Draft AfCP FOR WTSA-08

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Introduction & Explanation of Agenda Items for WTSA-08

According to Resolution 43, Regional Preparatory Meetings are to be held prior to WTSA.

List of Topics Discussed

- Bridging the Standardization Gap
- Study Group Restructuring
- Testing and Certification of Equipment
- ICT and Climate Change
- Establishment of Regional Groups
- Inclusion of Academia
- Gender
- Accessibility
- Cyber security

Procedure for Submission of AfCP or Proposals from MS

Proposals from MS and sector members have to be sent to ATU for onward submission to Ghana. Ghana will then submit the Approved AFCP to the TSB. The deadline for submission of proposals to ATU is 15th July, 2008.

Bridging the Standardization Gap

Presentation of contributions.

In accordance with relevant Resolutions, Cote d'Ivoire requests ITU to help African countries conduct study of EM Radiation effects on health. (AFCP 1)

Cote d'Ivoire also requests African Operators and other telecom service providers to take part in ITU-T study group activities.(AFCP 2)

Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana and ATU to collaborate for improving the draft. These 2 AFCP are approved.

Members agreed for the establishment of a special committee during WTSA like existing steering, finance and other committees that will take care of bridging the standardization gap.

Contribution will be sent to TSAG by Ghana and an AFCP will be sent to WTSA-08 after TSAG meeting.

Review of Financial Contribution Levels for SMEs from DCs

- Some MS supported this proposal.
- Ghana is to make a contribution towards this for next Plenipotentiary meeting.

Inclusion of Academia

This region supports the inclusion of academia to ITU-T activities. Also MS should be encouraged to include academia in their delegations to ITU-T Meetings.

SG Re-structuring

There was partial agreement on this topic.A provisional AFCP is approved with 2 options submitted by Cote d'Ivoire and Uganda for merging some of the SGs. Some points are still pending while waiting TSAG conclusions (July 08 meeting).

Other Issues

- Uganda will send a proposal for testing and certification for further consideration and approval as AFCP.
- Senegal will prepare an AFCP on migration from IPv4 to IPv6

ICT and Climate Change

The region will consider the proposal put forward by other regional groups.

Regional Groups

The region requested for the establishment of African regional groups for SG 2 (Operational aspects of service provision, naming, addressing, etc.), SG 4 (Telecommunication Management) and SG5 (Protection against electromagnetic environment effects) in addition to those existing in SG3 (Tariffs and Accounting) and SG12 (performance and QoS)

Cyber security and Accessibility

The region will consider the proposals put forward by other **regions** on the subjects above.

Gender

A resolution already exists for this topic.

Resolutions to assist Developing Countries

All the Resolutions addressing this issue, namely Res. 1,17, 26,43,44, and 54 were reviewed and approved as AFCP.

Candidature for chair and vice chair for SG and TSAG

- Interested parties were asked to present their names and particulars to ATU and ITU.
- Gabon has submitted a candidate as Vice Chair of TSAG.
- Kenya will submit a candidate for Vice Chair of SG3.

WTSA-08

- Ghana has been nominated to preside over meetings of the African Group during the WTSA-08 per ATU Regulations.
- Tanzania is appointed as Vice Chair of the WTSA08, in conformity with AU rules.

