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New Routes - Old Roots A review of media accessibility



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Abstract of presentation

Media accessibility measures are an important and growing part of the global accessibility landscape today. David Wood will outline the situation and prospects for accessibility systems for broadcasting, including which tools are available, and which audience groups use them. He will explain the current situation in Europe. ITU-R SG6 is responsible for accessibility for broadcasting, and the presentation will summarise the current situation there. The presentation will also look at future technology, and suggest who should be doing what as a next step.