

Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Administrative Circular CACE/1163

8 December 2025

To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members, ITU-R Associates and ITU Academia participating in the work of the Radiocommunication Study Group 6

Subject: Meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 6 (Broadcasting service)

Geneva, 27 March 2026

1 Introduction

By means of this Administrative Circular, I wish to announce that a meeting of ITU-R Study Group 6 will take place in Geneva on 27 March 2026, following the meetings of Working Parties 6A, 6B and 6C (see Circular Letter 6/LCCE/117).

The Study Group meeting will be held in the ITU Headquarters, Geneva (see below).

Group	Meeting date	Deadline for contributions	Opening session
Study Group 6	Friday, 27 March 2026	Sunday, 15 March 2026 at 1600 hours UTC	Friday, 27 March 2026 at 0930 (local time)

2 Programme of the meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting of Study Group 6 is contained in Annex 1. The status of texts assigned to Study Group 6 can be found at:

http://www.itu.int/md/R23-SG06-C-0001/en

2.1 Adoption of draft Recommendations at the Study Group meeting (§ A2.6.2.2.2 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9)

No Recommendations are proposed for adoption by the Study Group in accordance with § A2.6.2.2.2 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9.

2.2 Adoption of draft Recommendations by a Study Group by correspondence (§ A2.6.2.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9)

The procedure described in § A2.6.2.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9 concerns draft new or revised Recommendations that are not specifically included in the agenda of a Study Group meeting.

In accordance with this procedure, draft new and revised Recommendations prepared during the meetings of Working Parties 6A, 6B and 6C held prior to the Study Group meeting will be submitted to the Study Group. After due consideration, the Study Group may decide to seek adoption of these draft Recommendations by correspondence. In such cases, the Study Group shall use the procedure for simultaneous adoption and approval (PSAA) by correspondence of the draft Recommendations as described in § A2.6.2.4 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9 (see also § 2.3 below), if there is no objection to this approach by any Member State attending the meeting and if the Recommendation is not incorporated by reference in the Radio Regulations.

In accordance with § A1.3.1.13 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9, Annex 2 to this Circular contains a list of topics to be addressed at the meetings of the Working Parties held prior to the Study Group meeting, and for which draft Recommendations may be developed.

2.3 Decision on approval procedure

At the meeting, the Study Group shall decide on the eventual procedure to be followed for seeking approval for each draft Recommendation in accordance with § A2.6.2.3 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9, unless the Study Group has decided to use the PSAA procedure as described in § A2.6.2.4 of Resolution ITU-R 1-9 (see § 2.2 above).

3 Contributions

Contributions in response to the work of Study Group 6 are processed according to the provisions laid down in Resolution ITU-R 1-9.

The deadline for reception of contributions not requiring translation* (including Revisions, Addenda and Corrigenda to contributions) is **twelve calendar days** (1600 hours UTC) prior to the start of the meeting (see table above). Contributions received later than this deadline cannot be accepted. Resolution ITU-R 1-9 provides that contributions which are not available to participants at the opening of the meeting cannot be considered.

Participants are requested to submit contributions by electronic mail to:

rsg6@itu.int

A copy should also be sent to the Chair and Vice-Chairs of Study Group 6. The addresses can be found on:

http://www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/sg6/cvc

4 Documents

Contributions will be posted "as received" within one working day on the webpage established for this purpose. The official versions will be posted on http://www.itu.int/md/R23-SG06-C/en within 3 working days.

5 Interpretation

Due to financial constraints and the availability of interpreters, **Member States are asked to confirm by 8 January 2026** that interpretation in Arabic, Chinese, or Spanish is required. Interpretation in French and Russian has already been confirmed for this meeting.

^{*} Where translation is required, contributions should be received at least three months prior to the meeting.

6 Registration/Visa requirements/Accommodation

Registration to this event is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively on-line via Designated Focal Points (DFPs) for ITU-R event registration. Participants must first complete an online registration form and submit their registration request for approval by the corresponding focal point. Participants require an ITU account for this purpose and are strongly encouraged to **register early** and to indicate **if they intend to attend the meeting in person or remotely**.

The list of ITU-R DFPs (TIES protected) as well as detailed information on this event registration system, visa support requirements, hotel accommodation, etc. can be found at:

www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events

Please note that for meetings in Geneva, visa support must be requested during the online registration process and may take up to 21 days. Please see https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events/Pages/visa.aspx for further information.

7 Remote participation and webcast

Access to meeting sessions is restricted to event registered participants only. Delegates wishing to connect to the meeting remotely can access Study Group plenary sessions from the webpage for remote participation:

https://www.itu.int/en/events/Pages/Virtual-Sessions.aspx

These virtual meeting session connections will become available 30 minutes before the starting time of each session.

For those interested in following the proceedings of ITU-R meetings remotely, an audio webcast of the Study Group plenary sessions will be provided. Participants do not need to register for the meeting to use the webcast facility, however <u>TIES access</u> is required.

Guidelines on the management of fully virtual meetings and physical meetings with remote participation are available here.

For further questions relating to this Administrative Circular, please contact Mr Ruoting Chang, Study Group 6 Counsellor, at ruoting.chang@itu.int.

Mario Maniewicz Director

Annexes: 2

Annex 1

Draft agenda for the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 6

(Geneva, 27 March 2026)

1	Opening of the meeting		
2	Approval of the agenda		
3	Appointment of the Rapporteur		
4	Results of 2025 RAG meeting		
5	Summary Record of the previous meeting (Document 6/142)		
6	Executive Reports from Working Party Chairs 6.1 Working Party 6A 6.2 Working Party 6B 6.3 Working Party 6C		
7	Consideration of new and revised Recommendations		
8	Consideration of new and revised Reports		
9	Consideration of new and revised Questions		
10	Suppression of Recommendations, Reports and Questions		
11	Consideration of other contributions		
12	Results of the meetings of ITU-R SG 6 Steering Committee		
13	Status of Handbooks, Questions, Recommendations, Reports, Opinions, Resolution and Decisions		
14	Liaison with other Study Groups and international organizations		
15	Schedule of meetings		
16	Any other business		

Paolo Lazzarini Chair, Radiocommunication Study Group 6

Annex 2

Topics to be addressed at meetings of Working Parties 6A, 6B and 6C held prior to the meeting of Study Group 6 and for which draft Recommendations may be developed

Working Party 6A

Error-correction, data framing, modulation and emission methods and selection guidance for second generation digital terrestrial television broadcasting systems (Preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R BT.1877-3 – see Annex 6 to Document $\frac{6A}{189}$)

Working Party 6B

High-level system architecture for content delivery and reception on a global platform for broadcasting (Preliminary draft new Recommendation ITU-R BT.[GP] – see Annex 1.2 to Document 6B/152)

Standards for bit rate reduction coding systems for SDTV (Preliminary proposed suppression of Recommendation ITU-R BT.1380-1 – See Annex 1.3 to Document 6B/152)

Working Party 6C

Guidance for the selection of the most appropriate ITU-R Recommendation(s) for subjective assessment of sound quality (Preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R BS.1283-2 – see Annex 1.3 to Document $\frac{6C}{136}$)
