

# Executive Summary of ITU-T Study Group 3

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

Geneva, 9-18 July 2024

# General Information

- The fifth SG3 meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 9-18 July 2024;
- Final meeting in the 2022-2024 Study Period;
- The meeting was a physical meeting with remote participation provided via Zoom;
- Daily sessions from 09:30 to 17:30 hours (Geneva time);
- Interpretation for Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish were available for the meeting.
- Webcast was available for the meeting.
- A Newcomers' session was organized on the first day of meeting.
- Certificates of Appreciation were provided on the last day of meeting.

# Participation Statistics

Delegates per Category		Council Region		Developed / Developing Economies	
Member States	111	Africa	59	Developed country	24
Sector Members	21	Americas	21	Developing country	80
Associates	1	Asia and Australasia	16	Least developed country	32
Academia	2	Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	1		
Res. 99	0	Western Europe	9		
Invited Experts	0				
ITU Staff	7				
				<b>Total number of participants</b>	<b>143</b>
				<b>Total number of countries</b>	<b>57</b>
				<b>Physical Participants</b>	<b>87</b>
				<b>Remote Participants</b>	<b>56</b>

# Meeting Statistics

## Types of Documents

Contributions	46
TDs	129
Incoming Liaison Statements	58
Outgoing Liaison Statements	5

## Contributors

Africa	21
The Americas	10
Arab States	4
Asia and the Pacific	8
CIS	0
Europe	3

## Other statistics

Recommendations approved	1
Recommendations deleted	0
Recommendations determined	2
Documents agreed	5
New work items proposed	6
New work items initiated	4
Baseline texts agreed	10
Ad-hoc sessions organized	2

# Key Results

- Finalized WTSA-24 preparations, reported to TSAG in [SG3-LS33](#).
- Approved Recommendation:
  - Determined draft revised Recommendation ITU-T D.212 “Charging and Accounting Principles for The Use of Signalling System No. 7” ([SG3-Report 14](#)).
- Determined Recommendations:
  - Draft new Recommendation ITU-T D.265, “Principles for Tariff Regulation of Data Services”, as contained in ([TD187/PLEN](#));
  - Draft new Recommendation ITU-T D.1141, “Policy framework and principles for data protection in the context of big data relating to telecommunication/ICT services”, as contained in ([TD181/PLEN](#)).
- Approved extension of Focus Group on Costing Models for Affordable Data Services (FG-CD):
  - For one additional year until **October 2025**.

## Key Results (*continued*)

- Agreed for SG3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) to proceed with the approval process for determined draft new Regional Recommendation ITU-T D.609R (ex D.LicensingR) “Guidelines for determining the size of fees associated with authorizations/licences”, as per WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Geneva, 2022), as contained in [TD169/PLEN](#).
- Agreed 4 Technical Reports and 1 Appendix:
  - New Technical Report ITU-T DSTR-STUDY\_DRCI, “Dispute Resolution between telecommunications operators and providers of OTTs” (STUDY\_DRCI) ([TD184/PLEN](#)),
  - New Technical Report ITU-T DSTR\_DLTUSF, “The Potential of Distributed Ledger Technology to Improve Management of Universal Service Funds” (TR\_DLTUSF) ([TD185/PLEN](#)),
  - New Technical Report ITU-T DSTR-STUDY\_IMT2020MVNOs, “5G related policy considering MVNOs” (STUDY\_IMT2020MVNOs) ([TD183-R1/PLEN](#)),
  - New Technical Report ITU-T DSTR-OTTBypass, “OTT Bypass”, ([TD182/PLEN](#)), and
  - New Appendix I to Recommendation ITU-T D.1040, “Method of re-allocating the circuit capacity in the trans-multi-country terrestrial cable in a complex scenario” ([TD186/PLEN](#)).

# Key Results (*continued*)

- Agreed new work items:
  - [D.ecosat](#): Economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators
  - [D.GuidelinesCostContribution](#): Guidelines on Potential Cost Contribution mechanisms between OTT service providers and telecom network service operators towards the expansion and development of high-capacity telecom networks
  - [D.USSD](#): Principles for commercial negotiations between wholesale USSD, SMS Access markets and Mobile Telecommunication Networks
  - [DSTR-Aistrat](#): Guidelines for a Framework to develop AI Principles as related to telecommunication/ICT plans and strategies

# Upcoming SG3 Activities

Meeting	Location	Dates	Comments
<b>SG3RG-AFR</b> Regional Group for Africa	TBC	February 2025 (TBC)	
<b>SG3RG-AO</b> Regional Group for Asia and Oceania	Virtual (TBC)	February or March 2025 (TBC)	
<b>SG3RG-ARB</b> Regional Group for the Arab Region	TBC	mid-February 2025 (TBC)	
<b>SG3RG-LAC</b> Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean	Lima, Peru	5-6 September 2024	In conjunction with ITU Policy and Economics Colloquium (IPEC-24)
<b>RGM for Q1/3</b>	Virtual	4 December 2024, 1300-1400 CET	Objectives of interim activities: <a href="#">TD162-R1/PLEN</a>
<b>RGM for Q9/3</b>	Virtual	15 January 2025, 1300-1400 CET	
<b>Editor's session for Study_OTTs (Q9/3)</b>	Virtual	13 November 2024, 1300-1400 CET	
	Virtual	11 December 2024, 1300-1400 CET	
	Virtual	22 January 2025, 1300-1400 CET	
<b>RGM for Q10/3</b>	Virtual	18 December 2024, 1300-1400 CET	
<b>SG3</b>	Geneva, Switzerland	8-17 April 2025	