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**LIAISON STATEMENT FROM ITu-D Study Group 1 Question 5/1 TO ITU-T SG3**

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Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas**

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ITU-D Study Group 1 for Question 5/1 express sincere thanksfor the liaison statement on creation of new work item on economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators. This new work item is very relevant to our study.

Satellite connectivity has been a topic of great interest to the Rapporteurs of Question 5/1 and ITU-D delegates during this study period.

* The Terms of Reference for Question 5/1 note that " The installation of cost-effective and sustainable digital infrastructure, through the deployment of emerging technologies such as next-generation high-speed mobile terrestrial and non-terrestrial networks and fixed-broadband wireline and wireless transmission systems suited for rural and remote areas, is an important aspect calling for further studies.”
* The administrative document [1/ADM/52](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-SG01-ADM-0052/en) shares a list of documents received to date for Question 5/1. Over 10% of contributions to Question 5/1 reference satellites, their technological innovations, business models, and related regulatory developments.
* Question 5/1 hosted a workshop in April 2024 along with the rapporteurs from Questions 1/1 and 3/1 titled “Transformative connectivity: Satellite Workshop.” The workshop report document ([1/346)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-SG01-C-0346/en) details the discussion at this widely attended event.
* In addition, the Rapporteurs of Questions 1/1, 3/1, and 5/1 drafted an interim deliverable document [(1/387)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-SG01-C-0387/en) titled *Transformative Connectivity: Trends in Satellite innovation* based upon the outcomes of the workshop and the many contributions they received. The deliverable includes a fulsome discussion of policy and regulatory frameworks to respond to the rapid evolution of the satellite sector.

We would like to get updated information on this work at the next ITU-D Question 5/1 meeting. We ask ITU-T Study Group 3 to share by liaison statement content it receives and/or any related outcomes of its work to be sent to ITU-D Study Group 1, Question 5/1, where relevant to our Terms of Reference to aide our realisation of these objectives.

Next meeting ITU-D Study Group 1 will be held from 28 April to 2 May 2025 in Geneva as indicated in [1/ADM/1(Rev.4)](https://www.itu.int/md/D22-SG01-ADM-0001/)

We look forward to continuing collaboration with ITU-T Study Group 3.

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