

ITU-T Workshop on Bridging the Standardization Gap and Interactive Training Session

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Introduction to the Interactive Training Session:

Preparation for a Simulated International Standards Meeting

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Objective – Learn by doing

- Learn: What are international standards meetings like?
- Learn: Being effective from the floor and being effective from the Chair.
- Do:
 - There will be contentious, but make-believe, topics
 - You will present your various views, and then reach common agreements
- You will decide what you mean by “agreement”

Simulated SG Meeting

- Start in full Plenary session
- The fictitious, but almost-real, problem will be presented
- You will each represent a different Member State, and each of you will have a position to defend
- Break into Working Parties (WP)
 - Each of you will present your contribution on behalf of your country

Opening Plenary

- Everything will be done exactly as it would be done in an actual international standards meeting
 - Agenda
 - Work Plan to set the schedule
 - Introduction of the issue
 - Setting up Working Parties (WP)
 - Document allocation to each WP

What happens in the WPs?

- Each WP will consider its issue and come back to the Closing Plenary with its recommendations
- Volunteers will serve as WP Chairs
- Apply the Participant and Chair skills taught earlier – they work!
- It is not always easy to reach consensus, so don't get discouraged too quickly
- Have fun

Working Party Meetings (1)

- Agenda
- Contributions will be introduced
 - Entertain “questions for clarification”, if any, as each contribution is presented
 - No discussion of substance at that time
- When all relevant contributions have been introduced, discussions begin, conflicts are identified and consensus is developed
- Use break-out groups if necessary

Working Party Meetings (2)

- WP Chair will manage the meeting
 - Manage the time allotted to your sessions
 - All comments go through the Chair
- Prepare written report for the Closing Plenary
- Take breaks when and if needed
- Watch the time !!!
- Come to agreement
- DO NOT bring unresolved conflicts to the Closing Plenary

Closing Plenary

- Each WP presents a report, highlighting only its conclusions and proposals
- Closing Plenary will develop a proposal based on WP recommendations even if WPs do not agree with each other
- Closure of the meeting (except we will skip the part when, traditionally, everyone congratulates everyone else and the group praises itself for marvelous work)



Thank you

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