

Technical standards

- Develop international technical standards for digital technologies
- Bridge the standardization gap between developed and developing countries
- Foster cooperation among national, regional and international standards bodies





- ✓ ITU international numbering resources
 - 8.9 billion phone subscribers
 - 3.5 billion machines (Internet of Things)





✓ ITU-standard digital certificates for authentication are a cornerstone of trusted exchanges online





An estimated **95% of international traffic** runs
over **fiber** networks built to **ITU standards**

Optical networks have grown in capacity by an average of 40% a year for the past 40 years. Such rapid growth, at viable costs, was enabled by ITU standards.



Video accounts for over 80% of Internet traffic, enabled by Primetime Emmy-winning video-compression algorithms standardized jointly by ITU, ISO and IEC.



Standards enable advances on a global scale, as cost-effectively as possible



Stimulate global access to technological capabilities and help close digital divides



Capture innovation to create basis for continued iterative innovation



Help new industries to grow and established industries to keep moving forward

Time-tested, trusted ITU standardization process



Contribution-led and consensus-based



All participants' voices heard and every step forward determined by consensus decision



Process compliant to WTO Technical barriers to trade agreement



Technical tools supporting the achievement of policy objectives



e.g. vehicle emergency calls, universal chargers, international telecom operations



Consensus built standards create basis for effective public-private cooperation

World Standards Cooperation - ITU, ISO and IEC



Common Patent Policy and related Guidelines



Standardization Programme Coordination Group









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ITU Kaleidoscope academic conferences

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Of the **over 4,000 published standards** in force, around **100 are Al-related**



Each year, our standardization work is driven by around **5,000** experts.



Our Bridging the Standardization Gap programme assists developing countries in maximizing the value of their participation in our work.



Our Network of Women champions women role models in standardization, supported by a training programme on standardization skills.





ITU AI standards

+220

Al standards published or under development



Quality assessment



Energy efficiency



Multimedia



Network orchestration and management



Security



Protocols & test specs



Cable networks



Network operations & maintenance



Including standard frameworks to integrate AI/ML in networks, standard terms and definitions, standards to evaluate AI/ML models and their results, standards for data handling



Partnerships laying groundwork for new standards on AI for health (ITU, WHO, WIPO), natural disaster management (ITU, WMO, UNEP), and digital agriculture (ITU and FAO)

AI-RELATED FOCUS GROUPS & INITIATIVES























UN Envoy on Technology

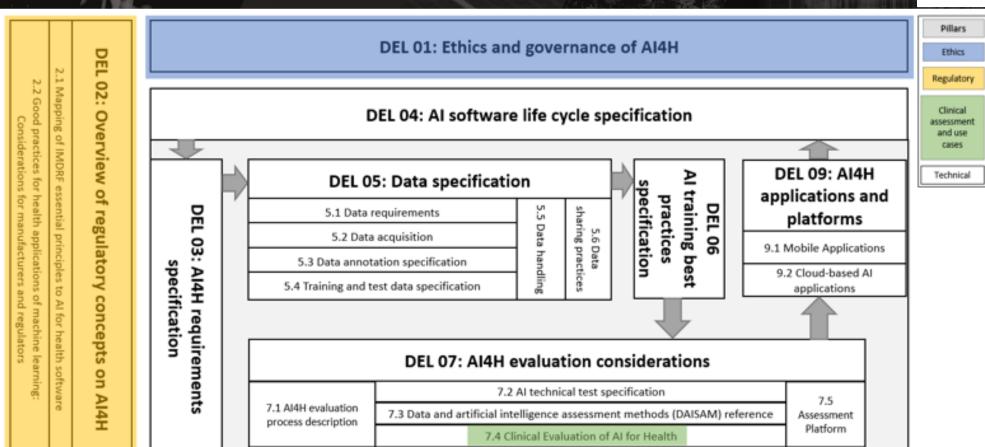


ITU-WHO-WIPO Global Initiative on Al for Health



Al 4 Health published: 35 Specifications and Reports Open Code Initiative (OCI): implementing benchmarking and auditing









DEL 10: AI4H use cases: Topic description documents

TG-Cardio TG-FakeMed TG-Outbreaks TG-Fertility TG-Derma TG-Diabetes TG-Psy TG-Bacteria TG-TB TG-Radiology TG-Falls TG-Snake
TG-Histo TG-Symptom TG-Malaria TG-MSK TG-MCH TG-Neuro TG-POC TG-TM TG-Ophthalmo TG-DiagnosticCT TG-Dental TG-Endoscopy

FG-Al 4 Natural Disaster Management



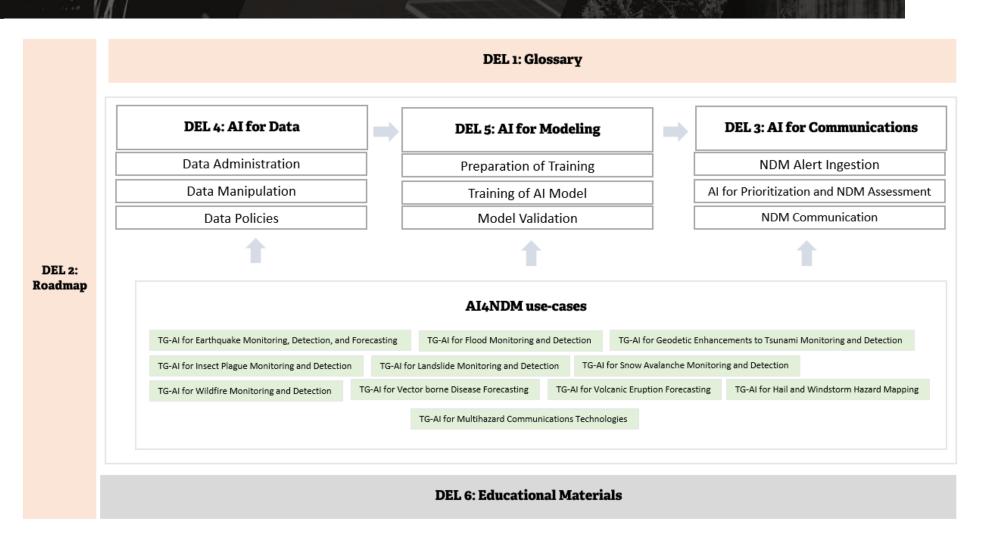
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Technical

Outreach









FG-AI & IoT 4 Agriculture



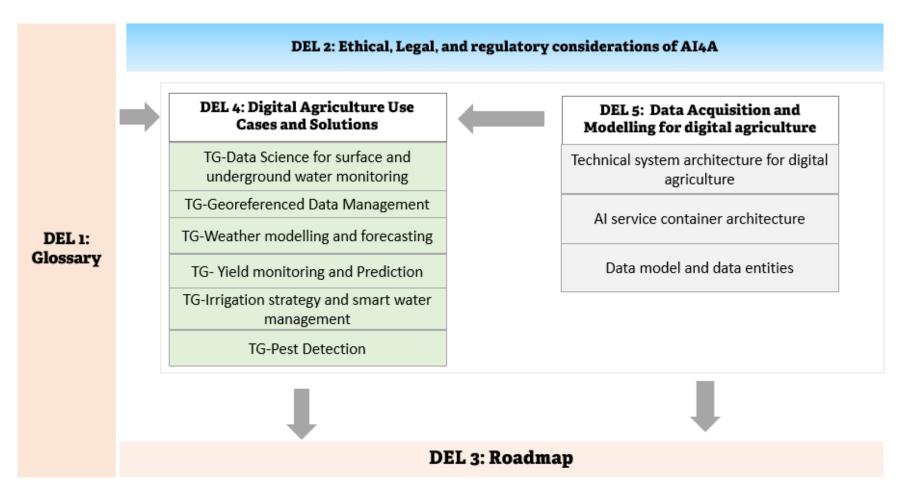
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Ethics









standards authenticate voice calls to combat Algenerated voice

ITU workshop on improving the security of signalling protocols

29 November 2021 13:00 - 17:00 CET

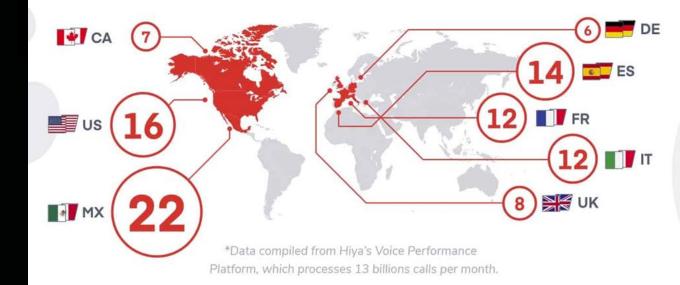
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Biden calls for ban of Al voice impersonations in State of the Union address

Spam Calls per User per Month in 2020

58% of all spam calls were determined to be fraudulent while 42% were nuisance



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Deepfake detection

How can the watermark detector(s) be trusted?



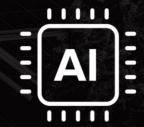
US government has mandated tech companies to find ways to identify Algenerated content.



The EU is also looking at enshrining watermarking requirements in law (Al Act Dec 2023).



China has mandated that Algenerated content be clearly labelled.



Al watermarking and multimedia authenticity initiatives need standards and governance



Different tech companies have their own solutions with no interoperability





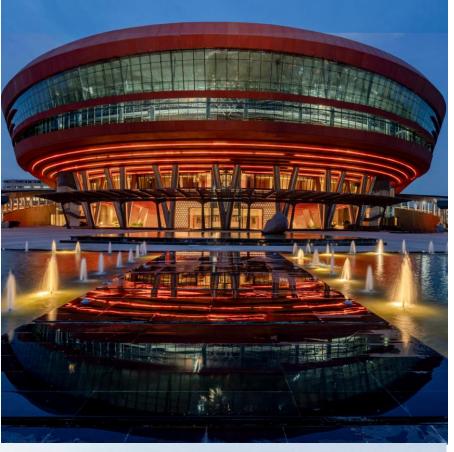
The value proposition should (internal consultation):

- Speak to experienced and less experienced standards experts and developed and developing countries.
- Highlight the value of ITU's freely available standards and the associated business case
 for participating in ITU-T in language appealing to executives responsible for decisions on
 investment in standardization.
- Outline the tenets of ITU-T's inclusive standardization process and how its reliability, consistency and focus on equitability creates trust in the process.
- Explain the advantages of ITU-T's status as an international SDO, including with respect to standards bodies and other organizations' collaboration with ITU-T.



The value proposition should (internal consultation):

- Elaborate the benefits of the ITU-ISO-IEC Common Patent Policy and related Guidelines.
- Describe the advantages of electronic working tools developed specifically for ITU-T's processes and multilingual environment.
- Emphasize ITU-T's unique position as a **UN standardization platform** and associated respect for UN values, highlighting ITU-T's focus on international relevance and inclusion.
- Touch on the advantages of a dedicated secretariat funded by the public and private sector and the secretariat's commitment to serving the collective membership.









Side events:

WTSA-24 Expo, including Digital Wave Stage

Network of Women

Kaleidoscope academic conference

UN Day

Study group leadership training

GSS-24, including GSS-24 high-level segment

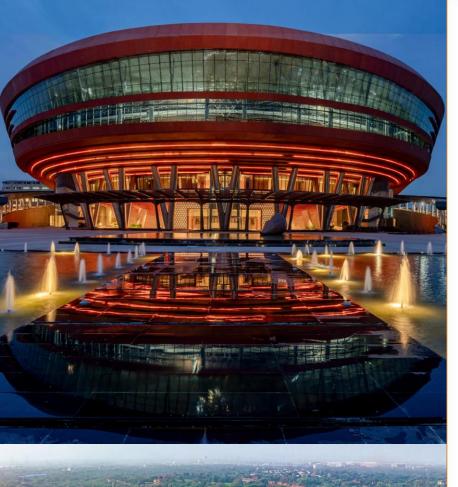
World Standards Day (GSS-24 session)

Indian Mobile Congress

- Al for Good Impact India
- Hackathon
- ITU-WHO workshop on safe listening standards
- Robotics for Youth competition

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Lunch Area

