

ITU-T Study Group 3 on Economic and Policy Issues:

Executive Summary of Study Group 3 Meeting held on 26 May – 30 May 2014

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Documents

17 Contributions

107 TDs

Participants

115 delegates from **47 different countries**,
as well as academia participants, invited experts, and international bodies
(e.g. WTO)

SG3 Mini-workshops

Two mini-workshops were held on NGN Charging and Accounting and on Cost Models/Roaming. Presentations are available on the [workshop page](#) .

A TSB Roaming Cost Model for Regulators was presented and also made available as [TD141](#).

It was agreed to hold a mini-workshop at the next SG3 meeting on the topic of the economics of spectrum management/pricing.

Marketing, outreach and participation

47 different countries were represented at the meeting. Significant outreach efforts conducted prior to the SG3 meeting, in close coordination with the ITU Membership team, led to the inclusion of new participants and experts, notably in the area of roaming. A new video on Study Group 3 was also made and presented to the group. The video, [available on YouTube](#), was very well received by participants.

Collaboration between SG2 and SG3

This year's Study Group 3 meeting was held back to back with the Study Group 2 meeting, with some days of overlap. The two study groups have agreed to collaborate on alternative calling procedures and on the transition from IPv4 and IPv6, through joint rapporteur and correspondence groups.

Evolving the Working Methods and Structure of Study Group 3

At the start of a new study period in 2013, the Chairman presented a discussion paper ([TD80Rev1](#)) on the working methods and structure of SG3 going forward, which included the proposed re-wording of working party titles and questions, ideas on increasing the input and output to and from SG3, enhancing the visibility and effectiveness of the study group, and ensuring simplicity and transparency of working methods. Input and reactions from the regional group and administrations received at the SG3 meeting were largely favourable. Delegates were requested to submit contributions on new questions as contained in [TD156](#), the Chairman's summary of regional input, with a view to formulating new questions for the group and starting work in these areas. The list of proposed new questions is currently as follows:

Discussions on mobile roaming

It was agreed that the mobile rapporteur group would continue its work on revising ITU-T D. 98 and/or developing a new recommendation on Roaming. The regional groups are to provide input (namely in the form of new/revised text) to the rapporteur group. The rapporteur group will report back to WP2/3 at the March 2015 meeting of SG3 on the way forward. An interim meeting of the rapporteur group is planned just before the SG3 meeting next spring.

New study items

There was significant discussion on new areas of focus for the study group. Following discussion in the regions, and in the working parties, two new rapporteur groups were formed on:

- The **economic impact of OTTs** -- led by Egypt;
- Relevant **market definition and identification of operators with SMP** (significant market power) -- led by Brazil.

A third area of study was also proposed on **regulatory governance** and an ad-hoc group was set up (led by Tunisia) to further develop the group's terms of reference via electronic methods. There was also significant interest in the issues related to the **economic impact of spectrum valuation and pricing**.

Overview of Rapporteur Groups and key areas of work

In addition to Q4/3 (Regional Models) and Q5/3 (Terms/Definitions) rapporteur groups, the following rapporteur groups were confirmed by the meeting, for a total of 11 rapporteur groups.

	Topic	Working Party = Question
1	NGN Charging and Accounting	Q1/3
2	International Internet Connectivity	Q1/3
3	Economic impact of transition from IPv4 to IPv6	Q1/3
4	Charging for international mobile roaming	Q2/3
5	Study of the use of commercial agreements for international telecom service arrangements	Q2/3
6	Dispute resolution related to charging and invoicing	Q2/3
7	Alternative calling procedures, and misappropriation/misuse of facilities and services	Q2/3
8	Relevant market definition and identification of operators with significant market power	Q3/3
9	Economic impact of OTTs	Q3/3

Upcoming SG3 Meetings

The tentative schedule for regional group meetings is set out below:

Meeting	Location	Dates
SG3RG-AO	Myanmar	Tuesday 2 September – Wednesday 3 September 2014
SG3RG-ARB	Kuwait	Monday 24 November 2014
SG3RG-AFR	Sao Tome & Principe	Week of 2 February - 6 February 2015
SG3RG-LAC	Trinidad & Tobago/ or Bahamas (TBD)	Week of 20 April – 24 April 2015
SG3RG-EURM	TBD	TBD

The next meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 will be held in Geneva from 16-20 March 2015, overlapping and back to back with the next Study Group 2 meeting (17-26 March 2015).
