

Regional Development Forum 2008
“Bridging the Standardization Gap in Developing Countries”
Accra, Ghana, 26-28 May 2008

WTSA-08 Preparation Briefing

General information on the
preparation of WTSA-08

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History of WTSA

- **CCITT** (International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee):

- 1956 1st Plenary Assembly, Geneva
- 1960 2nd Plenary Assembly, **New Delhi**, (Red Book)
- 1964 3rd Plenary Assembly, Geneva (Blue Book)
- 1968 4th Plenary Assembly, **Mar del Plata** (White Book)
- 1972 5th Plenary Assembly, Geneva (Green Book)
- 1976 6th Plenary Assembly, Geneva (Orange Book)
- 1980 7th Plenary Assembly, Geneva (Yellow Book)
- 1984 8th Plenary Assembly, **Malaga-Torremolinos** (Red Book)
- 1988 9th Plenary Assembly, **Melbourne** (Blue Book)

- **ITU-T** (ITU - Telecommunication Standardization Sector):

- 1993 1st World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSC-93), **Helsinki**
- 1996 2nd World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSC-96), Geneva
- 2000 3rd World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-2000), **Montreal**
- 2004 4th World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-04), **Florianopolis**
- 2008 5th WTSA (WTSA-08), **Johannesburg**

Statistic for WTSA-04 (1)

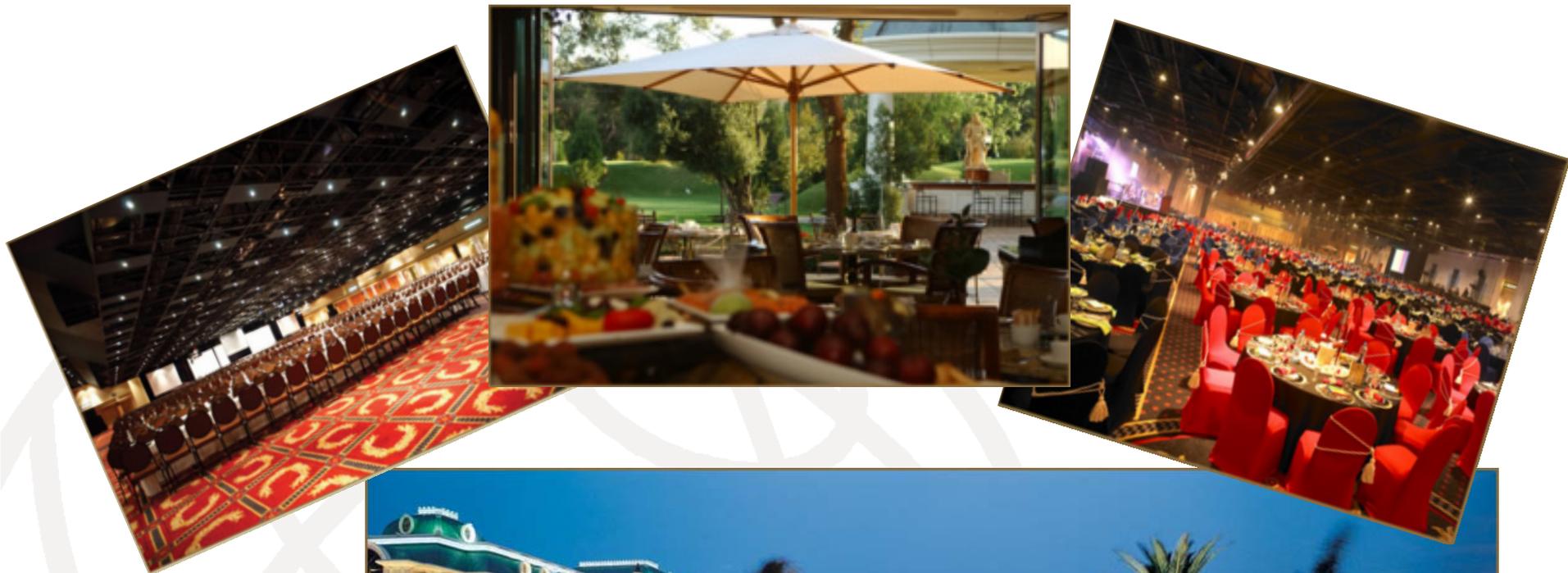
- about 500 delegates from 72 countries (plus 120 staff in the secretariat)
- 136 documents, 22 TDs and several INF documents
- 8 working days, no evening sessions (a few receptions)
- Some difficult tasks (approval procedure, some Resolutions), no voting
- Call for candidates for SG Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, 1st time in CCITT/ITU-T history (see <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-04/candidates.asp>), 9 candidates from Africa
- 14 Chairmen nominated, 13 out of 14 from industry. 6 Vice-Chairs from AFR
- 3 Regional Groups, TAF Chairman from Mali+4 Vice-Chairs
- 31 Resolutions adopted (14 New and 17 Revised), 4 deleted
- Many of Resolutions concern developing countries (Assistance, Bridging the standardization Gap, domain names, spam, Cybersecurity etc.)

Statistic for WTSA-04 (2)

- **6 Recommendations of series A modified**
- **One Recommendation Y.1271 (emergency communication) deferred to WTSA-04 approved**
- **At the end of WTSA-04, there were 3002 Recommendations in force, 106 Supplements**
- **Recommendation approval time has reduced from average of 9 months (1997-2000 period) to 8.4 weeks (2001-2004 period)**
- **From 2000 to 2004, TSB received voluntary contributions totaling 542'827 CHF**
- **A side event on “Cybersecurity” has been organized**

WTSA-08

- **Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa, 21-30 October 2008**
Global Standards Symposium: 20 October 2008
- **Convening letter:** - Invitation by ITU Secretary-General DM-07/1054 (12 December 2007)
- TSB Circular 190 (31 January 2008)
- **Information on ITU-T Website :**
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/>
- **Chairman:** Candidate proposed by South Africa



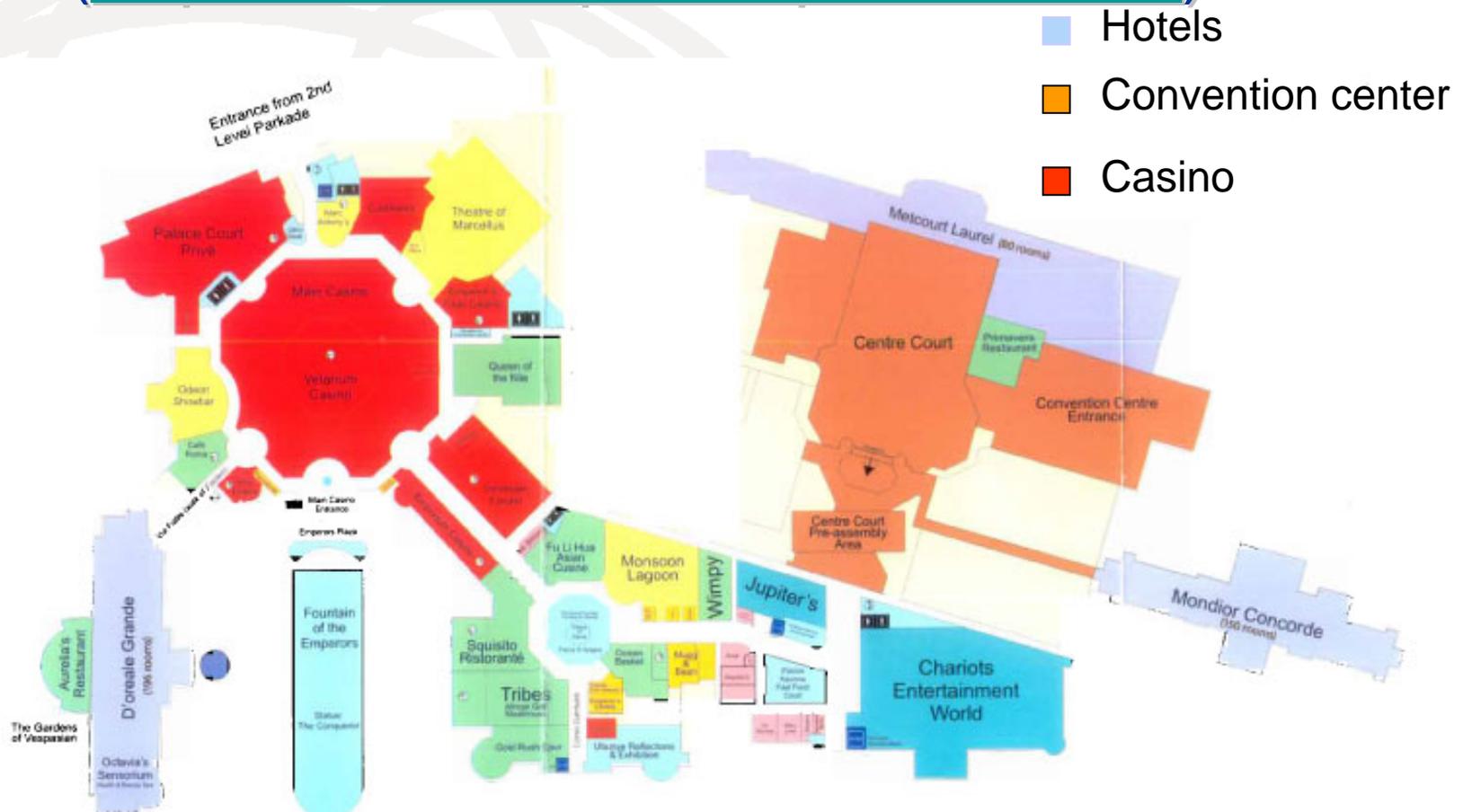
Some Pictures



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Emperors Palace Complex

<http://www.emperorspalace.com>



Emperors Palace Convention Centre,
64 Jones Road, Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The venue is 3 km from the Johannesburg international airport

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Qualified Participants

(Convention Article 25)

- **Member States**
- **Sector Members**
- **Observers of:**
 - regional telecommunication organizations;
 - intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems;
 - any other regional organization or other international organization dealing with matters of interest to the Assembly;
 - UN;
 - specialized agencies of UN and the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- **The ITU Elected officials shall be represented at the Assembly in an advisory capacity**

Duties of WTSA-08

(Convention, Article 13)

- **To adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector's activities**
- **Consider the reports by Study Groups, TSAG and the report of the Director of TSB**
- **Approve the programme of work (questions)**
- **Decide to maintain, terminate, or establish Study Groups and allocate to them the Questions to be studied**
- **Decide on the need to maintain, terminate, or establish other groups and appoint their Chairs and VCs**
- **Approve, modify, or reject draft Recommendations**
- **Appoint Chair and Vice-Chairs of Study Groups and TSAG**
- **Group, as far as practicable, Questions of interest to the developing countries to facilitate their participation**
- **May assign specific matters to TSAG...**

Draft structure of WTSA-08

(as per Resolution 1, § 1.2)

- **Committee 1: Steering Committee
(Chairman: AFS; VCs from ITU Regions)**
- **Committee 2: Budget Control**
- **Committee 3: Working methods of ITU-T**
- **Committee 4: Work programme and organization of ITU-T**
- **Committee 5: Editorial Committee**

Draft workplan of WTSA-2008

	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday, 21 October	Heads of Delegation Opening Meeting + PL (1)	Plenary Meeting (2) COM 1
Wednesday, 22 October	COM 4 COM 2	COM 3 WG of PL
Thursday, 23 October	COM 4 WG of PL	COM 3 WG of PL
Friday, 24 October	COM 4 WG PL COM 5	Heads of Delegation Plenary Meeting (3) COM 1
Monday, 27 October	COM 3 WG of PL COM 5	COM 4 WG of PL COM 5
Tuesday, 28 October	COM 2 COM 3 COM 5	COM 4 COM 5 Heads of Delegation
Wednesday, 29 October	Plenary Meeting (4) COM 5	Plenary Meeting (5)
Thursday, 30 October	Plenary Meeting (6)	Plenary Meeting (7) Closing Ceremony

Global Standards Symposium

(20 October 2008)

- The Global Standards Symposium
 - On 20 October 2008, just ahead of WTSA-08
- Two main topics
 - Bridging the standardization gap
 - Collaboration among stakeholder to achieve this objectives

- General information

At: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/gss/index.html>

Exhibition

- **ITU and DOC organize three day special exhibition during GSS and WTSA-08**
- unique opportunity of visibility in front of a very influential global audience
- Very reasonable exhibition fee
- Detailed information and application form can be found on the web at:
<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/info/exhibition.html>

Some logistic information

- How to obtain WTSA-08 documents
 - at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/index.html> (TIES)
 - Or requesting set of paper copies
- How to send input document
 - Electrically: tsbwtsa-doc@itu.int
 - No deadline but preferably two months before
- Translation of documents: in six languages
- Cybercafé and LAN available on site
- Hotel room booking: through designated travel agent

Fellowship

- **Partial fellowship will be granted to participants from LDC and low income countries with GDP < USD 2'000**
- **One partial fellowship per eligible country
(daily subsidy allowance)**
- **Fellowship request form on TSB website**
- **Imperative that fellows be present from the first day to end of the WTSA-08**

Preparations by the Regions (1)

- **All regions will organize a regional preparatory meeting:**
- **Some regions plan to have several meetings**
- **Regional inputs to the TSAG meeting in July 2008**
- **Regional inputs to WTSA-08**
- **Regional coordination on the candidates for the Vice-Chairmen of WTSA-08**
- **Consultations on the Chair/Vice-Chairmen of other Committees of WTSA-08**

Preparations by the Regions (2)

- **The ITU Americas region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 21 – 22 May 2008**
- **The ITU Africa region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 29 – 30 May 2008**
- **RCC WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 12 – 13 June 2008**
- **The Arab Region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting , 20 – 22 (a.m.) July 2008**
- **The Asia-Pacific region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 18 – 19 September 2008**
- **The CEPT Preparatory meetings**

Candidates for SG Chair / Vice-Chair

- **The procedure for appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen is in Resolution 35**
- **Propose suitable candidates at least three months before the opening of WTSA-08**
- **Some conditions for candidates explained in TSB Circular 185**
- **The term limit agreed at the WTSA-2000 will apply**
- **A TSB Circular letter inviting to nominate candidates will be issued after the TSAG July 2008**

See you at WTSA-08 Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa



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