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| Progress report of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)  on Issues of Mutual Interest | |
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| **Summary:**  This document contains a progress report of the Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest, highlighting the conclusions of its April 2019 meeting and activities from its last meeting, held on 25 September 2019, in Geneva, in conjunction with the meeting of the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG).  **Action required:**  TDAG is invited to note this document and provide guidance as deemed appropriate.  **Reference:**  Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference | |

**1. Background**

The [Inter-Sector Coordination Group (ISCG)](https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/ISCG/default.aspx) on issues of mutual interest was established jointly by the Radiocommunication Advisory Group (RAG), the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) and the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG).

In line with [Resolution 191 (Rev. Dubai, 2018)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-191-E.pdf) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, RAG, TSAG and TDAG continue to consider, including through ISCG, current and new activities and their distribution among the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) and Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) for approval by the ITU Member States in accordance with the procedures for approval of new and revised Questions.

ISCG identifies subjects common to the three Sectors and the General Secretariat, or, bilaterally, and considers an updated list (prepared by the secretariat) containing areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors and the General Secretariat pursuant to the mandates assigned by each ITU assembly or conference.

ISCG also identifies the necessary mechanisms to strengthen cooperation and joint activity among the three Sectors and the General Secretariat, or with each Sector, on issues of mutual interest.

**2. ISCG meeting during TSAG in September 2019**

ISCG last met on 25 September 2019 in conjunction with the TSAG meeting (Geneva, 23-27 September 2019). The secretariat presented a list of possible areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors and the General Secretariat; a mapping of resolutions from PP, RA, WTSA and WTDC; and mappings of common interest areas of work among ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D study groups.

The inputs from the Inter-Sector Coordination Task Force were also presented, including concrete examples of improved coordination since the creation of the task force.

**Climate change as a pilot theme**

ISCG discussed the idea of identifying some “pilot themes” of inter-sectoral coordination, where all actors (including Sector advisory groups, ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D study groups, study group counsellors and the secretariat) would be involved in identifying methods of improved collaboration, aimed at avoiding duplication of work and proposing the way forward.

ISCG decided on “Climate change” as a pilot theme, where all Sectors could be involved and could collaborate.

Since the ISCG September meeting, the secretariat has worked on identifying common areas of interest within the scope of climate change.

The secretariat started by looking at [Resolution 182 (Rev. Busan, 2014)](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-182-E.pdf) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on the role of telecommunications/information and communication technologies in regard to climate change and the protection of the environment, and has identified the following sub-topics, where there could be joint activities either among all Sectors, or bilaterally:

* Environment
* Sustainability
* Earth observation
* Remote sensing
* Energy
* Water
* e-waste
* Circular economy
* Global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
* ICT applications.

The secretariat is also preparing a mapping of all the activities and events related to climate change (see Table 1) as input to the ISCG meeting that will take place in conjunction with the TDAG meeting (Geneva, 24-27 March 2020).

All information related to the Inter-Sector Coordination Group on issues of mutual interest is available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/general-secretariat/Pages/ISCG/default.aspx>.

**Conclusion**

TDAG is invited to discuss this document and to present some proposals to the ISCG meeting on possible joint activities among all Sectors and/or bilaterally and on mechanisms to strengthen cooperation.

The results of the discussions from theTDAG meeting and inputs received from TSAG and RAG will be presented to the ISCG meeting scheduled for **Thursday, 26 March, from 1330h to 1430h**.

The ISCG report to the September 2019 meeting of TSAG ([TSAG-TD589](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-190923-TD-GEN-0589/)) can be found on the TSAG website.

**ANNEX: Identifying Possible Areas of Common Interest**

1. **Identifying possible areas of common interest**
   1. The following areas of common interest have been identified within the secretariat and are thematic topics of the Inter-Sectoral Coordination Task Force (ISC-TF):

(subject areas of work)

* Accessibility
* Artificial Intelligence
* Bridging the Standards Gap
* Community Networks
* Emergency Telecommunications
* Environment and Smart Sustainable Cities
* Gender
* Geospatial Activities

(administrative and support themes)

* Communications and Web Editorial
* Emerging trends
* Membership/Resource Mobilization/SMEs
* Events Coordination.
  1. The following areas of common interest, which form cross-sectoral groups or task forces have also been identified:
* Internet Governance Group
* Cybersecurity/building confidence and security in ICTs
* Revenue Generation Group (Annex 2 Decision 5)
* WSIS & SDGs Task Force
* Study and evaluation of the translation procedures
* ITU ICT Committee (ICTC)
* ITU Publications Policy Committee (IPPC)
* CRM Implementation Committee
* New Building Management Board
* New Building Requirements Group
* Access Control Systems/Secured Identity Management.
  1. The following possible areas have been additionally identified from the mapping of PP, RA/WRC, WTSA, and WTDC resolutions:
* Alternative calling procedures
* Regional presence
* Assistance to developing countries (including least developed countries)
* Regional preparations of conferences
* Non-discriminatory access
* ITU publications
* Gender
* Strategic plan
* Dispute settlement
* Scheduling conferences
* Internet-related issues (Internet protocol-based networks, international public policy issues pertaining to the Internet and the management of Internet resources; IPv6 deployment and adoption; internationalized (multilingual) domain names)
* Sector advisory groups
* Bridging the standardization gap (BSG)
* Confidence and (cyber) security, including national incident response teams
* Disaster risk reduction and management (including relief, emergency, humanitarian assistance)
* Future networks
* Bridging the digital divide, inclusive information society
* Sector membership (including Sector Members, Associates, Academia)
* WSIS and SDGs
* International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs), regulatory aspects
* 6 UN languages
* Electronic working methods, e-meetings
* Accessibility for persons with disabilities and special needs
* Electromagnetic fields (EMF)
* Conformance and interoperability
* Child Online Protection
* Climate change
* e-health
* Illicit use of ICTs/Counterfeit/Mobile device theft/(misappropriation, misuse of) international telecommunication resources
* User/consumer protection
* Internet-of-things (IoT), smart cities
* Youth
* Software-defined networking (SDN)
* Connect 2030 Agenda/broadband connectivity
* Enabling environment for ICTs
* OTTs
* Financial inclusion gap
* Fellowships
* SMEs
* Appointment of chairmen and vice-chairmen of all groups
* Innovation for digital economy and society
* Research and technology transfer
* Charging principles, QoS
* IMT-2020/5G, mobile networks.
  1. Inter Sector Coordination Group (ISCG) on issues of mutual interest has developed the revised list of areas of mutual interest, which it is making available below:

1. Participation

1.1 Remote participation.

1.2 E-meetings, e-correspondence groups.

1.3 Increasing involvement of developing countries.

1.4 Participation issues, including vice-chairmen tasks.

1.5 Non-member participation.

2. Document handling

2.1 Electronic document handling.

2.2 Deadline for submission of secretariat contributions for action.

2.3 Electronic access to documents, including the application of the access policy of the documents decided by the Council.

3. Registration

3.1 Harmonization of registration.

3.2 Registration for participation in meetings, including for remote participants.

4. Improvement of the ITU webpages in official ITU languages taking into account best practices.

4.1 Language issues

5. Meeting planning.

5.1 Preparation to conferences and meetings.

5.2 Further enhancement and optimization of seminars/symposia/workshops/capacity building.

5.3 Collaboration and cooperation on events.

6. Streamlined establishment procedures of inter-Sector rapporteur group (IRG).

6.1 Liaison statement handling of Inter-Sector rapporteur groups

7. Identification of technical issues of common interest.

8. Exchange of information on related study activities

8.1 Improvement of interaction between working parties and study groups of different Sectors.

9. Working methods (Resolution 1) of the three Sectors and application of best practices.

10. Sector membership.

* 1. The following issues of mutual interest to the three Sectors are also covered by current (or recently formed) Council working groups and expert groups:
* Financial and human resources
* International Internet-related public policy issues
* WSIS and SDGs
* Child Online Protection
* Use of the six official languages of the Union
* Decision 482 (cost recovery for satellite network filings)
* ITRs
* Strategic and financial plans of the Union

**Review matching of ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D activities related to “Climate change”**

**Table 1**

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| [**PP-Resolution 182 (Rev. Busan 2014)**](https://www.itu.int/en/council/Documents/basic-texts/RES-182-E.pdf) | **RADIOCOMMUNICATION** | **STANDARDIZATION** | **DEVELOPMENT** |
| Environment | [Study Group 7](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg7/Pages/default.aspx) | [Study Group 5](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/Pages/default.aspx) | [Study Group 2](https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/sg/index.asp?lg=1&sp=2018&stg=2) |
| Sustainability |  | Study Group 5 |  |
| Earth observation | Study Group 7 - WP 7B |  | Study Group 2 - Q6/2 |
| Remote sensing | Study Group 7 - WP 7C |  | Study Group 20 - Q4/20 |
| Energy | Study Group 7 | Study Group 5 - Q6/5 / [FG-AI4EE](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4ee/Pages/default.aspx) |  |
| Water |  | Study Group 5 |  |
| e-waste |  | Study Group 5 - Q7/5 | Study Group 2 - Q6/2 |
| Circular economy |  | Study Group 5 - Q7/5 |  |
| GHG emissions |  | Study Group 5 - Q9/5 | Study Group 2 - Q6/2 |
| ICT applications | Study Group 7 | Study Groups 5 / [Study Group 20](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/20/Pages/default.aspx) |  |
| **EVENTS** |  | Symposium on ICTs and Climate Change |  |
|  | [Green Standards Week](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/gsw/Pages/default.aspx) |  |
| [WSIS – Action Line 7](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Climate-Change/Pages/WSISALC7.aspx) (e-Environment) | | |
| World Telecommunication/ICT Policy Forum | | |
| **Partnership with other organizations** | WMO | [U4SSC](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ssc/united/Pages/default.aspx) | Global e-waste Statistics Partnership |
| GEO |  | E-waste Coalition |
| UN Climate Change Conferences | | |
| UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 13) | | |
| **Resolutions** | [Resolution 60 (RA-19)](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-RES-R.60) | [Resolution 73 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.73-2016) | [Resolution 66 (Rev. Buenos Aires, 2017)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/WTDC17/Documents/WTDC17_final_report_en.pdf) |
| [Resolution 61 (RA-19)](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-RES-R.61) | [Resolution 79 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.79-2016) |  |
| **Recommendations** | [RS Series](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-RS/en) - Remote sensing | [Green ICT Standards and Supplements](https://www.itu.int/net/ITU-T/lists/standards.aspx?Group=5&Domain=28) | [D.21](https://www.itu.int/rec/D-REC-D.21/en) |
| [SA Series](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-SA/en) - Space applications and meteorology |  |  |
| **Reports** | [RS Series](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-RS/en) - Remote sensing | [Technical Papers and Reports](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/climatechange/Pages/publications.aspx) | [Final Report of Q 6/2](https://www.itu.int/pub/D-STG-SG02.06.1-2017) (2017) |
| [SA Series](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-SA/en) - Space applications and meteorology |  |  |
| **Publications** | <https://www.itu.int/en/action/environment-and-climate-change/Pages/latest-reports-and-publications.aspx> | | |
| **Webpage** | <https://www.itu.int/en/action/environment-and-climate-change/Pages/default.aspx> | | |

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