ITU-T Study Group 5 "Environment, Climate Change and Circular Economy"

Connect 2030 Agenda: Sustainability Targets

Resolution 200 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)
Connect 2030 Agenda for global telecommunication / information and communication technology, including broadband, for sustainable development

Goal 3 – Sustainability: Manage emerging risks, challenges and opportunities resulting from the rapid growth of telecommunications / ICT

Target 3.2: By 2023, increase the global e-waste recycling rate to 30%

Target 3.3: By 2023, raise the percentage of countries with an e-waste legislation to 50%

Target 3.4: By 2023, net telecommunication / ICT-enabled Greenhouse Gas abatement should have increased by 30% compared to the 2015 baseline
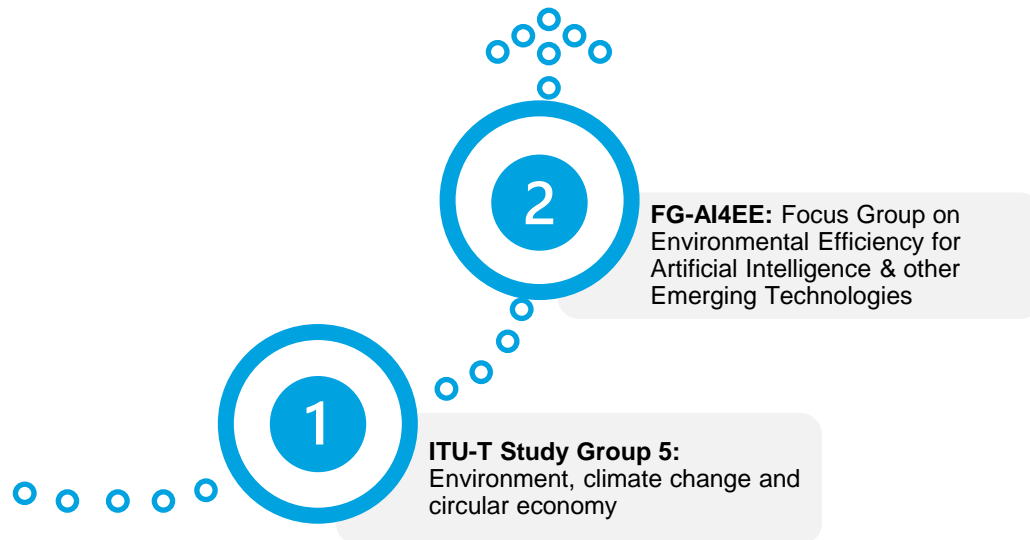
How ITU supports the Environment, Climate Change and Circular Economy

Connect 2030

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International Telecommunication Union – the UN specialized agency for ICTs

FG-AI4EE: Focus Group on Environmental Efficiency for Artificial Intelligence & other Emerging Technologies

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o **Lead Study Group 5 Roles:**

  o electromagnetic compatibility, lightning protection and electromagnetic effects

  o ICTs related to the environment, climate change, energy efficiency and clean energy

  o circular economy, including e-waste

WP1/5   EMC, lightning protection, EMF
Q1/5   Electrical protection, reliability, safety and security of ICT systems
Q2/5   Protecting equipment and devices against lightning and other electrical events
Q3/5   Human exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMFs) due to digital technologies
Q4/5   Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) aspects in ICT environment

WP2/5   Environment, Energy Efficiency and the Circular Economy
Q6/5   Environmental efficiency of digital technologies
Q7/5   E-waste, circular economy and sustainable supply chain management
Q9/5   Climate change and assessment of digital technologies in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement
Q11/5   Climate change mitigation and smart energy solutions
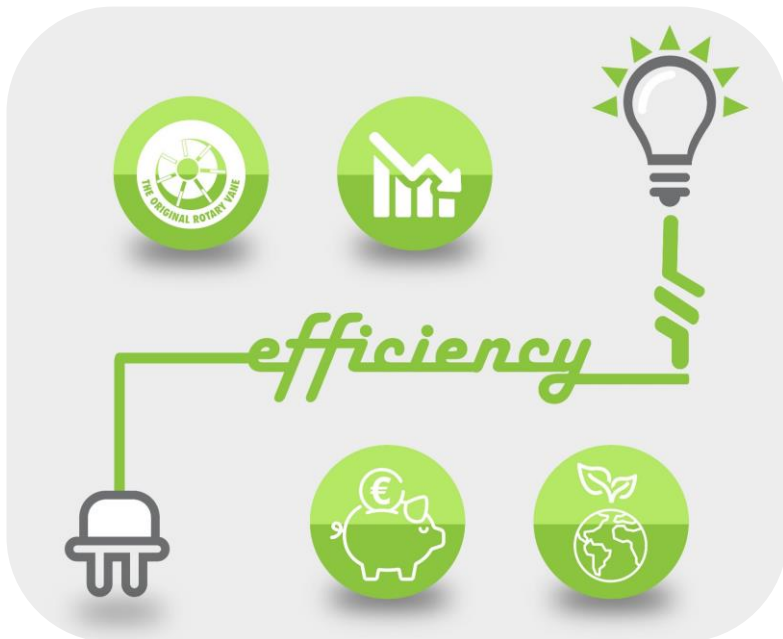**Q12**/5   Adaptation to climate change through sustainable and resilient digital technologies
Q13/5   Building circular and sustainable cities and communities

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Q8/5   Guides and terminology on environment

ITU-T SG5: Energy efficiency, Smart Energy and Sustainable Buildings

- **Recommendations ITU-T L.1220, ITU-T L.1221, and ITU-T L.1222**: Innovative Energy storage technology for stationary use:

  - Part 1: Overview of energy storage
  - Part 2: Battery
  - Part 3: Supercapacitor technology

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1305:** Data centre infrastructure management system based on big data and artificial intelligence technology

- **Recommendations ITU-T L.1380, ITU-T L.1381, and ITU-T L.1382**: Smart Energy Solutions for:

  - Telecom sites
  - Data Centre
  - Telecommunication rooms

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1370:** Sustainable & intelligent building services

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1371**: A methodology for assessing and scoring the sustainability performance of office buildings

ITU-T SG5: E-waste and Circular Economy

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1020:** Circular Economy: Guide for Operators and Suppliers on approaches to migrate towards circular ICT goods and networks

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1021:** Extended producer responsibility - Guidelines for sustainable e-waste management

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1022:** Circular Economy: Definitions and concepts for material efficiency for Information and Communication Technology
- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1023:** Assessment method for circular scoring
- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1024:** The potential impact of selling services instead of equipment on waste creation and the environment – Effects on global information and communication technology

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1032:** Guidelines and certification schemes for e-waste recyclers
- **Draft Recommendation ITU-T L.1033:** Guide for the institutions of higher learning to contribute in the effective life cycle management of e-equipment and e-waste
- **Draft Recommendation ITU-T L.1050:** Methodology to identify the key equipment in order to assess the environmental impact and e-waste generation of different network architectures

ITU-T SG5: Climate Actions to reach Net Zero

ICT sector trajectory including electricity grid losses and supply chain

Overall footprint including electricity transmission and distribution losses and fuel supply chain
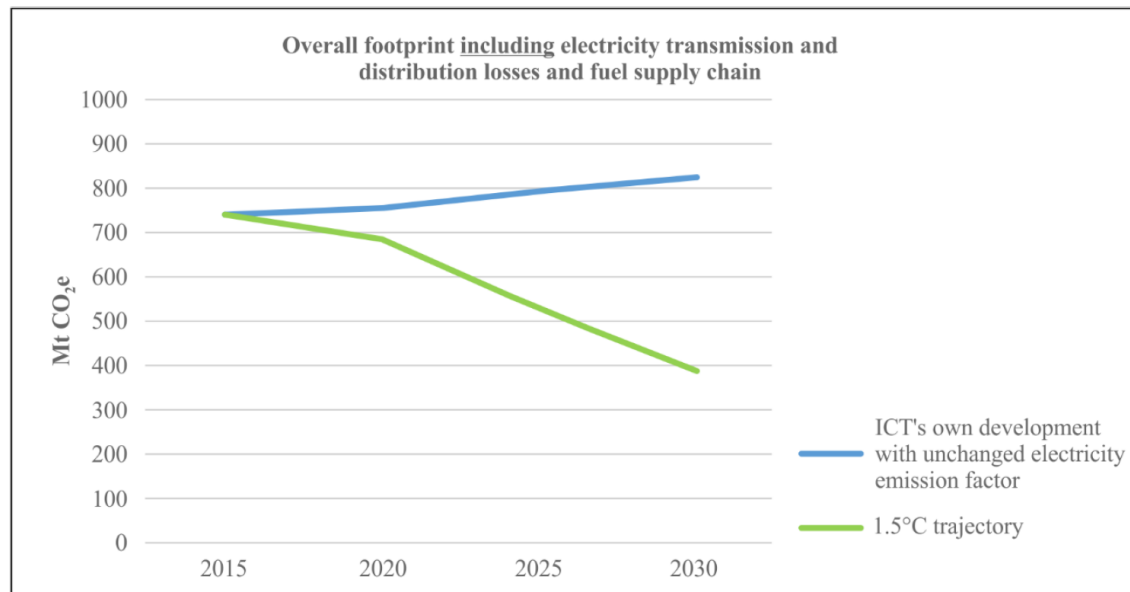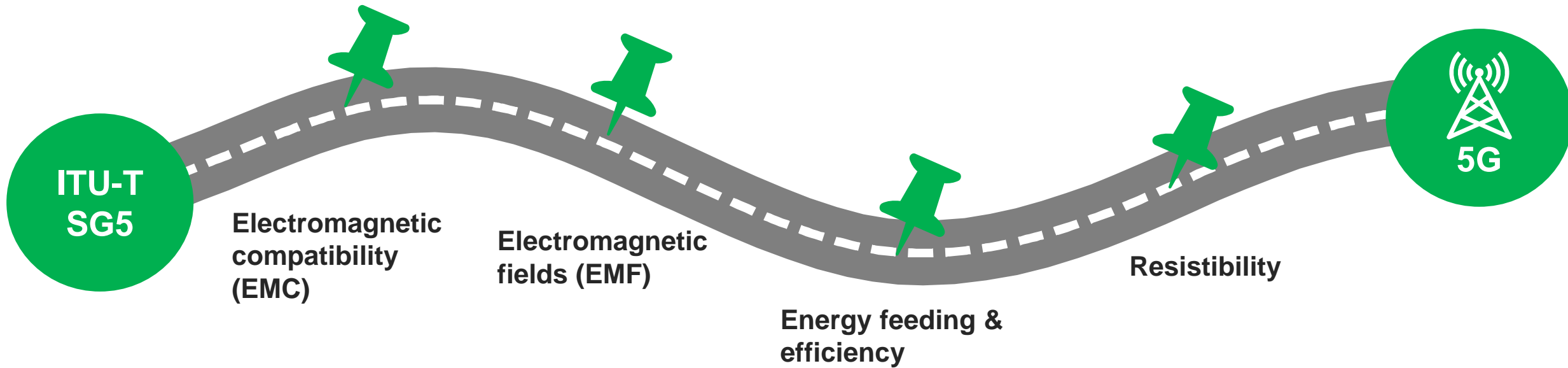
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- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1450:** Methodologies for the assessment of the environmental impact of the information and communication technology sector

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1451:** Methodology for assessing the aggregated positive sector-level impacts of ICT in other sectors

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1470:** GHG emissions trajectories for the ICT sector compatible with the UNFCCC Paris Agreement

- **ITU-T L.Suppl.37 to ITU-T L.1470:** Guidance to operators of mobile networks, fixed networks and data-centres on setting 1.5°C aligned targets compliant with Recommendation ITU-T L.1470

- **ITU-T L.Suppl.38 to ITU-T L.1470:** Guidance for information and communication technology manufacturers on setting 1.5°C aligned targets compliant with Recommendation ITU-T L.1470

- **Recommendation ITU-T L.1471:** Guidance and criteria for information and communication technology organisations on setting Net Zero targets and strategies

Setting environmental requirements for 5G

ITU-T SG5 - Regional Groups

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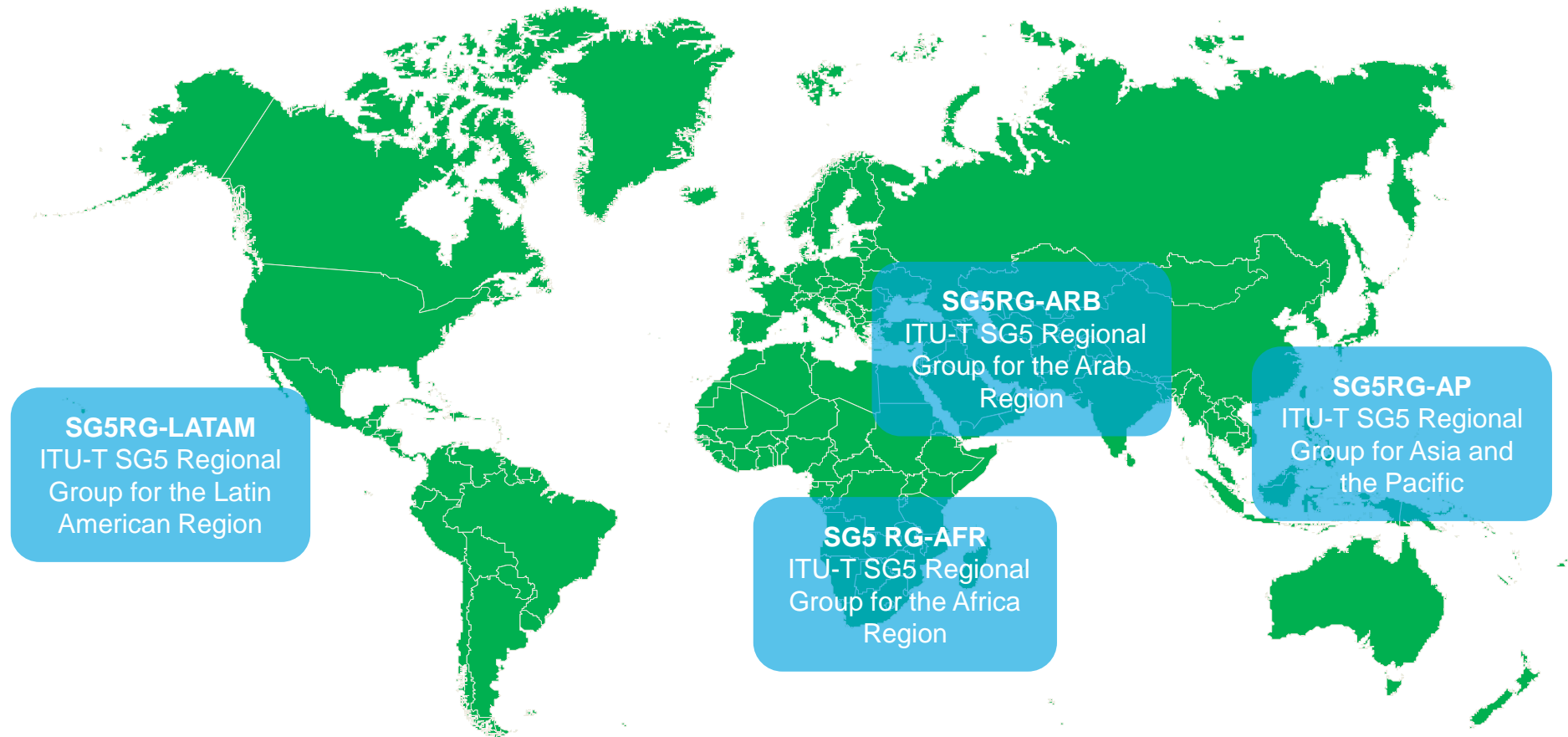
FG-AI4EE: Environmental efficiency for AI and other emerging technologies

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FG-AI4EE Working Groups (WGs):

- **WG 1**: Requirements of AI and other Emerging Technologies to Ensure Environmental Efficiency

- **WG 2**: Assessment and Measurement of the Environmental Efficiency of AI and Emerging Technologies

- **WG 3**: Implementation Guidelines of AI and Emerging Technologies for Environmental Efficiency

Digital technologies to help the environment and curb climate change

Save the date

- **ITU-T Study Group 5 meeting: Environment, Climate Change and Circular Economy**
  Virtual, 30 November to 10 December 2021

Thank you!

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