



SMART SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MODEL INITIATIVE

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE

Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Advocacy

1. Scope and Objective

The Working Group on Policy, Regulation and Advocacy (WG-PRA) is a sub-group of the Smart Sustainable Development Model Initiative Advisory Board to which it provides input. The Working Group is tasked with carrying out background work on policy and regulatory related matters to foster equitable access to information and communication networks and to facilitate the contribution of ICTs in disaster management and sustainable development processes.

2. Activity

The working group will:

- i. identify key stakeholders and their respective roles,
- ii. identify regulatory constraints and provide real life examples to persuade policy makers to overcome these so as to provide an enabling environment,
- iii. report on best practice regulatory measures that can be encouraged including efficient access to orbital resources,
- iv. identify actions to create a policy and regulatory environment favorable to the deployment of satellite services including efficient access to orbital resources,
- v. identify actions to promote the inclusion of satellite technology and emergency telecommunication in national broadband plans,
- vi. specify actions, including a communication/outreach plan, that would help create a sense of urgency in having ICTs as enablers for sustainable development and saving lives,
- vii. elaborate possible ways of involving stakeholders and appropriate figures to to better communicate and promote ICTs for sustainable development and saving lives,
- viii. by March 2014, issue a the 1st draft of a White Paper suggesting actions to be taken by the Board, with a final draft completed by 1 May 2014 for review by the Advisory Board.

3. Membership

Members of the working group serve in their individual capacity and any interested Board Member can participate. Third parties may also be invited to participate on the basis of their potential contribution to the Working Group's activities.

4. Methods of Work

The Working Group will determine its own methods of work, including time for consideration of requests, preparation and conduct of its tasks. Activities of the group will be coordinated and led by the leading Board Member who was designated during the Advisory Board meeting. In principle, the working group will carry out its work by electronic means, using conference calls etc.

5. Secretariat and Administrative Support

Within available resources, ITU will provide the administrative and secretariat support required by the working group, including record keeping, distribution of documents and SharePoint related services.