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| **Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV)** | | |
| **Source:** | Documents CCV/12, 13, 15 and 18 | |
| **Title:** | draft liaison statement to ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 2/1, ITU-R Working Parties 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D and 6A on broadband definition  **Broadband access technologies, including IMT, for developing countries. What is the definition of Broadband?** | |

At the joint CCV/SCV November 2016 and January 2017 meetings, the CCV and SCV considered Documents CCV/[12](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-CCV-C-0012/en), [13](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-CCV-C-0013/en), [15](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-CCV-C-0015/en) and [18](http://www.itu.int/md/R15-CCV-C-0018/en) on the definition of the term “broadband”.

It was mentioned that further work is required on this issue in order to provide a more general/broad definition that encompasses not only the views of ITU-R but also those of ITU-T in order to have a single ITU definition. It was also mentioned that the term “broadband” is too general and therefore it wouldn’t be appropriate to provide a specific definition that could create some limitations on the use of the term. In that regard, it was suggested as a way forward to consider the term “broadband access” which is more specific and thus more appropriate for a definition.

The meeting further noted that it appears that there has been some degree of acceptance of a variety of definitions of the term ‘broadband’; and, this lack of a revised common definition has not impeded the work of the ITU up to this point.

Given the existing similarities between the various provided definitions and/or understandings in Documents CCV/13, 15 and 18, it was finally suggested to try to combine them in a single definition for the term “broadband access”.

Considering the above, one possible definition for the term “broadband access” would be:

*Access in which the connection(s) capabilities support data rates greater than 2 Mbit/s.*

Therefore, by this liaison statement, the CCV and SCV would like to provide the above comments and suggestions for consideration by ITU-D Study Group 1 Question 2/1 as well as ITU-R Working Parties 4A, 4B, 4C, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D and 6A.

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