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ITU-R Standardization Activities

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Presentation



- Objectives of ITU-R Study Groups
- Structure of Study Groups
- Radiocommunication Assembly
- Scope of Study Groups
- Current key areas of standardization
- ITU-R Recommendations, Reports and Handbooks

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Role of ITU-R

- ensure the rational, equitable, efficient and economical use of the radio-frequency spectrum by all radiocommunication services, including those using the geostationary-satellite or other satellite orbits,...
- carry out studies without limit of frequency range and adopting Recommendations on radiocommunication matters.

(ref. Article 12 of Constitution)

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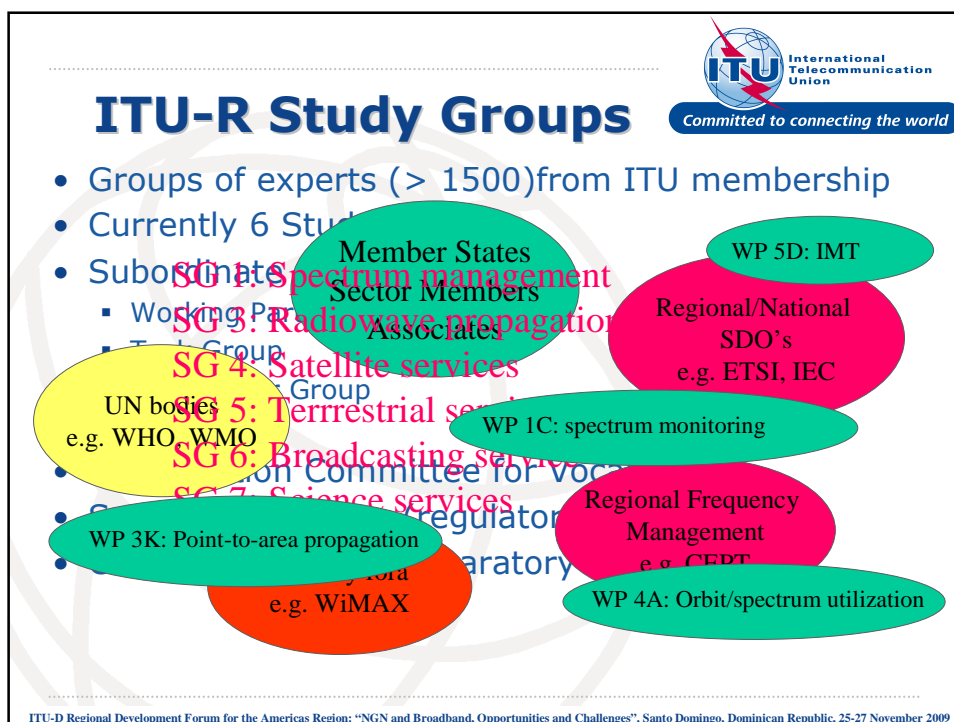
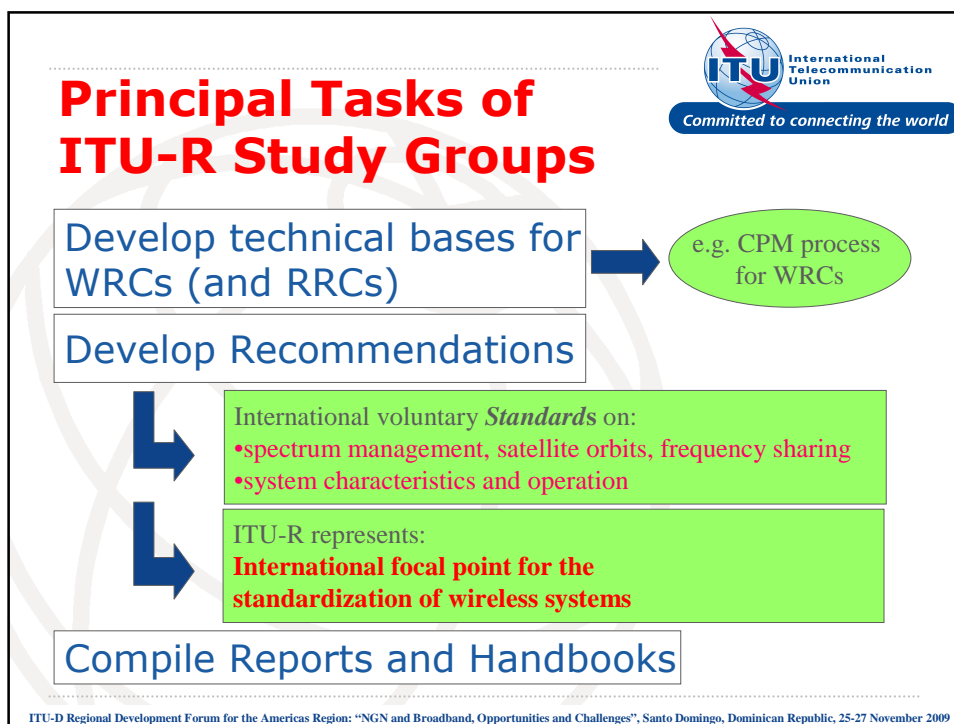
Role of ITU-R


Role conducted through (*inter alia*):

- World (and Regional) Radiocommunication Conferences
- Approval of **Recommendations** by Member States

Technical studies are required which are conducted in **Study Groups**

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ITU-R Study Groups

- **SG 1:** Spectrum management
- **SG 3:** Radiowave propagation
- **SG 4:** Satellite services
- **SG 5:** Terrestrial services
- **SG 6:** Broadcasting service
- **SG 7:** Science services

Supported by Counsellors
and Assistants in Study
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Radiocommunication Assembly

- convened every 3-4 years
- associated in time and place with WRCs
(Article 13 of Constitution)

- Adopts Study Group work programmes
- Approves ITU-R Resolutions
 - working procedures
 - specific aspects of Study Group responsibility
- Approves Recommendations
- Establishes ITU-R Study Groups (and elects their chairmen/vice-chairmen)

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Study Group 1 Spectrum management

Principles and techniques for

- spectrum management
- sharing criteria
- spectrum monitoring
- long-term strategies for spectrum utilization

- Short Range radio Devices (SRD)
- International spectrum regulatory framework

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Study Group 3 Radiowave propagation

- Propagation in ionized and non-ionized media
- Development of prediction methods

- Characteristics and mapping of propagation medium
- Propagation prediction methods
e.g. for terrestrial digital broadcasting (RRC-06)

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Study Group 4 Satellite services



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- Systems and performance in FSS, BSS, MSS and RDSS
- Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for FSS, BSS, MSS and RDSS
- IP Global broadband Internet access via satellite
- Early warning and relief operations

- Technical characteristics for systems and networks in the RNSS
- Satellite radio interface of IMT-2000

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Study Group 5 Terrestrial services




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- IMT-2000 and IMT-Advanced
- Fixed, mobile, portable and nomadic communications, including BWA, RLANs, HAPS
- Maritime and aeronautical services
- Radiodetermination service
- Amateur service
- SDR and CRs

- Next generation mobile access "IMT Advanced"
- Spectrum issues for maritime and aeronautical services

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Study Group 6 Broadcasting service

- Programme production
- Programme assembly
- Delivery
- Reception quality

- Sharing issues at UHF
- Multimedia and data broadcasting for mobile reception

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Study Group 7 Science services

- Systems for space operation, space research, Earth exploration and meteorology
- Radio astronomy
- Standard frequency and time signals

- EESS including meteorological satellite service for disaster prediction and detection, and for climate monitoring
- Protection of passive services, e.g. Radio astronomy

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ITU-R Study Groups on Internet

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Study Groups

Scope

More than 1 500 specialists, from telecommunication organizations and administrations throughout the world, participate in the work of the Study Groups concerned with:

- drafting Technical bases for Radiocommunication Conferences
- developing Draft Recommendations
- compiling Handbooks

General Information

- Scope
- Study Groups Structure**
- Brochure
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Meetings
- Contacts

Structure

- Study Group 1 (SG 1) - Spectrum management
- Study Group 3 (SG 3) - Radiowave propagation
- Study Group 4 (SG 4) - Satellite services
- Study Group 5 (SG 5) - Terrestrial Services
- Study Group 6 (SG 6) - Broadcasting service
- Study Group 7 (SG 7) - Science services
- Coordination Committee for Vocabulary (CCV)
- Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM)
- Special Committee (SC)

Disbanded Groups

- Study Group 8 (SG 8) - Mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and related satellite services
- Study Group 9 (SG 9) - Fixed service

See: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rsg>

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SG Web Page Structure (using SG 4 as a sample)

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Study Group 4 (SG 4) - Satellite services

Scope

Systems and networks for the fixed-satellite service, mobile-satellite service, broadcasting-satellite service and radiodetermination-satellite service.

General Information

- Brochure
- Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen
- Counsellor
- Contributions submission: rsd@itu.int
- Mailing lists - FTP server
- ITU-R Electronic facilities

Publications

- ITU-R Questions - SG 4
- Recommendations - ITU-R BO series
- Recommendations - ITU-R M Series
- Recommendations - ITU-R S Series
- Recommendations - ITU-R SF Series
- Recommendations - ITU-R SHG Series
- Reports - ITU-R BO Series
- Reports - ITU-R M Series
- Reports - ITU-R SF Series

Next meeting

- Tuesday 22/09/09 - Wednesday 23/09/09
- Place : Switzerland [Geneva]
- Status : Proposed - Add to Calendar
- Invitation
- On-line registration
- Study Group/Working Party meetings Sharepoint site New
- All meetings

Structure

- Working Party 4A (WP 4A) - Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for FSS and BSS
- Working Party 4B (WP 4B) - Systems, air interfaces, performance and availability objectives for FSS, BSS and MSS, including IP-based applications and satellite news gathering
- Working Party 4C (WP 4C) - Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for MSS and ROSS *

* WP 4C will also deal with the performance issues related to ROSS

Disbanded Groups (in existence during study period 2003-2007)

- Working Party 4-9S (WP 4-9S) - Frequency sharing between the fixed-satellite service and the fixed service

Documents

- Contributions [PDF] [XHTML] [P]
- Study Group 4 Summary Record (Meeting: 16-17/10/08) [PDF]
- Administrative Documents (ADM) [PDF]
- Information Documents (INF) [PDF]
- Temporary Documents (TD)
- Circular Letters (L/Cs) [XHTML] [P]
- Administrative Circulars (CA) [XHTML] [P]
- Administrative Circulars (CACE) [XHTML] [P]
- Administrative Circulars (CAR) [XHTML] [P]
- Archives

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Some key areas of ITU-R Standardization

- Broadband wireless access (terrestrial and satellite) – *separate presentation*
- IMT - International Mobile Telecommunications – *separate presentation*
- Broadcasting technologies
- Emergency communications
- Environmental monitoring

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Digital broadcasting

Advantages over analogue systems:

- Expanded services
- Higher quality video and sound
- Lower power consumption
- Greater variety and faster rates of data transmission
- Spectrum efficient – several programmes on one channel

Key achievements in ITU-R:

- GE-06 digital broadcasting plan providing opportunity for "digital dividend" arising from analogue-to-digital switch-over
- HDTV standard (ITU-R BT.709) now 25 years old, being deployed worldwide
- Report ITU-R BT.2140 on transition from analogue to digital terrestrial broadcasting + many ITU-R Recommendations on digital TV, video, audio

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Future Broadcasting Technologies



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Ultra High Definition Television (UHDTV):

- Studies underway to provide better visual experience than HDTV by expanding the field-of-view;
- two image systems being studied: 3 840 x 2 160 and 7 680 x 4 320 pixels;
- complementary multichannel audio system with 22.2 channels.

3D Television:

- new study programme has started: two groups identified;
- first generation systems, near future, plano-stereoscopic display;
- second generation systems, based on object wave recording, long term;
- Workshop was held in April 2009 in Geneva to examine current situation.

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Emergency Communications



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Prediction and Detection: Meteorological services (Met-Aids, Met-Sat); Earth Exploration Satellite Service

Alerting: Amateur service; Broadcasting services (terrestrial and satellite); fixed services (terrestrial and satellite); Mobile services (land, satellite, maritime)

Damage assessment and Relief: Amateur service; Broadcasting services (terrestrial and satellite); fixed services (terrestrial and satellite); Mobile services (land, satellite, maritime); Earth Exploration Satellite Service



Regulatory role



Standardization role

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Emergency Communications



Databases relating to safety of life and rescue operations

- available frequencies for use in emergency situations and guidelines on the management of radiocommunications (Res 647 (WRC-07), Res ITU-R 53)
- Maritime mobile Access and retrieval System (MARS)

Regionally Harmonized Frequency Bands for Public Protection and Disaster Relief

- preferred frequency bands listed in Res 646 (WRC-03)

Study Group activities

- spectrum management guidelines
- Recommendations, Reports, Handbooks providing technical basis for development and operation of the radiocommunication services used in the various phases of emergency and disaster situations

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Climate change



- ITU-R's standardization role on monitoring and mitigating the effects of climate change is very closely linked with that on Emergency Communications
- Through its responsibility for international spectrum management, ITU-R provides interference-free spectrum and satellite orbits for climate monitoring
- Cooperates with UN agencies (e.g. WMO) and international and national organizations involved with climate change

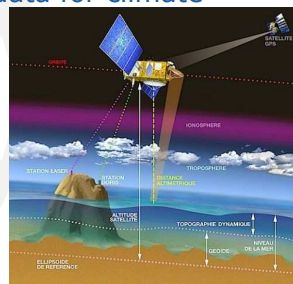


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Climate change



- Study Groups develop Recommendations, Reports and Handbooks on
 - operation of radio systems for environmental monitoring, including climate change; e.g. ITU/WMO Handbook on "Use of Radio spectrum for meteorology: weather, water and climate monitoring and prediction"
 - facilitating the introduction and operation of low-energy systems; e.g. analogue to digital broadcasting
- Satellite-based remote sensors (passive and active) are main tools for obtaining environmental data for climate monitoring
- Systems belonging to
 - Earth exploration satellite service
 - Meteorological-satellite service
 - Meteorological aids service
 form backbone of the *WMO Global Climate Observing System*



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Study Group Products



- **Technical bases for WRC (and RRC)**
 - ➔ **CPM Report**
- ITU-R Recommendations
- Reports and Handbooks

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Table of contents of the CPM Report to WRC-12



Chapters of CPM Report

WRC-12 Agenda items

▪ <u>1.</u> Maritime and Aeronautical issues	<u>1.3, 1.4, 1.9, 1.10</u>
▪ <u>2.</u> Radiolocation and Amateur issues	<u>1.14, 1.15, 1.21, 1.23</u>
▪ <u>3.</u> Fixed, Mobile and Broadcasting issues	<u>1.5, 1.8, 1.17, 1.20, 1.22</u>
▪ <u>4.</u> Science issues	<u>1.6, 1.11, 1.12, 1.16, 1.24</u>
▪ <u>5.</u> Satellite issues	<u>1.7, 1.13, 1.18, 1.25, 7</u>
▪ <u>6.</u> Future work programme and other issues	<u>1.2, 1.19, 2, 4, 8.1, 8.2</u>

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Study Group Products



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 CPM Report
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- Reports and Handbooks

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ITU-R Recommendation Series



- **BO:** Satellite delivery
- **BR:** Recording for production, archival and play-out; film for television
- **BS:** Broadcasting service (sound)
- **BT:** Broadcasting service (television)
- **F:** Fixed service
- **M:** Mobile, radiodetermination, amateur and related satellite services
- **P:** Radiowave propagation
- **RA:** Radio astronomy
- **RS:** Remote sensing systems
- **S:** Fixed-satellite service
- **SA:** Space applications and meteorology
- **SF:** Frequency sharing and coordination between fixed-satellite and fixed service systems
- **SM:** Spectrum management
- **SNG:** Satellite news gathering
- **TF:** Time signals and frequency standards emissions
- **V:** Vocabulary and related subjects

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Study Group Products



- Technical bases for WRC (and RRC)
 - ➡ CPM Report
- ITU-R Recommendations
- **Reports and Handbooks**

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Example Reports from ITU-R



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- Economic aspects of spectrum management
- Fixed service applications using free-space optical links
- Means of calculating low-orbit satellite visibility statistics
- Guidelines for evaluation of radio interface technologies for IMT-Advanced
- Transition from analogue to digital terrestrial broadcasting

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Example Handbooks from ITU-R



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- National Spectrum Management
- Spectrum Monitoring
- Satellite Communications (FSS)
- Radiowave Propagation information for designing terrestrial point-to-point links
- Use of radio spectrum for meteorology: weather, water, climate monitoring and prediction
- Digital terrestrial TV broadcasting
- Land mobile including wireless access
- Frequency adaptive systems

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Concluding remarks



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- ITU Radiocommunication Sector represents focal point for standardization of radiocommunication services and systems
- The **ITU-R Study Groups** are the “home” for the technical studies required for the standardization activities
- Principal products:
 - Technical bases for Radiocommunication Conferences
 - Recommendations, Reports and Handbooks

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