

ITU-D Study Groups

Update on activities of ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2
for the 2018-2021 study period

Overview of ITU-D Study Groups

ITU-D study groups provide an opportunity for the membership to share experiences, present ideas, exchange views, and achieve consensus on strategies to address telecommunication/ICT priorities.

Main services:

- **Knowledge platform:** Study Group outputs serve as guidance for the implementation of policies, strategies, projects and specific telecommunication/ICT initiatives in Member States and assist in strengthening the shared knowledge base.
- **Information exchange:** Sharing and exchanging information on topics of common interest and dedicated topics of interest (study Questions) through face-to-face meetings, multilingual remote participation, online collaborative sites, etc. among members with the leadership of appointed chairmen, vice-chairmen, rapporteurs and vice-rapporteurs.

Key deliverables:

- **Reports, Guidelines, Best Practices** and **Recommendations** based on input gathered through contributions, case studies and surveys, which are made available to the membership through content management systems and web publication tools.

Final Reports for the 2014-2017 study period

Study Group 1 Questions



Study Group 2 Questions





































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SG1: Enabling environment for the development of telecommunications/ICTs

Study Question	Relevant SDG WSIS Action Line
Q1/1: Strategies and policies for the deployment of broadband in developing countries	    
Q2/1: Strategies, policies, regulations and methods of migration and adoption of digital broadcasting and implementation of new services	  
Q3/1: Emerging technologies, including cloud computing, m-services, and OTTs: Challenges and opportunities, economic and policy impact for developing countries	      
Q4/1: Economic policies and methods of determining the costs of services related to national telecommunication/ICT networks	   
Q5/1: Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote area	    
Q6/1: Consumer information, protection and rights: Laws, regulation, economic bases, consumer networks	    
Q7/1: Access to telecommunication/ICT services by persons with disabilities and other persons with specific needs	    

ITU-D study groups assist Member States in achieving their SDG targets and development goals

SG2: ICT services and applications for the promotion of sustainable development

Study Question	Relevant SDG WSIS Action Line
Q1/2: Creating the smart society: Employing ICTs for sustainable social and economic development	    
Q2/2: Information and telecommunications/ICTs for e-health	   
Q3/2: Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity	   
Q4/2: Assistance to developing countries for implementing conformance and interoperability (C&I) programmes and combating counterfeit ICT equipment and theft of mobile devices	   
Q5/2: Utilizing telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management	   
Q6/2: ICT and the environment	 
Q7/2: Strategies and policies concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields	  

Major mile stones for the 2018-2021 study period

Main meetings		Main deliverables and progress reports
First SG1 and SG2 meetings	30 April – 11 May 2018	Appoint management team members, identify experts, distribute tasks, agree on work plans and methods of action, review initial contributions, reply to liaison statements received. Ensure that the team has a good understanding of tools and working methods to conduct the work.
Rapporteur Group meetings	September/October 2018	Review tables of content for Question deliverables, call for and review of detailed contributions, draft surveys. Case studies on the topics under study are appreciated. Prepare output reports to be put forward for approval at the annual meetings.
Second SG1 and SG2 meetings	March 2019	Present progress reports, approve tables of content, first outline of report, approve and launch of surveys (if applicable). Annual progress reports and approval of annual deliverables and reports.
Rapporteur Group meetings	September/October 2019	Review contributions and input received through surveys, etc., chapter specific drafting/brainstorming groups. Case studies on the topics under study are appreciated. Prepare output reports to be put forward for approval at the annual meetings.
Third SG1 and SG2 meetings	February 2020	Present progress reports, review draft reports, guidelines, Recommendations, identify/ discuss next steps to complete work on time and how to overcome challenges encountered. Initial discussion on future study Questions. Annual progress reports and approval of annual deliverables and reports.
Rapporteur Group meetings	September/October 2020	Finalize reports, finalize draft guidelines and Recommendations, propose/discuss possible study topics for the next period.
Fourth SG1 and SG2 meetings	March 2021	Fine-tune and approve reports, guidelines and Recommendations. Propose/discuss possible study topics for the next period. Agreement on deliverables to WTDC-21.
WTDC	Q4 2021	Study Group 1 and 2 Chairmen present results and deliverables to WTDC.

- The SG1/SG2 Chairmen report annual to TDAG on progress made.
- Thematic workshops, courses and seminars are to be held throughout the study period in Geneva and **the regions based on proposals received.**

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ITU-D SG1 and SG2 management teams

Study Group 1 Chairman:

- Ms Regina Fleur Assoumou-Bessou (Côte d'Ivoire)

Vice-Chairmen:

- Mr Amah Vinyo Capo (Togo)
- Mr Roberto Mitsuke Hirayama (Brazil)
- Mr Víctor Antonio Martínez Sánchez (Paraguay)
- Mr Ahmed Abdel Aziz Gad (**Egypt**)
- Ms Sameera Belal Momen Mohammad (**Kuwait**)
- Mr Yasuhiko Kawasumi (Japan)
- Mr Sangwon Ko (Republic of Korea)
- Mr Almaz Tilenbaev (Kyrgyzstan)
- Mr Vadym Kaptur (Ukraine)
- Ms Amela Odobasic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Mr Krisztián Stefanics (Hungary)

Study Group 2 Chairman:

- Dr Ahmad Reza Sharafat (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Vice-Chairmen:

- Mr Roland Yaw Kudozia (Ghana)
- Mr Henry Chukwudumeme Nkemadu (Nigeria)
- Ms Celina Delgado Castellón (Nicaragua)
- Ms Nora Abdalla Hassan Basher (**Sudan**)
- Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi (**United Arab Emirates**)
- Ms Ke Wang (People's Republic of China)
- Mr Ananda Raj Khanal (Republic of Nepal)
- Mr Yakov Gass (Russian Federation)
- Mr Tolibjon Oltinovich Mirzakulov (Uzbekistan)
- Mr Filipe Miguel Antunes Batista (Portugal)
- Mr Dominique Würges (France)

Appointed by WTDC-17



Candidates for SG1/SG2 management positions (Rapporteurs/Vice-Rapporteurs) from the Arab region

Study Group 1:

- **Q1/1:** Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Mohamed Amine Benziane (Algerie Telecom, Algeria) [ARB]
- **Q2/1:** Vice-Rapporteur candidate Ms Jinane Karam (Lebanon) [ARB]
- **Q3/1:** -
- **Q4/1:** Rapporteur candidate Mr Mohammed Abdul Kadhim Ali (Iraq); Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Haider Abd AlHassan Yahia (Iraq) [ARB]
- **Q5/1:** Rapporteur candidate Mr Khalil ALSobhi (Saudi Arabia) [ARB]
- **Q6/1:** Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Laith Draghmeh (State of Palestine) [ARB]
- **Q7/1:** -

Study Group 2:

- **Q1/2:** Rapporteur candidate Mr Khalil ALSobhi (Saudi Arabia); Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Abdelmadjid Loumi (Algerie Telecom, Algeria); Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Fadi Morjanh (State of Palestine) [ARB]
- **Q2/2:** -
- **Q3/2:** Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Karim Hasnaou (Algerie Telecom, Algeria) [ARB]
- **Q4/2:** Rapporteur candidate Mr Cheikh Tidjani Oudaa (Mauritania); Vice-Rapporteur candidate Ms Amel Khiar (Algerie Telecom, Algeria) [ARB]
- **Q5/2:** -
- **Q6/2:** -
- **Q7/2:** Vice-Rapporteur candidate Mr Azzedine Bennaceur (Algerie Telecom, Algeria)

- **138** candidatures have been received. Of these **13** come from the Arab region.
- All candidatures are available on the website at: www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/2018-2021/Pages/Candidates.aspx

Appointments will take place during the first SG1/SG2 meetings in 30 April-11 May 2018

We look forward to welcoming you to these meetings!



ITU-D Study Groups: Contact details

More information on the ITU-D Study Groups can be found at:

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We look forward to hearing from you!



