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**Issues and status of  
improvements to working  
methods of ITU-T**

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# Changes in Working Methods

- ITU-T Working Methods (WM): very good, very efficient; allow work to progress as fast as desired, *in a transparent environment*
- Changes made this period
  - WMs, Electronic WMs, External Cooperation
- Changes to WMs for future periods
  - Coordination of complex projects

# Changes made this period: Contributions

- **Simplified (Recommendation A.1)**
  - Normal and delayed combined into a single type called a “contribution”
  - Members submit Contributions; all other input documents will be TDs (formerly, “Temporary Document”)
  - Deadline for submission changed from 7 working days to 10 calendar days
  - Easier to understand for those in the regions

# Changes made this period: Electronic Working Methods

- **Continuous improvement**
  - Participate more without physical travel
  - Web-based tools for collaborative work on documents in real-time
  - Reduced cost and volume of documentation
  - All docs are in your hands in near-zero time
    - no waiting for the mail!

# Changes made this period: Cooperation with IETF

- **ITU-T & IETF management-level meetings addressed:**
  - **Awareness of New Work Items**
  - **Exchange of liaisons**
  - **Requirements from ITU-T → protocols and resource assignments by IETF**
  - **Quality of outputs: technical content, languages**

# Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC

- **Based on 20+ year practice of ITU-T**
- **Common Patent Statement forms**
- **Common Licensing Declaration forms**
- **Ensures availability of ITU/ISO/IEC Recommendations/Standards**
- **Balances interests of holders of patents and users of patents**

# Changes being developed: Focus Groups in multiple SGs

- FGs bring in expertise from non-members
- Work faster, on a focused topic
- FG have been a great success

... but ...

# Changes being developed: Focus Groups in multiple SGs

- ... need new way to coordinate for topics falling within interests of multiple SGs
- Revision to Rec A.7 is underway through TSAG Correspondence Group ([tsagA7@itu.int](mailto:tsagA7@itu.int)) led by Mr. Henninot (France)



# Changes being considered: Coordination among SGs

- Many subjects have aspects within the scope of multiple SGs
- Usually there is a Lead SG
- ITU-T created and is trying new tools:
  - GSI: Global Standards Initiative (e.g., NGN-GSI, IPTV-GSI IPTV, etc)
  - JCA: Joint Coordination Activity
  - TSR: Technical Standards Review

# Changes being considered: Coordination among SGs

- Will result in Revised Resolution 1 and maybe new procedures
- TSAG Correspondence Group ([tsagwm@itu.int](mailto:tsagwm@itu.int)) led by Mr. J. Boulvin (France)

# Changes being considered: Web-based collaborative tools

- Trials underway using different applications
  - e.g. ,GoToMeeting
  - Combines phone call and web collaboration
  - Fully interactive
- TSAG will evaluate and advise TSB

# Thank You

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# Background information

- **Status at December 2007  
TSAG meeting on:**
    - **all WTSA Resolutions, and**
    - **all A-Series Recommendations**
- that relate to Working Methods**

# ITU-T Work Methods - The Rules

<b>Doc.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Possible change?</b>	<b>Stable or SUP?</b>
<b>Res 1</b>	<b>Rules of procedure</b>	<b>Mod</b>	
<b>Res 20</b>	<b>Procedures for alloc'n and management of international numbering resources</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Res 22</b>	<b>Authorization for TSAG to act between WTSAAs</b>		<b>Stable</b>

**Mod: Modify SUP: Suppress**



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<b>Res 31</b>	<b>Associates</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Res 32</b>	<b>Strengthening EWMs for the work of ITU-T</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Res 35</b>	<b>Max. term of office for Chairs and VCs</b>		<b>Stable</b>

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<b>Res 40</b>	<b>Regulatory aspects of ITU-T work</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Res 45</b>	<b>Effective coord'n of work across SGs and the role of TSAG</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Res 46</b>	<b>ITU-T contribution to Council WG-WSIS</b>		<b>SUP</b>



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<b>Res 55</b>	<b>Mainstreaming gender</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Rec A.1</b>	<b>Work methods for SGs</b>	<b>Mod</b>	
<b>Rec A.2</b>	<b>Presentation of contributions</b>		<b>Stable</b>

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<b>Doc.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Possible change?</b>	<b>Stable or SUP?</b>
<b>Rec A.7</b>	<b>Focus Groups: Working methods and procedures</b>	<b>Mod</b>	
<b>Rec A.8</b>	<b>AAP for new and revised Recs</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Rec A.11</b>	<b>Publication of ITU-T Recs and WTSA proceedings</b>		<b>Stable</b>



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<b>Rec A.12</b>	<b>Identification and layout of ITU-T Recs</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Rec A.13</b>	<b>Supplements to ITU-T Recommendations</b>		<b>Stable</b>

# External Cooperation - The Rules

<b>Doc.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Possible change?</b>	<b>Stable or SUP?</b>
<b>Res 7</b>	<b>Collab'n with ISO &amp; IEC</b>	<b>Mod</b>	
<b>Res 11</b>	<b>Collab'n with the Postal Operations Council UPU</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Res 18</b>	<b>Work alloc'n &amp; coord'n between ITU-T &amp; ITU-R</b>		<b>Stable</b>



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<b>Doc.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Possible change?</b>	<b>Stable or SUP?</b>
<b>Res 38</b>	<b>Coord'n among ITU-T, -R and -D for IMT-2000</b>	<b>Mod</b>	
<b>Res 53</b>	<b>Establishment of Seminar Coord'n Comm</b>		<b>SUP</b>
<b>Rec A.4</b>	<b>Communication process between ITU-T and forums &amp; consortia</b>		<b>Stable</b>

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<b>Doc.</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Possible change?</b>	<b>Stable or SUP?</b>
<b>Rec A.5</b>	<b>Include reference to other org's docs in Recs</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Rec A.6</b>	<b>Coop'n and info'n exchange between ITU-T and SDOs</b>		<b>Stable</b>
<b>Rec A.23</b>	<b>Collaboration with ISO and IEC on IT</b>		<b>Stable</b>

