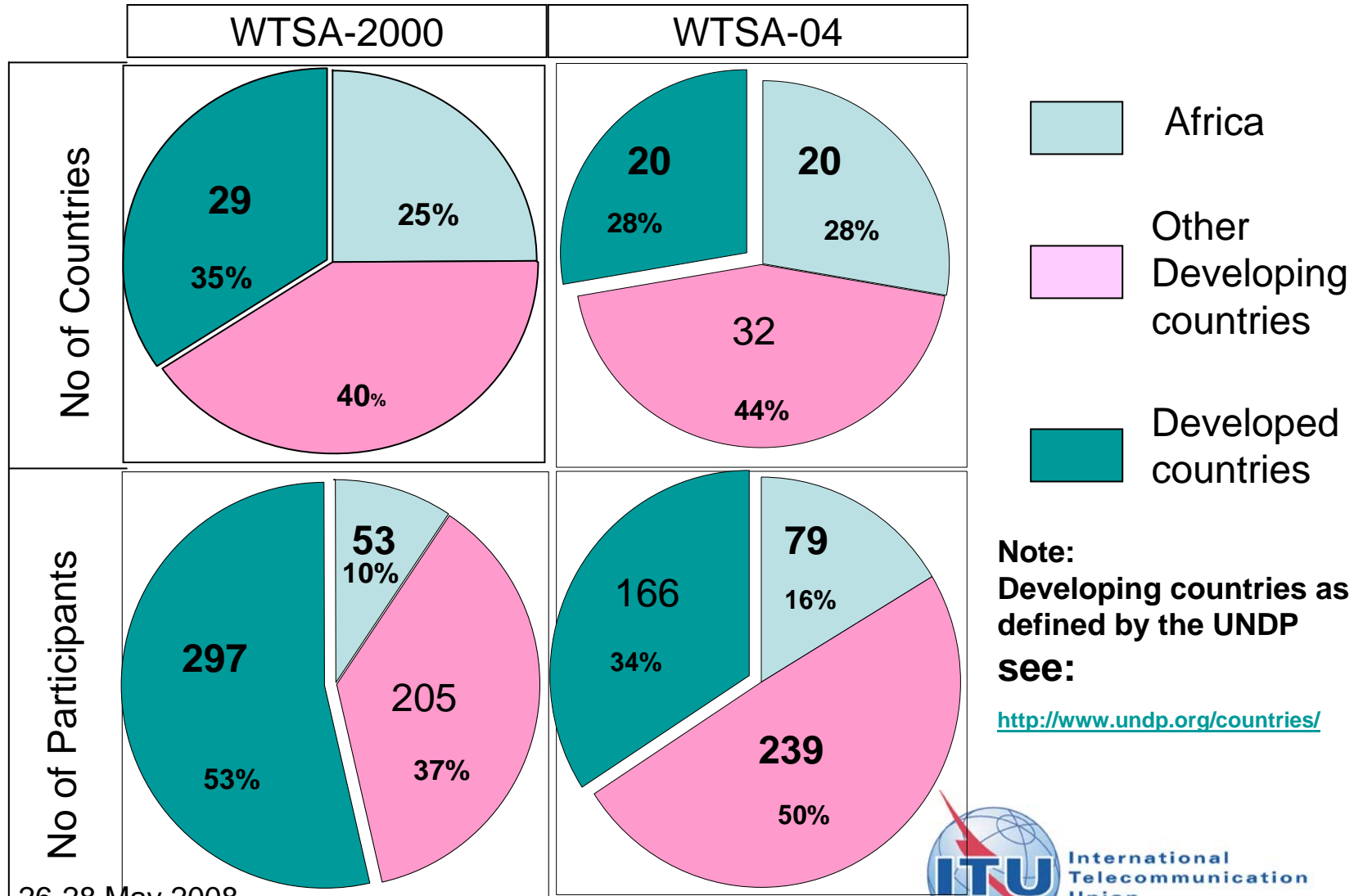
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Agenda

- Some statistics
 - Participations
 - Contributions
- Issues for discussions
 - Facilitating the participation
 - Facilitating the understanding of ITU-T activities
 - Reflecting African countries requirements
- Resolutions related to Developing Countries (DC)
- Other issues
 - Chairman – Vice Chairmanship
 - Paperless Meeting

Participation in WTSA-2000 & WTSA-04

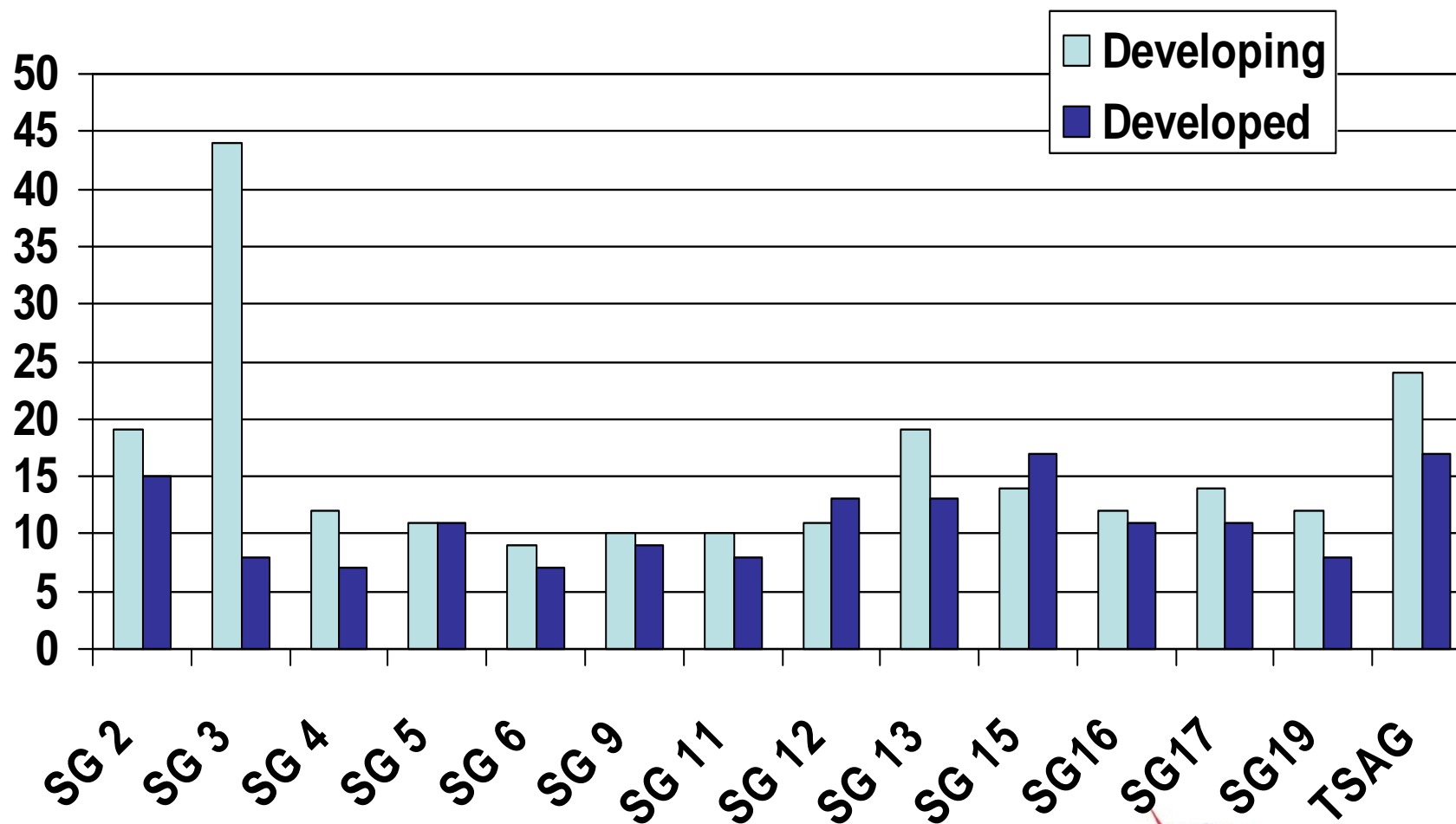


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Participated number of Countries

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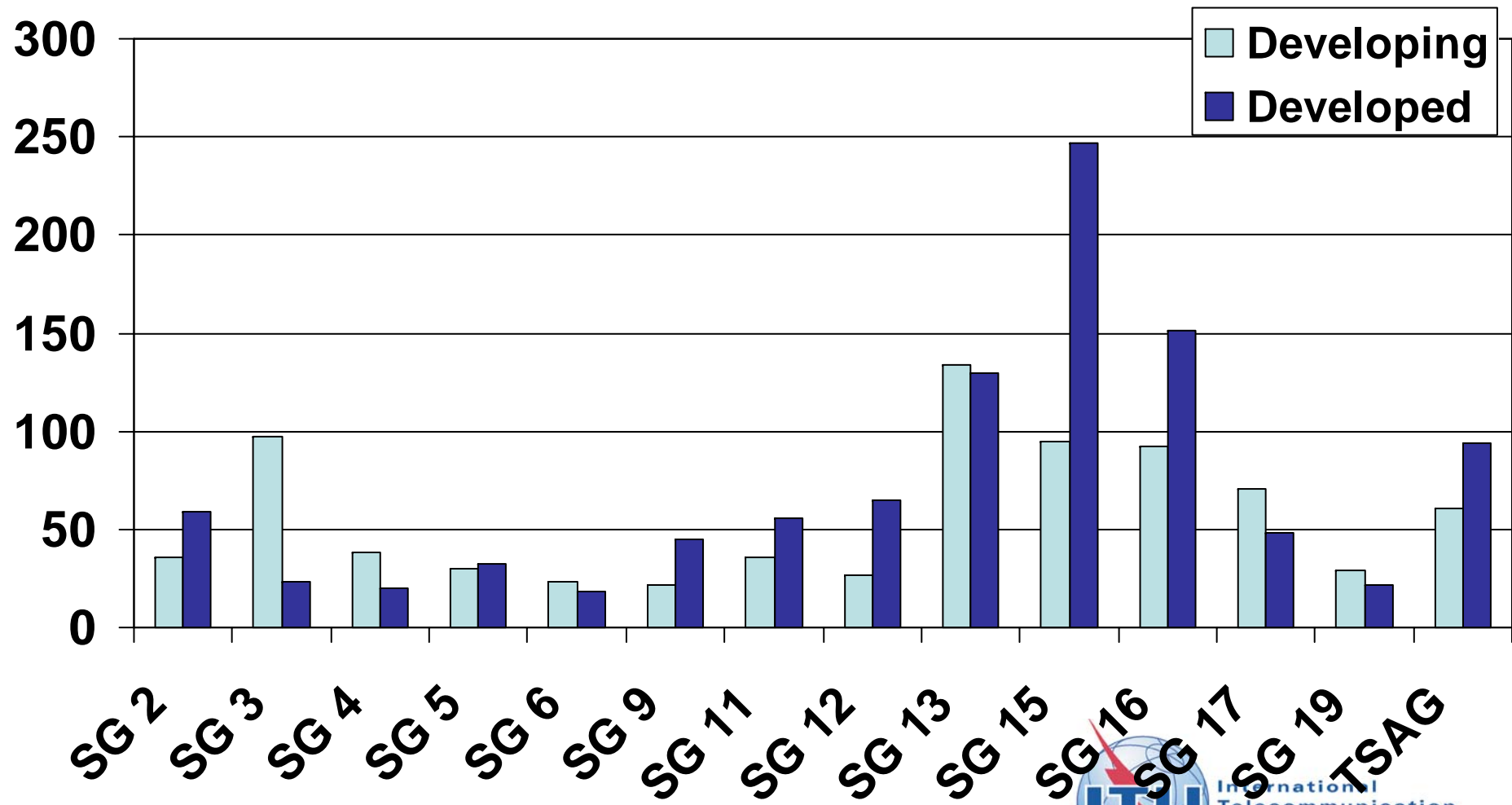


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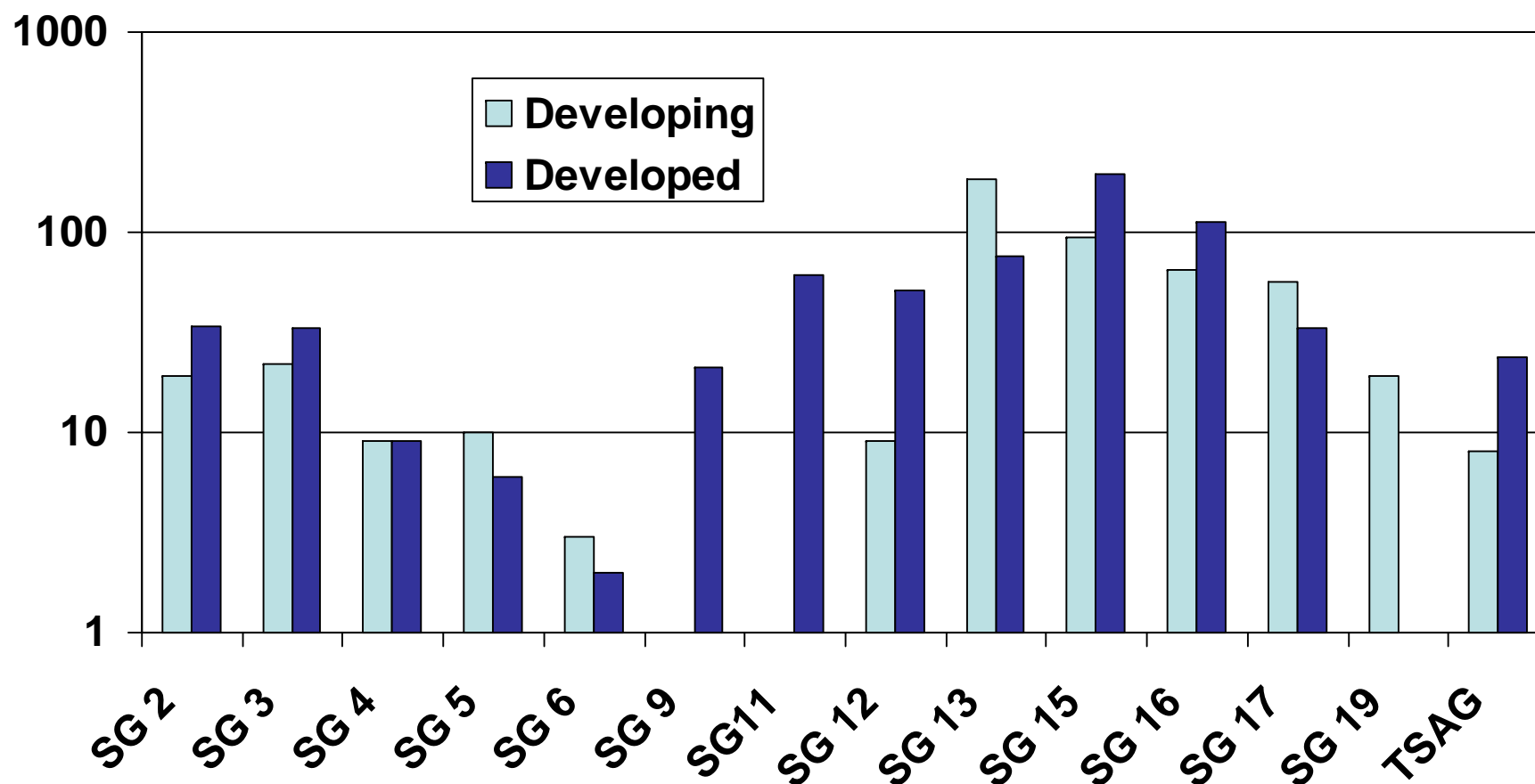


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Contributions at the last SG meeting

(Logarithmic scale)



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African Participation in SG & TSAG

(Last Study Group meeting)

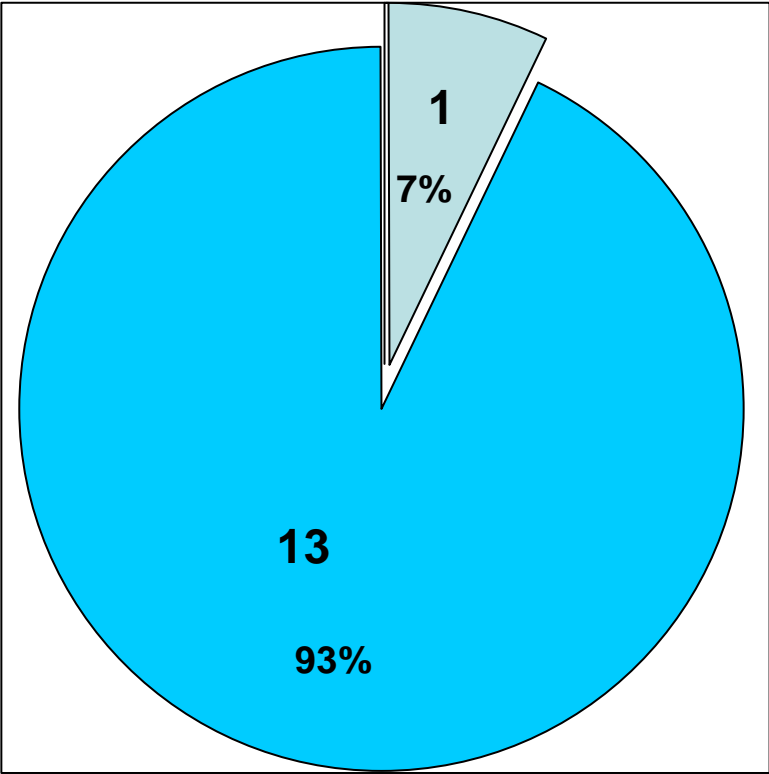
<i>Study Group</i>	<i>Countries</i>	<i>Countries (number of participants)</i>	<i>Contributions</i>
SG 2	5/34	CTI(1), EGY(4), KEN(1), UGA(1), TZA(1)	1/30
SG 3	18/56	BEN(1), CME(2), CTI(2), DJI(1), EGY(1), GHA(3), GUI(2), KEN(1), MLI(1), NGR(1), UGA(1), RRW(1), SEN(5), SDN(1), TZN(1), TCD(2), TGO(1), ZWE(1)	8/33
SG 4	2/19	CME(2), KEN (1)	0/18
SG 5	4/22	CTI(1), GAB(1), KEN(1), TZA(1)	0/16
SG 6	2/16	GAB(1), KEN(1)	0/5
SG 9	2/19	GAB(1), KEN(1)	0/21
SG 11	2/18	CME(1), KEN(1)	0/61
SG 12	3/24	KEN(1), TCD(2), TZA(2)	0/60
SG 13	3/32	CTI(1), KEN(2), TZA(1)	0/260
SG 15	4/31	AFS(1), CME(2), GAB(1), KEN(1)	0/289
SG 16	2/23	CTI(1), KEN(1)	0/177
SG 17	5/25	CME(2), GAB(1), KEN(2), TCD(1), TZA(1)	0/90
SG 19	3/20	CTI(1), KEN(1), UGA(1)	0/18
TSAG	8/41	AFS(2), CME(2), CTI(2), GAB(1), KEN(1), SEN(2), TZA(1), UGA(1)	0/32

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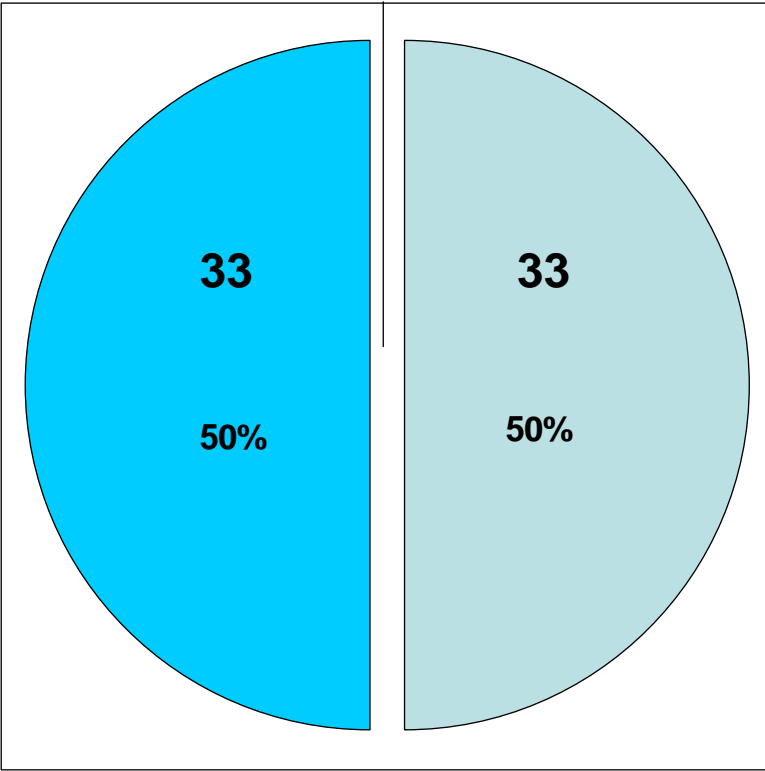


Number of SG Chairmen & V.C. (nominated at WTSA-04)

Study Group's Chairmen



Study Group Vice Chairmen

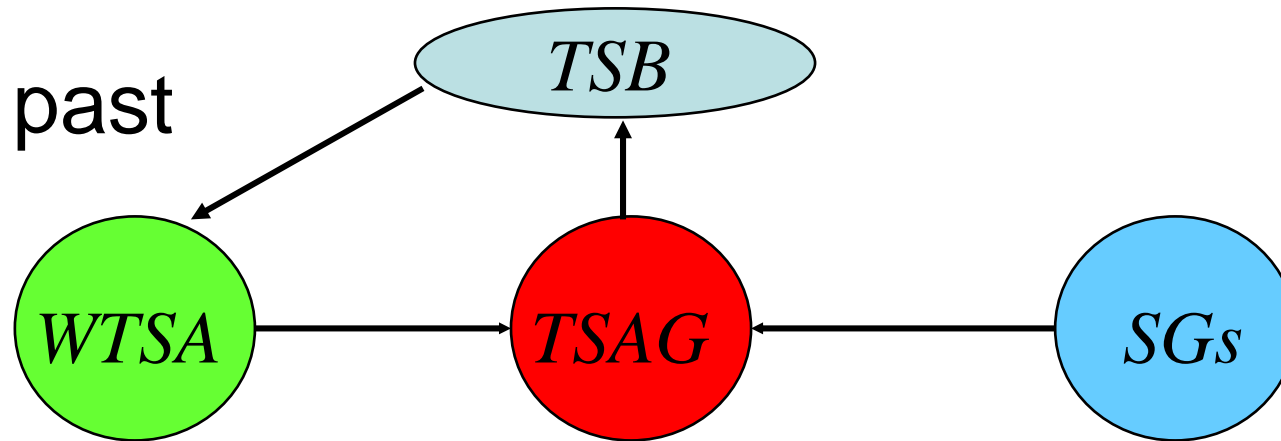


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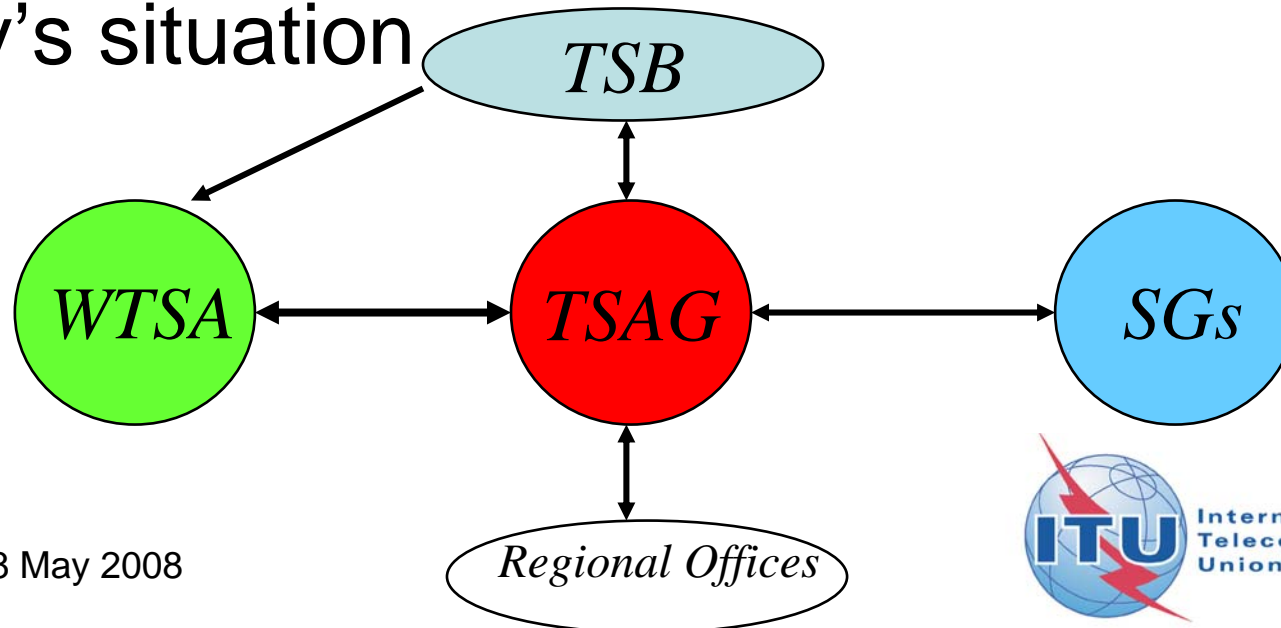


Facilitating the participation (1)

- In the past



- Today's situation



Facilitating the participation (2)

- In participating to the WTSA, developing countries had a control over SG activities
- WTSA role is changing, MS participating into TSAG have more power (PP-98, PP-02)
 - CV Art. 14, (may assign specific matter to TSAG)
 - CV Art. 14A (large mandate of TSAG)
- Necessity to participate to TSAG and to SGs
 - Direct participation
 - Through regional Groups
 - Through representatives
 - Using new technologies

Facilitating the understanding

- **Many actions have been taken**
 - Summary of Recommendations available online
 - Free access to technical ITU-T Recommendations
 - A manual for beginners has been developed
 - Development of guides aimed at developing countries for help implementing ITU-T Recommendations
 - Seminars, Workshops, Regional meetings and Forums
 - Presentations available online
 - Audiocast recorded and available online for most events
 - Close contact and increased cooperation with ITU Regional & Areas Offices, and Centers of Excellence
 - TSB staff identified as contact point for the Region
 - Website has been improved, e-flash etc...

Facilitating the understanding (2)

- Some ideas of what could be added
 - What developing countries could do?
 - Electronic meetings after each SG? To inform the results of interest for developing countries with Questions and Answers period...
 - Regional groups, “Block meetings”
 - Remote participation
 - What else?

Reflecting Regional Requirements

- Develop a Question of particular interest for the region
 - On what issues your region needs Recommendations?
 - Adoption at WTSA or during SG meeting?
- Discuss the issue in the region?
 - Establishment of regional Groups?
- Submit contributions
 - How to submit? Individual or after regional consultation?
- Reply to the Questionnaires from ITU-T
 - Nominating a contact point for each SG of interest

WTSA Resolutions related to DC(1)

- Resolution 17 (Telecom. Stand. in relation to the interest of developing countries)
 - Resolves to request the Director of TSB to...
 - Instruct the Director of TSB, to provide BDT with...
 - Further instruct the study groups to take appropriate...

Where are Developing countries? What action they are taking?

Can we encourage developing countries to do something?

Example:

- To nominate a team to follow ITU activities
- To provide to them EDH to access to the ITU website etc.

Japanese common saying:

“You can't built a house while you are sleeping”

WTSA Resolutions related to DC (2)

- Resolution 26 (Assistance to the Regional Tariff Groups)
 - This Resolutions calls upon the Director of TSB to cooperate with the Director of BDT to provide specific assistance to the RTG.
 - This was a very useful Resolution which allowed:
 - RTG to study and understand cost method
 - SG3 to approve RTG's cost methodologies
 - BDT to implement cost calculation tool (COSITU)
- Cost methodologies being developed, this Resolution needs an update
 - Regional Groups proposed modifications
 - Agreed by SG3 (March 2008) and sent to TSAG

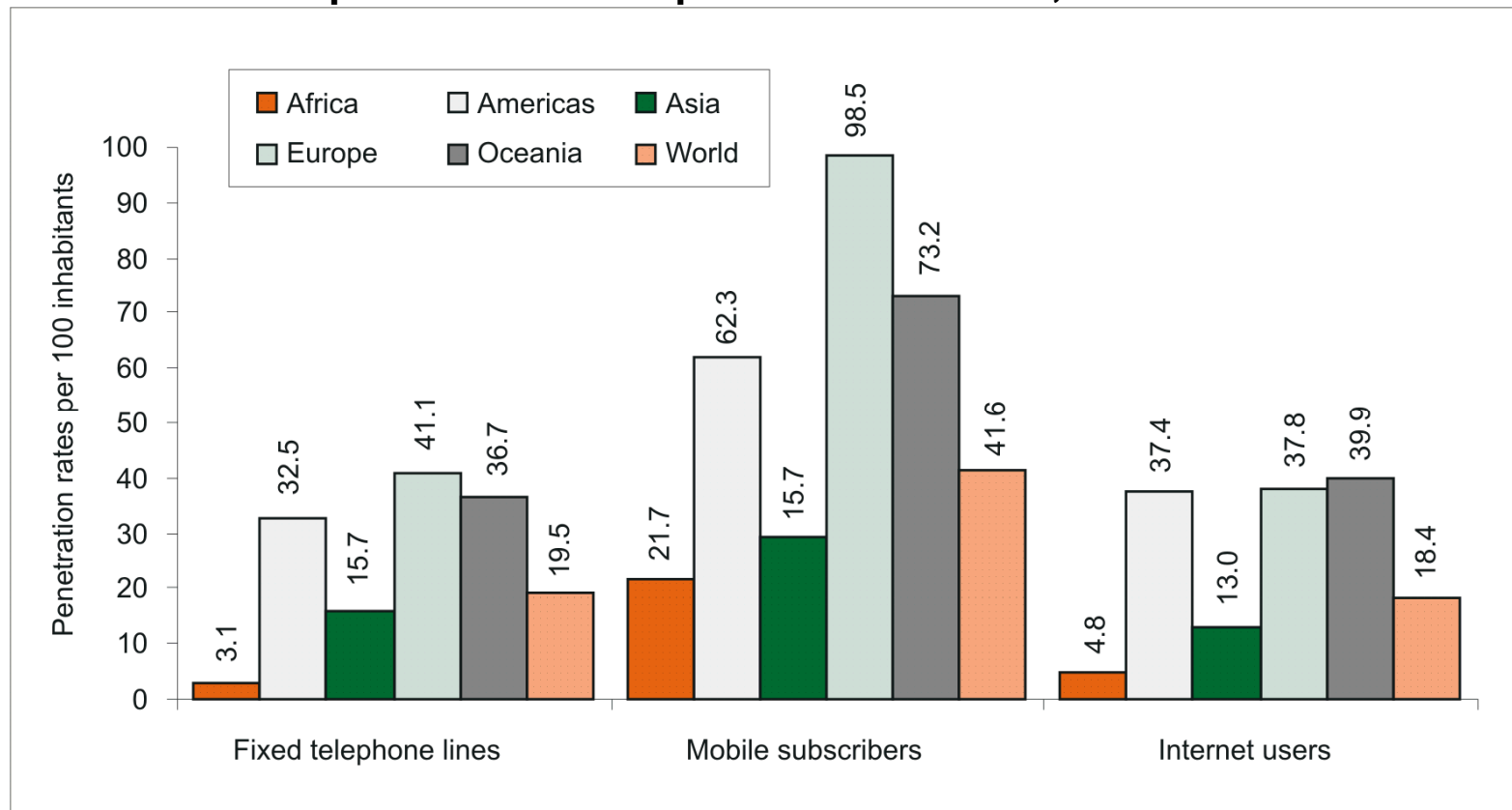
WTSA Resolutions related to DC (3)

- Resolution 43 (Regional preparations for WTSAAs)
 - This Resolution instruct Director of TSB to
 - Organize regional preparatory meeting
 - Support and assist the preparation of the region
- Invite Member States
 - To participate actively
- Invite regional organizations
 - To convene interregional meetings
- Is this process working well?
Are modifications needed?

WTSA Resolutions related to DC (4)

- Resolution 44 (Bridging the standardization gap)

ICT penetration rates per 100 inhabitants, 2006



Source: ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database

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Resolution 44 (continue)

- Action plan contains 5 programmes
 - Strengthening standards-making capabilities
 - Assisting ITU-D in enhancing application of standards
 - Human resource building
 - Flagship groups for bridging the gap
 - Fundraising
- ITU-T and TSB implemented these programs
- What can be done to bridge the standardization development gap?
 - See other presentation on Standardization Gap.

WTSA Resolutions related to DC (5)

- Resolution 54 (creation of regional groups)
 - This Resolution invites regions to:
 - To identify the need and to establish the group
 - Instruct the Director of TSB to
 - Provide necessary support, facilitate the organization of the meeting
- Regional Groups can
 - Develop regional Recommendation
 - Exchange view on the need of the region
 - Provide the view of the region to the SG as its contribution
- What is the position of the region?
Why difficulty to create group? Need modifications to the Recommendation 54?

Other Resolutions and Decisions (1)

- **Resolution 32** (strengthening ITU-T electronic working methods) instructs TSB Director to take some actions to increase the use of EDH.
 - TSB needs cooperation of Member States and Sectors Members to move to time T.
 - What are the impacts for developing countries?
- **Resolution 35** (Chairman and Vice-Chairmanship)
 - In Florianopolis, one SG Chairman (Korea) and 33 V.C nominated from Developing countries.
 - 3 from America region, 2 from Europe, 8 from CIS, 6 from Africa, 10 from Asia & Oceania, 4 from Arab States

Other Resolutions and Decisions (2)

- PP-06 Resolution 123 (Bridging the standardization gap)
 - Instruct the SG and the Directors of three bureaux
 - in pursuing initiatives that assist in bridging std. gap
 - to maintain a close coordination mechanism
 - to coordinate with relevant regional organizations
- WSIS declaration of principles and action plan
 - ***...A well-developed information and communication network infrastructure and applications, adapted to regional, national and local conditions, easily-accessible and affordable...***

How to translate into WTSA action plan?

Other Resolutions and Decisions (3)

- **Resolution 146** (Review of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs).)
 - ITRs elaborated in 1988
 - Monopoly situation
 - Basic services only (Telegraph & Telephony)
 - New Market situation
 - Competition
 - New services (Mobile, Internet)
 - Options for ITRs
 - Redraft ITRs, Integrate portions into CS/CV and/or ITU-T Recs, Abrogate or No change
 - There was no agreement and PP-06 adopted Resolution 146
 - This Resolution instructs ITU-T to lead review of existing ITRs
 - Work ongoing (see: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/itr-eg/>)
- **Council will take final decision in 2009**

Conclusion

- More and more, developing countries are leading ITU-T activities
- Tools are provided to facilitate the participation of developing countries
- WTSA-08 is a good opportunity to decide on the involvement of developing countries in ITU-T activities and to develop Resolutions for the need of developing countries
- TSB will continue to assist Developing Countries