



INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

**TELECOMMUNICATION
DEVELOPMENT BUREAU**
ITU-D STUDY GROUPS

Document 1/075-E
Document 2/096-E
6 August 1999
Original: English

SECOND MEETING OF STUDY GROUP 1: GENEVA, 30 AUGUST - 3 SEPTEMBER 1999
SECOND MEETING OF STUDY GROUP 2: GENEVA, 6 - 10 SEPTEMBER 1999

FOR INFORMATION

Questions : All

STUDY GROUPS 1 AND 2

SOURCE: TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (BDT)

TITLE: ITU-D STUDY GROUPS WEBSITE

Abstract:

The document contains an overview of what has been done since last year to improve and update the ITU-D Study Groups Web Page. Further information on the matter can be requested from the Study Groups Secretariat.

Contact point: ITU-D Study Groups Secretariat: Alessandra Pileri - Philipp Trotter

Objectives

The ITU-D Study Groups website is an essential resource of information to members of Study Groups, Focus Groups and the general public interested in the activities of ITU-D. In recent months the Study Groups website has undergone an extensive re-design process, the results of which will be launched in time for the September Study Group and Focus Group Meetings. The objectives of this redesign are as follows:

- Improved navigation and ease of access to Study Group information
- Additional facilities for individual focus groups and study groups including electronic document submission, e-mail and web-based discussion groups, etc.
- Improved speed of publication of information
- Timely publication of contributions on the Web

On-Going Actions

In order to achieve these objectives a number of ongoing activities are currently taking place. These include:

- The design and development of an underpinning database to support the new look and feel of the Study Groups website;
- Extension of existing database tools, automating some aspects of information management (i.e. database updates and links to the web)
- The design and development of support tools to assist the Study Group administration team with the update of the website.
- Provision of e-mail based discussion groups for each Study Group Question.
- Aesthetic and navigational design of website based upon the new ITU web standards.

The ITU-D Study Group Secretariat sent an e-mail message on 29 June 1999 to all Rapporteurs and Focal Points of the various Questions about the establishment of e-mail based discussion groups for each Question, asking on the availability of the Rapporteurs to act as moderators of these groups. Two positive answers have been received so far.

What is expected from Study Group members

As part of the redesign, facilities for comments and feedback are being incorporated into the Study Group website. Feedback from Study Group members will enable the Study Group team to incorporate changes and further developments into the website.

Milestones

- 3 August - Launch of e-mail based discussion groups*
- 6 August - Revised Prototype and assessment*
- 12 August - Launch of Study Groups web site.*
- September - Demonstrations during Study Group 1 and 2 meetings*

Conclusion

The continued development of the ITU-D Study Groups website is part of an on-going commitment to providing an improved support service to study group and focus group members. Comments and feedback from members regarding the design of the site, services provided and future improvements are both solicited and welcome.

In addition to providing feedback via the website, the Study Group members will have the opportunity to meet the developers of the website and make any suggestions they think would be beneficial during the September Study Group meetings. To this end interested participants are invited to contact Mr. Philipp Trotter (office T1216, tel. 6303).

BDT will consider the possibility of assisting the Rapporteurs who do not have access to Internet or e-mail facilities. To this extent, Rapporteurs are invited to contact the Study Group Secretariat specifying their needs in order to be connected to Internet/e-mail services.
