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| Online Consultation  |
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| **Summary:**This document proposes an online consultation to be conducted to gather the views of all interested parties subscribed to the mailing list of the TDAG Working Group on the future of Study Group Questions (TDAG-WG-futureSGQ) and to the mailing list of the TDAG. **Action required:**TDAG-WG-futureSGQ is invited to review this document and provide inputs as deemed appropriate.**References:**WTDC Resolution 2 (Rev. Kigali, 2022) |

1. A questionnaire as per the **annex** has been developed with inputs from the Vice-Chairs of the TDAG-WG-futureSGQ namely Ms Regina Fleur Assoumou-Bessou and Mr Fadel Digham, with the support of the secretariat.
2. This questionnaire is a simple and structured means to consult the members who have indicated their interest in the work of the TDAG-WG-futureSGQ and of the TDAG, by subscribing to relevant mailing lists namely tdag-wg-futuresgq@lists.itu.int (85 subscribers) and d22-tdag@lists.itu.int (320 subscribers).
3. As requested in the last TDAG-WG-futureSGQ, a collaborative platform has been set up on Ms Teams (see [TDAG-WG-FutureSGQ for WTDC-25 | General | Microsoft Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/channel/19%3ABEq49aIK3ugxy6pf2gmGnPZDDfn-e8hT94ZK4YDjybA1%40thread.tacv2/General?groupId=f9860503-0af9-4b29-905a-3441a4fe39e7&tenantId=23e464d7-04e6-4b87-913c-24bd89219fd3)) and to continue with the same user experience (UX), the online consultation form is an MS Teams form.
4. The online consultation form, like for all TDAG-WG documents, will be in English only.
5. The inputs of members of the TDAG-WG-futureSGQ on the annexed questionnaire are requested to finalise the document.
6. After considering all inputs received, the final questionnaire will be transformed into the online consultation form (Ms Teams link) which will be shared on 17th September 2024 to all as indicated in item (b) above, with a hard deadline of 1st October 2024 for submission of the completed online consultation form.
7. The results of the consultation exercise will be shared as a contribution to TDAG-WG-futureSGQ, and is expected to be made available by 15th October 2024, to allow sufficient time for all members to read and use the results as a guide in preparing contributions for the third TDAG-WG-futureSGQ meeting to be held on 3rd December 2024.
8. The results may also be shared by members to their regional groups as part of preparations for WTDC-25.

**Annex: draft consultation form**

Consultation on future study Questions

This consultation form consists of 24 questions distributed into 4 sections (“Current study Questions”, “Number of Questions”, “New topics” and “Cross-cutting topics”), out of which 7 are mandatory (as indicated with a red “\*”). It is expected to take less than XX minutes to complete.

# Current study Questions

1. Are you aware of the current structure of the ITU-D Study Groups and their Questions? \*

 Yes No

1. Does it address the needs of ITU-D Membership and specifically of your country / organisation? \*

 Yes  No

No opinion

1. Please tell which study Questions are important for you (see [https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/2022-2025/Pages/reference/Questions-under-study.aspx) [D/Study-Groups/2022-2025/Pages/reference/Questions-under-study.aspx](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/2022-2025/Pages/reference/Questions-under-study.aspx)): \*

Not Important Neutral Important

Question 1/1 (broadband deployment)

Question 2/1 (broadcasting)

Question 3/1 (disaster risks)

Question 4/1 (economic aspects)

Question 5/1 (rural & remote)

Question 6/1 (consumer protection)

Question 7/1 (accessibility)

Question 1/2 (smart cities)

Question 2/2 (e-services and applications)

Question 3/2 (cybersecurity)

Question 4/2 (C&I,

counterfeit, mobile device theft)

Question 5/2 (digital skills)

Question 6/2 (environment)

Question 7/2 (EMFs)

# Number of Questions

1. 14 Questions were studied during the previous and current study periods by the two study groups. How many Questions in total do you believe should be studied in the next study period? \*

 10 (5 Questions per study group)

 12 (6 Questions per study group)

 14 (7 Questions per study group) No opinion

Other

1. If you believe **Question 1/1** ("Strategies and policies for the deployment of broadband in developing countries") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 2/1** ("Strategies, policies, regulations and methods of migration to and adoption of digital technologies for broadcasting, including to provide new services for various environments") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 3/1** ("The use of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster risk reduction and management") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 4/1** ("Economic aspects of national telecommunications/ICTs") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 5/1** ("Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 6/1** ("Consumer information, protection and rights") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 7/1** ("Telecommunication/ICT accessibility to enable inclusive communication, especially for persons with disabilities") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 1/2** ("Smart sustainable cities and communities") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

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Other

1. If you believe **Question 2/2** ("Enabling technologies for e-services and applications, including e-health and e-education") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 3/2** ("Securing information and communication networks: Best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 4/2** ("Telecommunication/ICT equipment: Conformance and interoperability, combating counterfeiting and theft of mobile devices") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 5/2** ("Adoption of telecommunications/ICTs and improving digital skills") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 6/2** ("ICTs for the environment") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. If you believe **Question 7/2** ("Strategies and policies concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields") should be discontinued, please provide the reason(s) (multiple choices are possible).

 The topics of this Question were studied over several study periods with little evolution.  All topics in this Question have already been studied.

 There is a lack of interest from the membership to contribute to this Question.

The two strategic goals for the Union (universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation) are not directly addressed by this Question.

Other

1. Given potential similarities and overlaps, do you believe **the following Questions** should be merged: **\***

Note: The proposed mergers of Questions and rationales provided are based on preliminary consultations with the ITU-D study group chairs and are not considered exhaustive. You can still provide your own proposals and brief rationales behind them (see the next question).

Yes No opinion No

**Q1/1** (broadband) **&
Q2/1** (broadcasting)

*[Rationale: both address network and infrastructure issues for both telecom and broadcasting industries and the converged services in between]*

**Q1/1** (broadband) **&**

**Q5/1** (rural and remote)

*[Rationale: broadband and connectivity issues should be addressed altogether for both urban and remote areas]*

**Q3/1** (disaster risks) **&
Q6/2** (environment)

*[Rationale: disaster and risk mitigation are also related and have an impact with Environment (warnings, natural incidents, impact on environment,* *…)]*

**Q6/1** (consumer protection) **&
Q7/1** (accessibility)

*[Rationale: accessibility can be considered a subset of consumer rights]*

**Q6/1** (consumer protection) **&
Q3/2** (cybersecurity)

*[Rationale: both are complementing each other (consumer protection includes protection against cyber attacks and cybersecurity plans includes consumer awareness and protection)]*

**Q3/2** (cybersecurity) **&
Q4/2** (C&I, counterfeit, mobile device theft)

*[Rationale: cybersecurity plans include approval of secure pre- approval and operation of equipment]*

**Q6/1** (consumer protection) **&
Q3/2** (cybersecurity) **&
Q4/2** (C&I, counterfeit, mobile device theft)

*[Rationale: all are subsets and complements each other: cybersecurity includes consumer protection and approval/verification of equipment]*

**Q1/2** (smart cities) **&
Q2/2** (e-services and applications)

*[Rationale: both topics complement each other as smart applications and services can be in general implemented in smart cities or in a specific sector (health,* *….)]*

**Q6/2** (environment) **&
Q7/2** (EMFs)

*[Rationale: EMF radiation can be considered a subset of environmental issues]*

1. If you believe **other Questions** should be merged, please specify which ones and provide the rationale(s).

# New topics

1. What are in your view the new topics to be addressed in the next study period, in particular to provide guidelines, best practices and experience sharing for developing countries? \*

 Airborne platforms

 Artificial intelligence (AI) and automation  Metaverse

 New approaches to regulation (e.g. regulatory sandboxes)  No opinion

Other

# Cross-cutting topics

1. Do you believe the following cross-cutting topics can be addressed in a separate Question or across Questions? \*

In a separate Question No opinion Across Questions

Artificial intelligence

Consumer protection

Cybersecurity

Digital inclusion (gender, youth, persons with disabilities)

Digital skills



1. Are there other cross-cutting topics to be addressed in a separate Question or across Questions? If so, please explain.
2. Do you have any proposals for innovative and effective approaches to work in ITU-D study groups? If so, please provide your views below.

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