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TD**Source:** Review Committee**Title:** LS on increasing efficiency of work in ITU-T [to all ITU-T groups]**LIAISON STATEMENT****For action to:** All ITU-T groups (SGs, FGs, JCAs, etc.)**For comment to:** -**For information to:** TSAG**Approval:** ITU-T RevCom (by correspondence, 4 March 2016)**Deadline:** 1 July 2016**Contact:** Yoichi Maeda
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RevCom met in Geneva, 28-29 January 2016 and reviewed a number of contributions. [RevCom-C.36](#) (Germany) pointed out that there are many mechanisms and groups currently in use in ITU-T, which may dilute the responsibility and work of the ITU-T Study Groups. Annex A contains an overview of these mechanisms and groups, for your information.

1. RevCom would like to **encourage** all groups, and study groups in particular, to critically **consider** ways and means to **reduce the number of groups** currently in existence. For example, some groups no longer carry any activities (e.g. PCP-TDR under SG2), others have very little activity or may already have accomplished their most significant tasks. Of course, groups should continue to operate where important work is still to be carried out; however, the main goal is to increase visibility to the whole membership and outside organizations of "who does what and where", and to close stale groups. You are encouraged to report on the current status and the deliverables/results achieved (if not already covered in your activity monitoring reports to RevCom).
2. RevCom would take the opportunity to recognize that ITU-T SGs have significantly reduced the number of "stale" work items, and noted that several study groups have no stale work items at all. We were informed that in SGs that still have stale work items, their progress is being carefully monitored by the respective managements. **RevCom encourages SGs to continue monitoring the activity of their work items**, so that the gains in efficiency are not lost. Please note that the concept of "**yellow alert**" was agreed as useful, to flag early work items that would become stale at a future meeting. TSB will modify the stale work item report

to include also these "yellow alerts". ITU-T study groups are encouraged to **use these reports on a regular basis** at their meetings.

In closing, RevCom informs that it will hold its final meeting in Geneva, 15 July 2016, and looks forward to continued support and progress reports from the various ITU-T groups.

Annex A
Assessment of various mechanisms and groups in existence in ITU-T (status: January 2016)

Label:

Collaboration mechanism	Mechanism for creation of groups aiming at collaboration between ITU-T and (an)other organizations
Group	A specific group of experts, representatives, etc.
Joint collaboration	A particular technical collaboration established on an ad hoc basis that is not based on a specific collaboration mechanism
Mechanism	Rules for the creation of a specific type of group
Meeting	Gathering of experts under a pre-defined agenda
Non-ITU Group	A group that ITU joined but that is not managed by it.
Partnership	A group in which ITU is a co-manager.

NOTE – Table A.1 does not list ITU Study Groups, TSAG, and RevCom that are established as per WTSR Resolutions (in particular, Res.1 and Res.2).

Table A.1 – ITU-T groups, group types and mechanisms

Name	Type	Reference	Membership	Tasks	Comment
Collaborative Team (CT)	Collaboration mechanism	Rec. ITU-T A.23 Annex A	Participants from ITU-T SGs and ISO/IEC JTC 1 SCs	Develop consistent standards for both ITU-T and ISO/IEC JTC1.	Three active CTs; details see TD 206r1/RevCom
Director Ad hoc Groups	Mechanism	CS/CV	Invited members	Assist the TSB director in policy definition	Two in existence: IPR-AHG , StdEdu-AHG
Focus Group (FG)	Mechanism	Rec. ITU-T A.7	Any individual from a country that is a member of ITU	Study new technology area and identify work items for SGs.	Two active FGs. See TD 206r1/RevCom for updated list
Global Standards Initiative (GSI)	Mechanism	ITU-T A.1, §2.2.11	Participants in ITU-T Study Groups and Rapporteur groups	Package of work being conducted through collocated meetings of the involved Study Groups and Rapporteur groups.	One active GSI; details see TD 206r1/RevCom . NOTE – the use of GSIs as coordination mechanism is deprecated.

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Intersector Rapporteur Groups (IRG)	Mechanism	WTSA Res.18, RA Res. ITU-R 6-2	ITU members	Inter-ITU sector collaboration.	Three active IRGs; details see TD 206r1/RevCom
Joint Coordination Activities (JCA)	Mechanism	ITU-T A.1, §2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Representatives from the relevant SGs - Invited experts and representatives of other SDOs - ITU-T members 	Work coordination within ITU-T. Contact point with other SDOs.	Ten active JCAs; see TD 206/RevCom for updated list
Regional Groups	Mechanism	WTSA Res. 54	ITU Membership from respective Region	Input and discussion from/within regions.	14 active Regional Groups
Joint Rapporteur Groups (JRG)	Group	Draft guidelines in TD 396/TSAG (2016-02)	Delegates entitled to participate in the work of the respective SGs.	Develop consistent standards from the perspective of both SG2 and SG13.	One in existence (JRG-CCM on cloud computing management) between SG2 and SG13.
Joint team between ITU-T SG5 and ETSI TC EE	Joint collaboration	Agreement between the concerned groups. Ref: TD 521/Gen-5 (2014-05)	ITU-T SG5, ETSI TC EE	Develop common specifications on environment and climate change.	
Joint team between ITU-T SG11 and ETSI TC INT	Joint collaboration	Agreement between the concerned groups. Ref: TD 913/Gen-11 (2015-12)	ITU-T SG11, ETSI TC INT	Develop technically aligned standards for topics of common interest, e.g. SIP-IMS conformity testing; Internet speed measurement; VoLTE/ViLTE-based networks interconnection.	The work is performed during joint meetings of ETSI TC INT and ITU-T SG11 related groups
CITS (Collaboration on ITS Communication Standards)	Partnership	TSAG trial	No limitation, participants of SDOs working on ITS communication standards	Foster the development of globally harmonized ITS communication standards.	Trial of an equal-footing, multi-lateral collaboration mechanism.

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GSC (Global Standards Collaboration)	Partnership	Launched 1994 by Member organisations	Representatives of ITU-T , ITU-R, ATIS, ARIB, CCSA, ETSI, IEEE-SA , TIA , TSDSI , TTA, TTC	... enhancing global cooperation and collaboration regarding communications standards and the related standards development environment...	
JTF (Joint Task Force)	Partnership	Launched 2012 by Member organisations	ITU/WMO/UNESCO-IOC	... strategy and roadmap that could lead to enabling the availability of submarine repeaters equipped with scientific sensors for ocean and climate monitoring and disaster risk reduction...	
MoU on electronic business	Partnership	Agreement amongst ITU, ISO, IEC, UN ECE [2000]	ITU, ISO, IEC, UN ECE; OASIS	Open to other international, regional, governmental, industry and consumer organizations whose core mission involves standards-setting	
WSC (World Standards Cooperation)	Partnership	Launched 2001 by Member organisations	ITU, ISO, IEC (ISO President, two Vice-Presidents, ISO Secretary General; IEC President, Vice-President, IEC General Secretary; TSB Director & Deputy Director, BR Director, TSAG Chair)	Goals: - “to strengthen and advance the voluntary consensus-based international standards system of IEC, ISO and ITU ...”; “to promote and increase the worldwide visibility of international consensus-based standardization and related conformity assessment matters”; - “to resolve expeditiously any issue regarding cooperation in the technical work of the three organizations, if the matter has failed to be resolved in a timely manner at all lower levels of coordination.”	

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CASC (Conformity Assessment Steering Committee)	Group	SG11 decision (guidelines)	- Nominated representatives from ITU-T SGs and representatives of related external bodies - ITU-T members	Discuss the detailed rules and procedures for test laboratory recognition procedures.	
CTO Meeting	Group	WTSA Res. 68	High level industry representatives plus invited experts (as selected and invited by TSB director)	Identification of industry demands.	
Inter-Sector Coordination Team on issues of mutual interest (ISCT)	Group	Launched in 2015 by RAG, TDAG, TSAG	Representatives of the three ITU advisory groups	...to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources. While executing its functions ISCT will identify subjects common to the three Sectors, or, bilaterally, and consider an updated list (prepared by the Secretariat) containing the areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors pursuant to the mandates assigned by each ITU assembly or conference; identify the necessary mechanisms to strengthen cooperation and joint activity among the three Sectors or with each Sector, on issues of mutual interest, paying particular attention to the interests of the developing countries;	
PCP-TDR (Partnership Co-ordination Panel on Telecommunications for Disaster Relief)	Group	Launched 2003, under responsibility of SG2	Some ITU-T SGs and SDOs, fora and Consortia	... ensure that key players are involved in defining and meeting the requirements for telecommunications for disaster relief,...	Inactive. Functions equivalent to that of a JCA. Created before JCAs existed.

Name	Type	Reference	Membership	Tasks	Comment
<u>QSDG (Quality of Service Development Group)</u>	Group	Launched in the 1980s, under responsibility of SG12 since WTSA-08	No limitation	... to improve the quality of the international service, to the benefit both of the subscribers and Administrations	First meeting in 1984
<u>SCV (Standardization Committee for Vocabulary)</u>	Group	<u>WTSA Res. 67</u>	ITU Membership	... address the need for a harmonized understanding of all terms and definitions used in standardization.	
<u>Service and Network Operations group (SNO)</u>	Group	Created under ITU-T SG4, now under ITU-T SG2.		Working group which has been put in place by ITU-T to encourage the development and the implementation of network and service management activities	
<u>SGLA (Study Group Leadership Assembly)</u>	Meeting	Launched by TSB Director	Leaders of ITU-T Groups	First event on 12-13 October 2015 to improve collaboration within ITU-T on IMT-2020 (non-radio) and IoT	
<u>DCICC (Dynamic Coalition on Internet and Climate Change)</u>	Non-ITU Group	Created in 2007 by IGF, based on a proposal from ITU.	No limitation	...develop a coordinated effort internationally to address the impact of the Internet on climate change...	This is an IGF group in which ITU participates and provides secretariat
<u>DCAD (Dynamic Coalition on Accessibility and Disability)</u>	Non-ITU Group	Created in 2007 by IGF, based on a proposal from ITU.	No limitation	... facilitates interaction and ensures that ICT accessibility is included in the key debates around Internet Governance in order to build a future where all sectors of the global community have equal access to the Information Society. DCAD has organized workshops and activities at IGF events.	This is an IGF group in which ITU participates

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VQEG (Video Quality Experts Group)	Non-ITU Group	Launched 1997; ITU-R SG6 and ITU-T SG9, SG12 are involved.	No limitation	VQEG (Video Quality EG) provides a forum, via email lists and face-to-face meetings for video quality assessment experts to exchange information and work together on common goals.	
