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An overview of the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

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Structure



Radiocommunications
- regulations
- standards



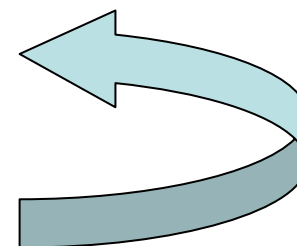
Standardization

Development

ITU key priorities



- radio spectrum
- international standards
- emergency communications
- ICTs and climate change
- digital divide
- cybersecurity



ITU-R mission

“To ensure rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using satellite orbits, and to carry out studies and adopt recommendations on radiocommunication matters.”

Role conducted through
(inter alia):

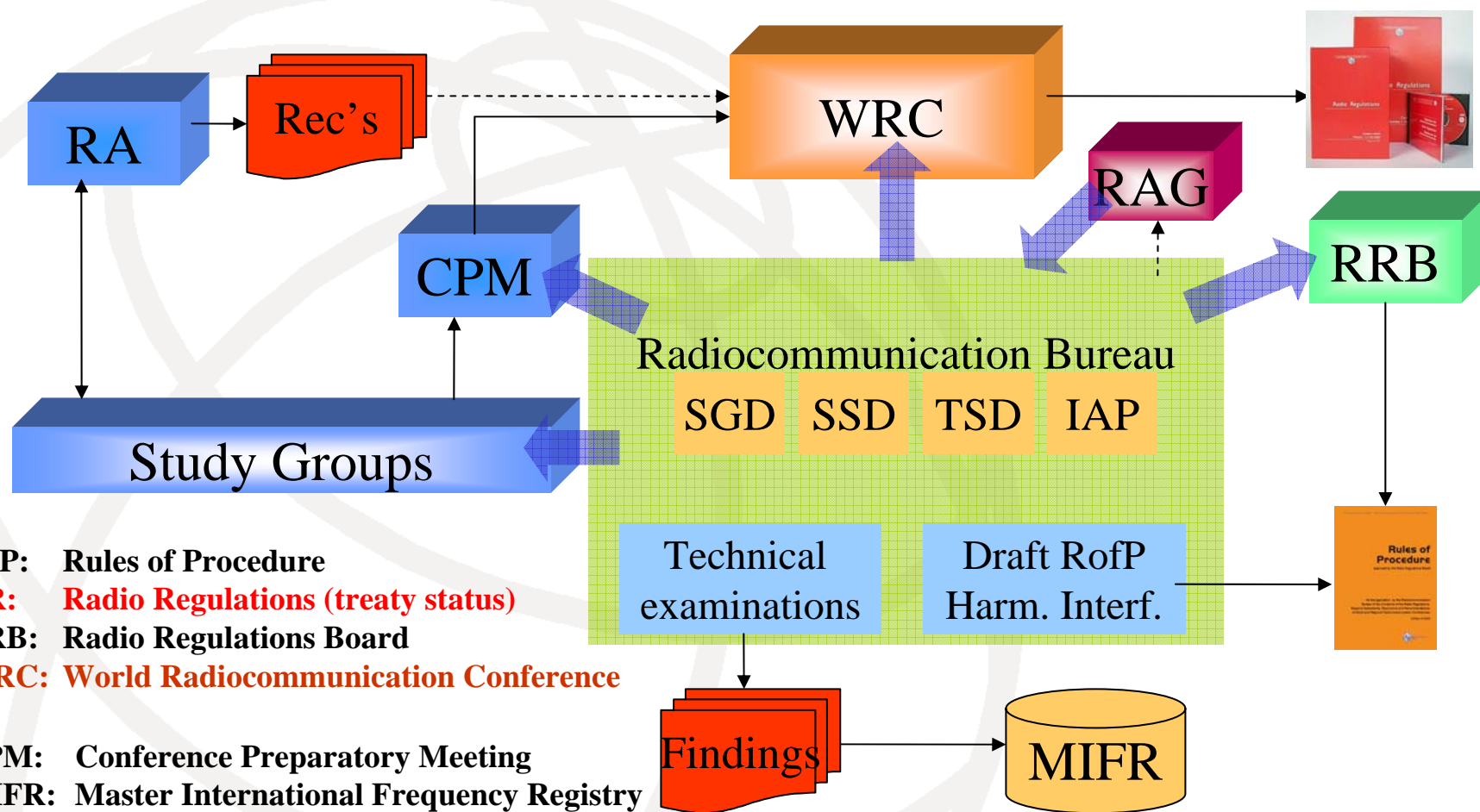
- ✓ world and regional radio-communication conferences
- ✓ **establishment of Recommendations**

Technical studies are required which are conducted in **Study Groups**



In implementing this mission, the actions in ITU-R aim at creating the conditions for harmonized development and efficient operation of existing and new radiocommunication systems, taking due account of all parties concerned.

ITU-R structure & activities

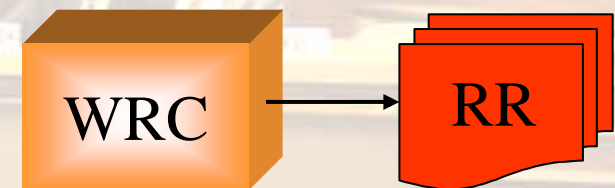


- RoP:** Rules of Procedure
- RR:** Radio Regulations (treaty status)
- RRB:** Radio Regulations Board
- WRC:** World Radiocommunication Conference
- CPM:** Conference Preparatory Meeting
- MIFR:** Master International Frequency Registry
- RA:** Radiocommunication Assembly
- RAG:** Radiocommunication Advisory Group
- Rec's:** Recommendations (international voluntary standards)

WRC

World Radiocommunication Conference

- **Updates the Radio Regulations**
(treaty status)
 - **Spectrum Allocation**
 - **Notification procedures**
 - **Administrative and operational procedures**
- **Adopts Resolutions**
- **Held every 3-4 years**



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Radio Regulations (RR)

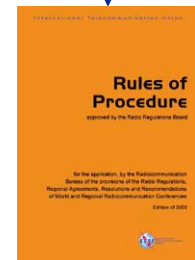
The **Radio Regulations** (*treaty status*) incorporates the decisions of the World Radiocommunication Conferences, including all Appendices, Resolutions, Recommendations and ITU-R Recommendations incorporated by reference.



- Frequency block allocations to defined radio services (Article 5)
- Mandatory or voluntary regulatory procedures (coordination, plan modification, notification, recording) that are adapted to the allocation structure

Radio Regulations Board (RRB)

- Approves Rules of Procedure to facilitate the application of the Radio Regulations
- Considers cases of harmful interference & appeals against BR decisions on frequency assignment
- Part-time elected members & max. 4 meetings/year

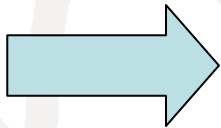


Objectives of a Radiocommunication Assembly

- Review working methods and procedures of the ITU-R Study Groups
 - new and revised ITU-R Resolutions
- Establish Study Group work programme for the next study period
 - ITU-R Questions
- Establish structure of Study Groups
- Elect Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Study Groups, CPM, SC and RAG
- Approve ITU-R Recommendations (in practice, by exception)

Objectives of ITU-R Study Groups

- **Develop technical bases for WRCs and RRCs**
 - **CPM process for WRCs**
- **Develop ITU-R Recommendations**
 - **International voluntary standards (but some mandatory through incorporation by reference into RR)**
- **Compile Reports and Handbooks**



ITU-R represents the International Focal Point for radio standardization, inextricably linked with its international spectrum regulatory role

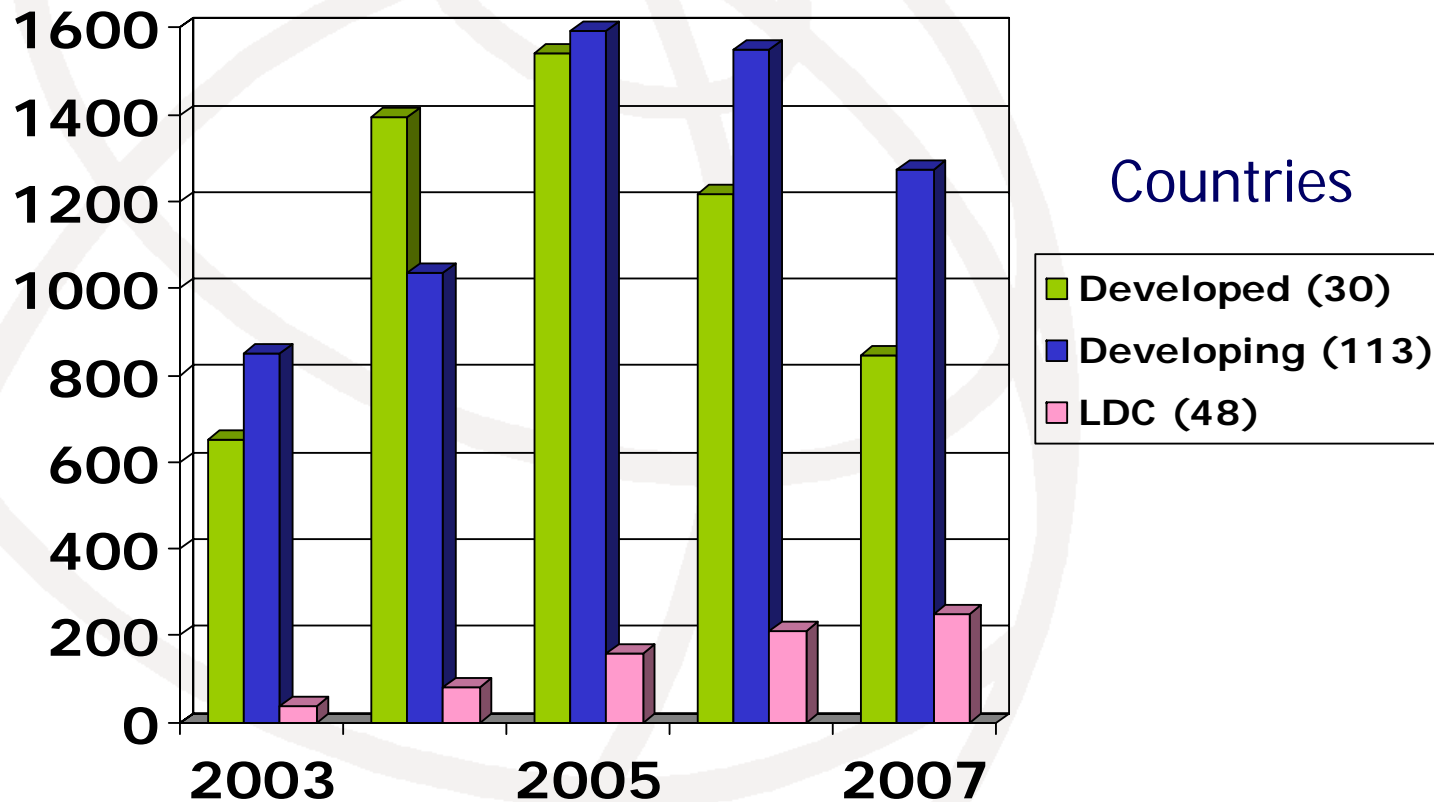
ITU-R Study Groups

- **Groups of experts (> 1500) from ITU membership:**
 - ITU Member States: 191
 - ITU-R Sector members: 276
 - ITU-R Study Group Associates: 27
- **Unique global forum addressing standardization of radiocommunications:**
 - Administrations of Member States
 - Manufacturers, Scientific or Industrial Organizations
 - Service providers / Operators
 - User forums

ITU Global Directory: http://www.itu.int/GlobalDirectory/itu_global_directory.htm

Participation in ITU-R Study Group meetings

- Tendency: increasing participation representatives from LCD and developing countries (comparing with 2003)



ITU-R Study Groups

SG 1: Spectrum management
SG 3: Radiowave propagation
SG 4: Satellite services
SG 5: Terrestrial services
SG 6: Broadcasting service
SG 7: Science services

In addition:

**CCV: Coordination Committee for
Vocabulary**

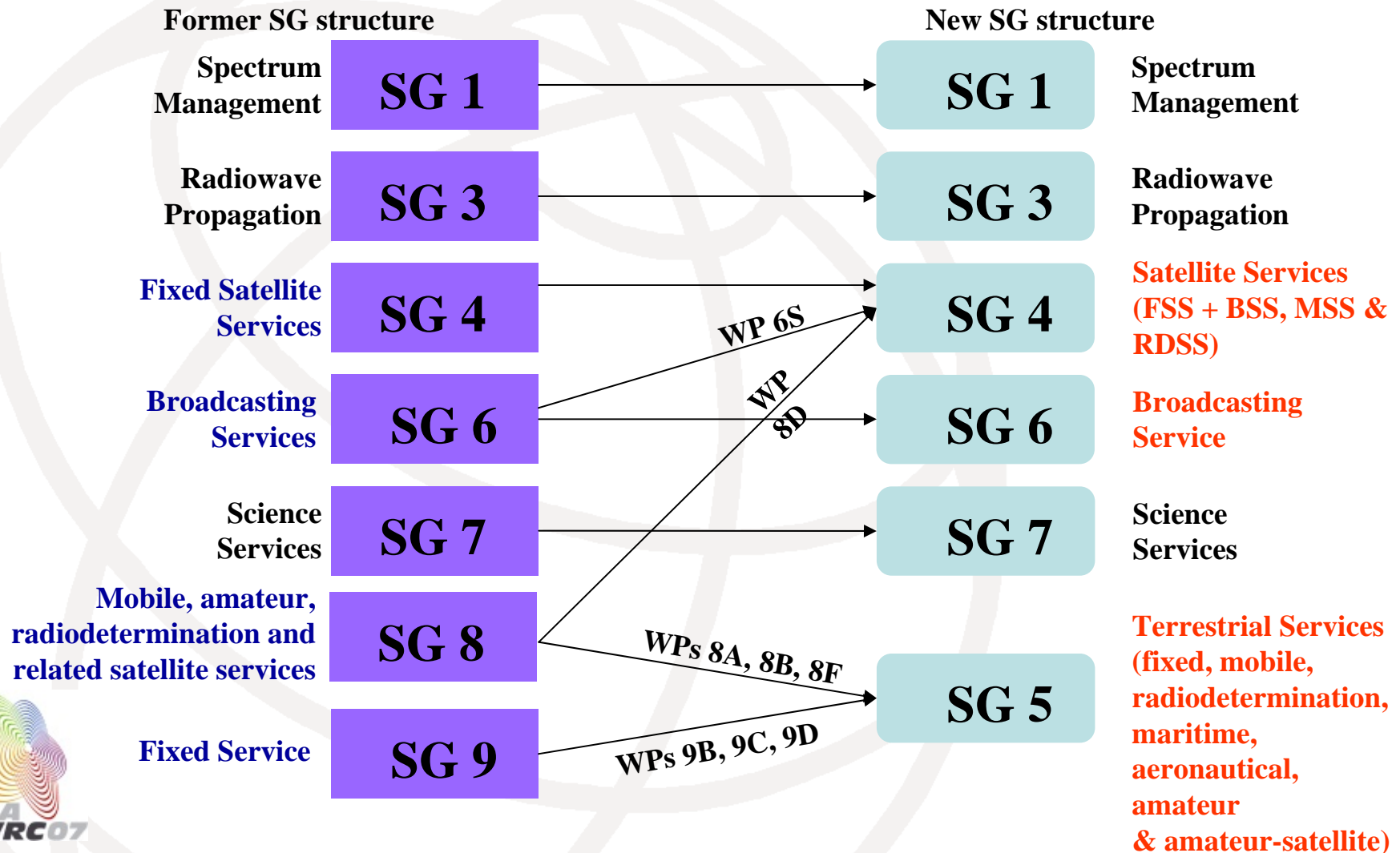
CPM: Conference Preparatory Meeting

**SC: Special Committee on regulatory
and procedural matters**

- ✓ >900 Recommendations
- ✓ “Standards” in areas of spectrum management and radio technology
- ✓ Result of consensus from meetings of world-wide experts
- ✓ Some referred to in RR
- ✓ Used by spectrum planners and system designers

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Study Group structure approved at RA-07



Space Services

- ***Coordination and recording*** procedures for space systems and earth stations: capture, processing and publication of data and examination of frequency assignment notices submitted by administrations for inclusion in the formal coordination procedures or recording in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR).
- Procedures for space related assignment or allotment *plans*
- ***Assistance*** to administrations on all of the above issues

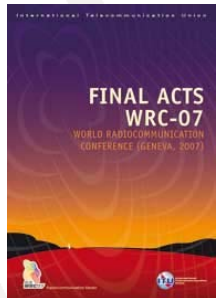
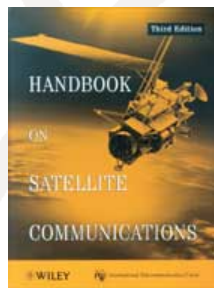
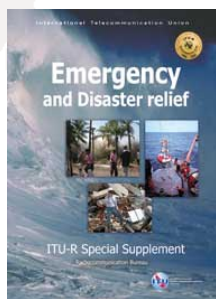
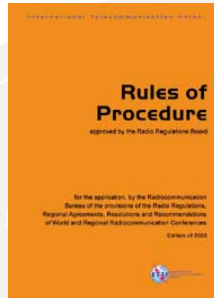
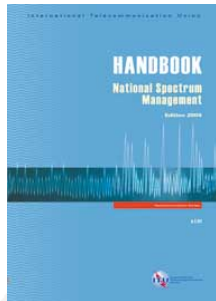
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Terrestrial Services

- **Regulatory and Technical Functions**
 - Broadcasting / Fixed and Mobile / Maritime Mobile / Aeronautical Mobile
- **Terrestrial Plans**
 - AP25, AP26, AP27, ST61, GE75, RJ81, GE84, GE85M, GE85N, RJ88, GE89, GE06
- **HF Broadcasting (Art.12)**
- **Administrative and Operational Procedures**
 - International means of identification
 - all sign series / maritime identification digits / blocks of selective call sign numbers
 - Service Documents
 - Ship stations / coast stations / radio determination / call signs / MARS, etc
- **Harmful interference & monitoring programs**

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/terrestrial>

ITU-R Publications

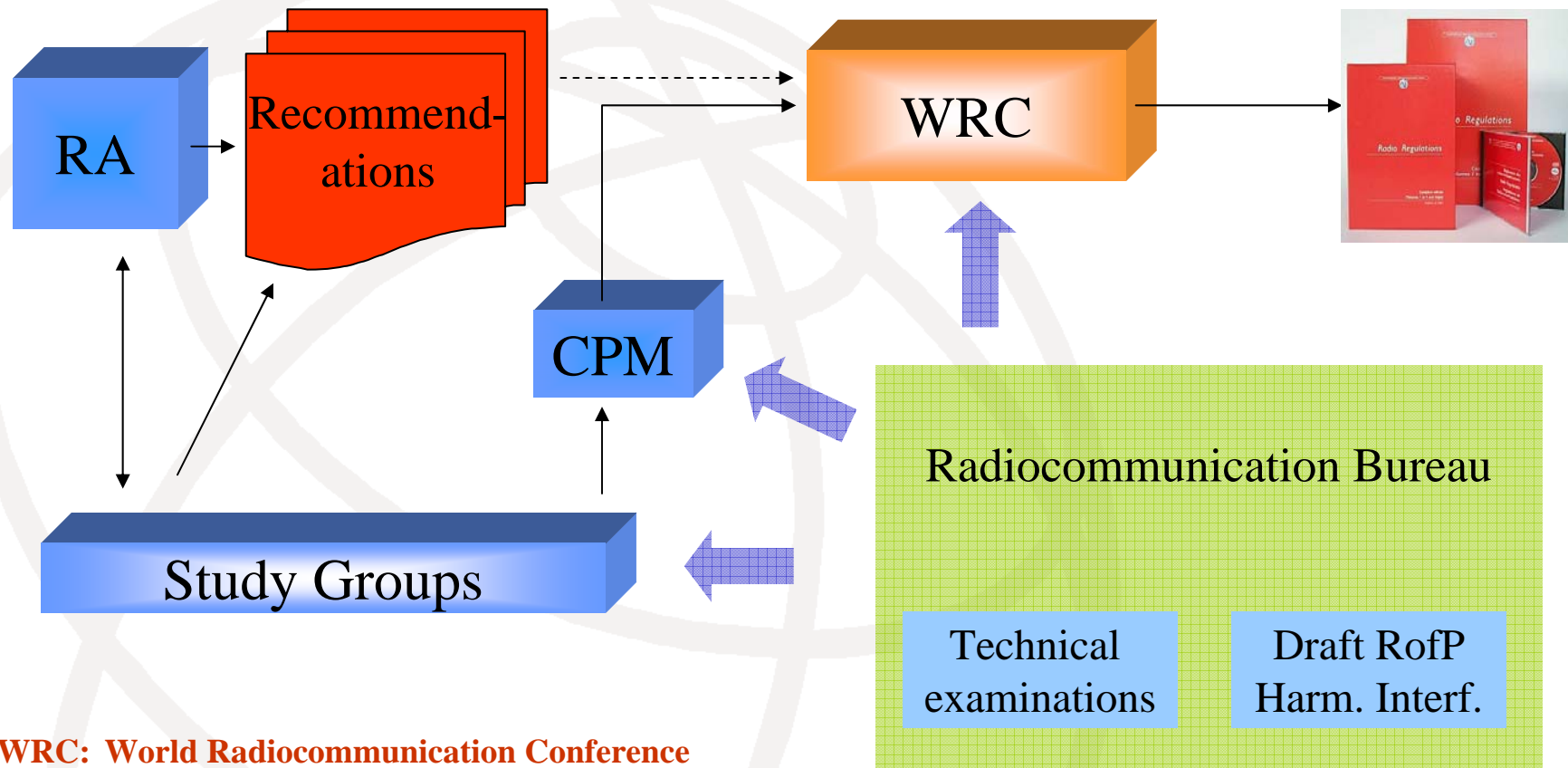


- BR International Frequency Information Circular (IFIC)
- Space Radiocommunication Stations on CD-ROM
- Radio Regulations
- Service documents
- ITU-R Recommendations
 - Online subscriptions
 - CD-ROM
 - Paper
- Handbooks

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BOOKSHOP

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ITU-R standardization



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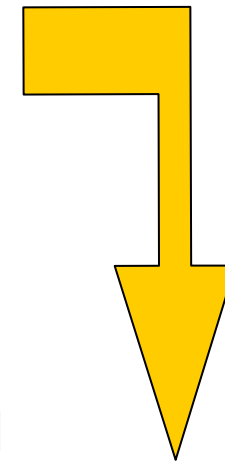
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ITU-R and The Standardization Gap

Standardization role

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International Spectrum
Management role



To help Bridge the
Standardization Gap