

# Executive Summary of ITU-T Study Group 3 Meeting

*Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues*

Virtual, 13-17 December 2021

# About the Meeting

- Seventh and final SG3 meeting in the 2017-2020 study period; fourth fully virtual SG3 meeting; Hosted via Zoom with interpretation platform.
- Three daily sessions from 11:00 to 14:30 hours (Geneva time).
- Interpretation for all plenary and working party sessions in Arabic, English, and French available until 14:00 hours; (English only for remaining 30 minutes of the meeting).
- All 11 Contributions translated in all 6 UN official languages.

# Meeting Statistics

- Contributions: 11  
Contributors include:
  - AT&T (United States), Canada, Cameroon, Dep. Rep. of the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Rep. of Korea, The Gambia, Nigeria, Paraguay, Société Nationale des Télécommunications du Sénégal (SONATEL) (Senegal), United States, Zimbabwe.
- New Work Item Proposals: None.
- TDs: 95
- Liaison Statements: 34 iLS and 8 oLS
- Participation: 84 participants.

# Participation Statistics

Delegates per category	
<b>57</b>	Member States
<b>15</b>	ITU-T Sector Members
<b>1</b>	ITU-T SG3 Associate
<b>0</b>	Permanent Missions
<b>0</b>	Invited Experts
<b>11</b>	ITU Staff

Council Region	
<b>29</b>	Africa
<b>14</b>	Americas
<b>25</b>	Asia and Australasia
<b>2</b>	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia
<b>6</b>	Western Europe

Development Indicator	
<b>26</b>	Developed countries
<b>34</b>	Developing countries
<b>16</b>	Least developed countries

# Meeting results

- Approved (TAP) one ITU-T Recommendation:
  - D.1102 (D.ConsumerOTT), *Customer redress and consumer protection mechanisms for OTTs* ([SG3-TD345/PLEN](#))
- Agreed one Supplement:
  - D.Suppl5, Supplement 5 to Recommendation ITU-T D.52, *Implementation guidelines for Recommendation ITU-T D.52 focusing on operationalization of regional Internet exchange points* ([SG3-TD362/PLEN](#))
- Appointed Ms. Elizabeth Mendy Johnson (Gambia) for Q8/3 Rapporteur.
- Finalized WTSA-20 preparations without substantial changes; and sent to TSAG SG3's Part I and Part II Reports ([SG3-LS101](#)).
- SG3 considered its situation of SG3 Work Programme and of stale work items, after consultations with Rapporteurs & Editors; SG3 agreed to discontinue six stale work items.

# Meeting results (continued)

- Approval of meeting report of:
  - SG3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR),  
Virtual, 26-29 July 2021 (using remote French-English interpretation)
- Informed SG3 of SG3RG-AFR's decision to apply the approval process as per Section 9.2 of WTSR Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet) for its draft regional Recommendation ITU-T D.608R "OTT Voice Bypass". SG3 agreed for TSB to initiate TAP consultation with SG3RG-AFR Members.
- Reviewed and provided overall positive feedback to TSB Survey on "Roaming Aspects of IoT and M2M" ([SG3-TD356-R1/PLEN](#)). Agreed to use the survey as input for further discussion and development of the TR\_IoTM2M\_roaming work item.
- Discussed the global status quo on digital taxation by reviewing the work by various international and regional organizations such as OECD, G20, ATAF, UNCTAD and World Bank ([SG3-TD358/PLEN](#)).
- Agreed to continue preparations for the SG3 Workshop on Digital/OTT taxation, with an emphasis on case studies and with a view to find a place for ITU-T SG3 in the landscape of digital taxation.

# Upcoming Meetings

- Next SG3 meeting: 23-27 May 2022.  
SG3 expressed the importance to discuss its priorities for the new Study Period.
- Rapporteur Group Meetings (RGMs) are not yet planned for 2022.
- SG3RG-AFR: 2 to 5 May 2022
- SG3RG-AO: April 2022 (TBC)
- SG3RG-ARB: Cairo, Egypt during June/July 2022 (TBC)
- SG3RG-EECAT: Not planned
- SG3RG-LAC: Second half of June 2022 (TBC)