

1. INTRODUCTION

During the Twelfth Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Standardization Forum (ASTAP-12) held in March 2007, the ASTAP expert group on ITU-T issues group made a proposal to set up the APT Correspondence Groups (CGs) for preparation of the World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly 2008 (WTSA-2008).

The aims of the CGs are to assist in the development of coordinated regional input to WTSA-2008. It was agreed to establish the following four correspondence groups to facilitate APT preparation for WTSA-2008.

It was also decided to hold three APT preparatory meetings in 2007 and 2008.

The First APT Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-2008 was held on 5 October 2007. During the meeting, the CGs' identified, reviewed and discussed the issues of interest of APT members related to WTSA-2008.

The Second APT Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-2008 was held from 12 to 14 June 2008. The meeting reviewed the topics of interest, discussed and identified candidates of Preliminary APT Common Proposals (PACPs) and common positions. The meeting also agreed to submit the Omnibus Paper to the July 2008 TSAG meeting to solicit support for its preparations of PACPs for WTSA-2008.

The Third APT Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-2008 is being scheduled for 17-19 September 2008. The Inter-regional coordination meeting is also planned as a part of this meeting.

This paper indicates the candidate PACPs and common positions for WTSA-2008. It is intended that the proposals will be finalized and submitted to the TSB, ITU by the required contribution submission deadline.

2. APT CORRESPONDENCE GROUPS FOR PREPARATION OF WTSA-2008

The Twelfth Asia-Pacific Telecommunity Standardization Forum (ASTAP-12) held in March 2007 decided the structure of the APT Correspondence Groups for preparation of WTSA-2008 which will be held in October 2008 at South Africa. The Four Correspondence Groups are:

CG1: ITU-T Working Methods

Rapporteur: Mr. Jongbong Park
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Co-Rapporteurs: Mr. Michael Owens
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CG2: Strategic Standardization Issues and ITU-T Study Groups Structure

Rapporteur: Mr. Yoichi Maeda
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Co-Rapporteurs: Mr. Byoung Nam Lee
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Ms. Lei Tian
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CG3: Issues for Developing Countries

Rapporteur: Mrs. Tran Thanh Ha
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Co-Rapporteurs: Mrs. Banzragch Luvsanchimed
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Mr. R.K. Siddhartha
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CG4: Regulatory/ Policy, Standardization Round Table and Other Issues

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Co-Rapporteur: Ms. Anamika Bhakta
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3. CURRENT APT CANDIDATE PACPs AND POSITIONS

The following tables of each CG give the current APT candidate PACPs and common positions. These PACPs and common positions are currently being reviewed and finalized by CGs.

APT CORRESPONDENCE GROUP 1 FOR WTSA-2008

ITU-T WORKING METHOD

TABLE OF PROPOSALS OR POSITIONS

No.	WTSA Resolution/ Recommendation / Issue	Purpose for Proposal	PACP / Common Position
PACP/CG1/01	Resolution 1 – Rules of Procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T)	MOD	PACP: Modify Clause 8.3
PACP/CG1/02	Resolution 22- Authorization for TSAG to act between WTSAs	MOD	PACP: Modify the Resolution to accommodate reference of TSAG and GSS follow-up activity
PACP/CG1/03	Resolution AA-Admission of academia and research institutions to participate in the work of ITU-T	NEW	PACP: Develop a new Resolution for academia and research institutions
PACP/CG1/04	Resolution 55 – Mainstreaming gender in ITU-T activities	MOD	PACP: Encouraging use of gender neutral language in the ITU
PACP/CG1/05	Resolution BB – Telecommunication/ ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities	NEW	PACP: Develop a new Resolution for accessibility
PACP/CG1/06	A.1 – Work methods for study groups of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T)	MOD	PACP: Modify clause 1.4
PACP/CG1/07	A. 13 – Supplements to Recommendations	MOD	PACP: Modify clause 2.2
CP/CG1/01	Resolution 35- Appointment and maximum term of office for chairmen and vice-chairmen of ITU-T study groups and of TSAG	NOC	Common Position: Maintain

APT CORRESPONDENCE GROUP 2 FOR WTSA-2008

STRATEGIC STANDARDIZATION ISSUES AND ITU-T STUDY GROUPS STRUCTURE

TABLE OF PROPOSALS OR POSITIONS

No.	WTSA Resolution/ Recommendation / Issue	Purpose for Proposal	PACP / Common Position
PACP/CG2/01	ITU-T Study Groups Restructuring Principles	MOD	PACP: Modify ITU-T SG Restructuring principle
PACP/CG2/02	ITU-T Study Groups Restructuring Framework	MOD	PACP: Modify ITU-T SG Restructuring framework

APT CORRESPONDENCE GROUP 3 FOR WTSA-2008

ISSUES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

TABLE OF PROPOSALS OR POSITIONS

No.	WTSA Resolution/ Recommendation / Issue	Purpose for Proposal	PACP / Common Position
PACP/CG3/01	Resolution 44 - Bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries	MOD	PACP: Modify to accommodate Res.123 of PP06
PACP/CG3/02	Resolution 17 -Telecommunication standardization in relation to the interests of developing countries1	MOD	PACP: Modify with minor changes to accommodate Res. of PP06
PACP/CG3/03	Resolution 26 - Assistance to the regional tariff groups	MOD	PACP: Modify with minor changes
PACP/CG3/04	Resolution 45 - Effective coordination of standardization work across study groups in ITU-T and the role of TSAG	MOD	PACP: Modify with minor changes to accommodate Res. of PP06
PACP/CG3/05	Resolution 53 – Establishment of a seminar and workshop coordination committee	MOD	PACP: Minor editorial change
PACP/CG3/06	Resolution 54 - Creation of regional groups	MOD	PACP: Minor editorial change
CP/CG3/01	Opinion on Study issues of Study Group 3 and regional groups		Common Position: Support the new SG3 questions for next study period submitted to TSAG
CP/CG3/02	Opinion on Network externalities		Common Position: Request ITU-T to continue study as resolved by PP-06 (Resolution 22)
CP/CG3/03	Opinion on Telecommunication for Disaster Prevention, Mitigation and Relief		Common Position: Propose to ITU to continue technical studies and to develop recommendations to meet the needs of public protection and disaster relief telecommunications/ICTs, taking into account the capacities, particularly those of many developing countries, for national and international operations.

CP/CG3/04	Opinion on Regulatory aspects of ITU-T work		<p>Common Position: Building up standards and their application should be considered in convergence context. Propose ITU to consider and provide with measures to give guidelines or recommendations to developing countries in approach to and application of new convergence technologies.</p> <p>- Considering the shortage of regulatory capacity in the Pacific, the intention is to provide feasible solutions, recommendations to assist Pacific regulators.</p>
CP/CG3/05	Opinion on International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)		<p>Common Position: Support to continue to review and revise ITRs to make it a strong and useful instrument in future.</p>
CP/CG3/06	Other views and suggestion on telecommunication standardization in relation to the interests of developing countries		<p>Common Position: Give some suggestion to involve developing countries in standardization activities and assist developing countries in implementing ITU-T recommendations</p>

APT CORRESPONDENCE GROUP 4 FOR WTSA-2008

REGULATORY/ POLICY, STANDARDIZATION ROUND TABLE AND OTHER ISSUES

TABLE OF PROPOSALS OR POSITIONS

No.	WTSA Resolution/ Recommendation / Issue	Purpose for Proposal	PACP / Common Position
PACP/CG4/01	Resolution 46 - ITU-T contribution to Council Working Group on the WSIS	SUP	PACP: Suppress as no longer required.
PACP/CG4/02	Resolution 47 - Country code top-level domain names	MOD	PACP: Substantially modify to reflect PP-06 outcomes
PACP/CG4/03	Resolution 48 - Internationalized domain names	MOD	PACP: Substantially modify to reflect PP-06 outcomes
PACP/CG4/04	Resolution 49 – ENUM	MOD	PACP: Substantially modify to reflect PP-06 outcomes
PACP/CG4/05	Resolution 50 – Cybersecurity	MOD	PACP: Modify to reflect PP-06 outcomes and delete reference to TSB plan
PACP/CG4/06	Resolution 51 - Combating spam	NOC	PACP: NOC except minor editorial
PACP/CG4/07	Resolution 52 - Countering spam by technical means	MOD	PACP: Modify to reflect PP-06 outcomes and update types of threats
PACP/CG4/08	Resolution 20 - Procedures for allocation and management of international telecommunication numbering, naming, addressing and identification resources	MOD	PACP: Modify to include SG2 proposed amendments
PACP/CG4/09	Resolution XX - Responding to the challenges of the evolution of the numbering system and its convergence with IP based systems	NEW	PACP: New Resolution to respond to the challenges of the evolution of the numbering system
PACP/CG4/10	Resolution 26 - Assistance to the regional tariff groups	MOD	PACP: Modify to update terminology
PACP/CG4/11	Resolution 29 - Alternative calling procedures on international telecommunications networks	NOC	PACP: No changes proposed

PACP/CG4/12	Resolution 54 - Creation of regional tariff groups; and change of name of tariff groups	MOD	PACP: Minor editorial changes to update Resolution 54. Common Position: No change of name for TSAG Group
PACP/CG4/13	Resolution YY - Resolution on Number hijacking on international networks	NEW	PACP: New Resolution to respond to number hijacking issues
PACP/CG4/14	Resolution CC - ICTs and Climate Change	NEW	PACP: New Resolution on ICTs and Climate Change
CP/CG4/01	Determined Recommendation. D.156 and Network Externalities		Common Position: ITU-T should continue to further study network externalities
CP/CG4/02	Study issues of Study Group 3 and regional groups		Common Position: Support new SG3 Questions for the next study period
CP/CG4/03	International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)		Common Position: ITRs should be retained and be amended in a more flexible and timely manner