



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

Administrative Circular
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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 4

**Subject: Meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 4 (Satellite Services)
Geneva, 15 May 2026**

1 Introduction

By means of this Administrative Circular, I wish to announce that a meeting of ITU-R Study Group 4 will take place in Geneva on 15 May 2026, following the meetings of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C (see Circular Letter [4/LCCE/143](#)).

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

Group	Meeting date	Deadline for contributions	Opening session
Study Group 4	Friday, 15 May 2026	Sunday, 3 May 2026 at 1600 hours UTC	Friday, 15 May 2026 at 0930 hours (local time)

2 Programme of the meeting

The draft agenda for the meeting of Study Group 4 is contained in Annex 1. The status of texts assigned to Study Group 4 can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/md/R23-SG04-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 4A, 4B and 4C 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 just 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 4 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:

rsg4@itu.int

A copy should also be sent to the Chair and Vice-Chairs of Study Group 4. The addresses can be found on:

<http://itu.int/go/ITU-R/sg4/cvc>

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

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-SG04-C/en> within 3 working days.

5 Interpretation

Due to financial constraints and the availability of interpreters, **Member States are asked to confirm by 2 March 2026** that interpretation in Arabic, Chinese or Spanish is required. Interpretation in French and Russian have already been confirmed for this meeting.

6 Participation/Visa requirements/Accommodation

Registration to this event is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online 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 [TIES access](#) 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 Nick Sinanis, Study Group 4 Counsellor, at nick.sinanis@itu.int.

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Annexes: 2

Annex 1

Draft agenda for the meeting of Radiocommunication Study Group 4

(Geneva, 15 May 2026)

- 1** Opening remarks
 - 1.1** Director BR
 - 1.2** Chair
- 2** Approval of the agenda
- 3** Appointment of the Rapporteur
- 4** Summary Record of the previous meetings (Document [4/60](#))
- 5** Consideration of the outputs of the Working Parties
 - 5.1** Working Party 4C
 - 5.1.1** Executive Report
 - 5.1.2** Draft Recommendations where notice of intention to seek adoption was not given (see Res. ITU-R 1, §§ A2.6.2.2.3, A2.6.2.3 and A2.6.2.4)
 - 5.1.3** Draft Reports
 - 5.1.4** Draft Questions
 - 5.2** Working Party 4B
 - 5.2.1** Executive Report
 - 5.2.2** Draft Recommendations where notice of intention to seek adoption was not given (see Res. ITU-R 1, §§ A2.6.2.2.3, A2.6.2.3 and A2.6.2.4)
 - 5.2.3** Draft Reports
 - 5.2.4** Draft Questions
 - 5.3** Working Party 4A
 - 5.3.1** Executive Report
 - 5.3.2** Draft Recommendations where notice of intention to seek adoption was not given (see Res. ITU-R 1, §§ A2.6.2.2.3, A2.6.2.3 and A2.6.2.4)
 - 5.3.3** Draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R S.1528
 - 5.3.4** Draft Reports
 - 5.3.5** Draft Questions
- 6** Discussion of the Study Group 4 work plan until 2027
- 7** Status of texts assigned to Study Group 4
- 8** Liaison with other Study Groups and international organizations
- 9** Consideration of future work programme and schedule of meetings
- 10** Other business

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Annex 2

Topics to be addressed at meetings of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C held prior to the meeting of Study Group 4 and for which draft Recommendations may be developed

Working Party 4A

Effective utilization of spectrum assigned to the broadcasting satellite service (sound) (Preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R S.1717-1– see Annex 31 to Document [4A/830](#))

Functional description to be used in developing software tools for determining conformity of non-geostationary-satellite orbit fixed-satellite service systems or networks in Q/V band with criteria contained in No. 22.5L of the Radio Regulations (Preliminary draft new Recommendation ITU-R S.[RESOLUTION 770]– see Annex 30 to Document [4A/830](#))

Working Party 4B

None.

Working Party 4C

Technical characteristics of mobile satellite systems in the frequency bands below 3 GHz for use in developing criteria for sharing between the mobile-satellite service (MSS) and other services (Preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1184-3 – see Annex 20 to Document [4C/528](#))

Description of systems and networks in the radionavigation-satellite service (space-to-Earth and space-to-space) and technical characteristics of transmitting space stations operating in the bands 1 164-1 215 MHz, 1 215-1 300 MHz and 1 559-1 610 MHz (Preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R M.1787-[6] – see Annex 21 to Document [4C/528](#))
