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Preparation for GSS and WTSA: Developing Country Issues

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GSS and WTSA-08:
What's the purpose?

- Periodic cross-check that ITU-T is working on the right things at the right time
- Provides a convenient means to adjust SG structure where needed
- Listen to the changing needs of the membership; Respond to the changing marketplace; Identify cooperative work with the other Sectors

Global Standardization Symposium and WTSA-08: Developing Country Issues

- Sector-wide opportunity to hear of issues directly from developing country Member States and Sector Members
  - Technical and non-technical standards matters
  - Organizational and procedural matters

Types of Issues:
Upstream and Downstream

- Upstream (towards ITU-T)
  - Participation – how to improve quality and quantity of participation in terms of effectiveness for participants and the ITU-T
  - Relevance – how to influence the work programme and the results
  - Content of standardization work
- Downstream (from ITU-T)
  - Access to standards information
  - Education and Training
  - Assistance

Potential Upstream Issues

- Facilitate participation
  - Electronic & remote working methods
  - Contribute to and influence the work
  - Admission of small & medium size enterprises and universities
- Creation and role of regional groups
  - For SG work; for WTSA preparation
- Coordination/cooperation with ITU-D
  - No overlap or duplication
- Standardization issues, e.g.:
  - Security issues, Internet-related issues, Tariff-related issues

Potential Downstream Issues

- Bridging the Standardization Gap
  - Assistance to developing countries, regional prep'n for WTSA, Action plans, flagship groups, (e.g., Res 17, Res 43, Res 44)
- Access to information and training
  - Technologies
  - Standardization participation
  - Planning and implementation based on standards
- Coordination/Cooperation with ITU-D
  - Co/Co with no overlap or duplication
- Role of the Seminar Coordination Committee
- ITU-T Mark

What's the Purpose? What's in it for Developing Countries?

- Development and promulgation of global telecommunication standards
- Ability to learn about emerging standards and to influence the direction and ultimate content of global standards.

Thank you

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