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| **Circular Letter****4/LCCE/104** | 12 May 2011 |

**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members, ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication
Study Group 4 and ITU-R Academia**

**Subject**: **Meetings of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C**

 Working Party 4A: Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for FSS and BSS

 Working Party 4B: Systems, air interfaces, performance and availability objectives for FSS, BSS and MSS, including IP-based applications and satellite news gathering

 Working Party 4C: Efficient orbit/spectrum utilization for MSS and RDSS

# Introduction

By means of this Circular Letter, we wish to announce that meetings of ITU‑R Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C will take place in the ITU Headquarters in Geneva from 14 to 28 September 2011
(see the table below).

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| Groups | Meeting dates | Deadline for contributions16:00 hours UTC | Opening session |
| Working Party 4C | 14-21 September 2011 | Wednesday, 7 September 2011 | 14 September at 09:30 hours |
| Working Party 4B | 19-23 September 2011 | Monday, 12 September 2011 | 19 September at 09:30 hours |
| Working Party 4A | 21-28 September 2011 | Wednesday, 14 September 2011 | 21 September at 14:00 hours |

Programme of the meetings of Working Parties

Draft agendas for the meetings are contained in the Annex. The Questions assigned may be found on: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/que-rsg4/en>. The Working Parties will conduct their work in English.

Contributions

Contributions in response to the work of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C are invited. These will be processed according to the provisions laid down in Resolution ITU-R 1-5 and posted on <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rsg4/en> (see “contributions” of the relevant Working Party). **The deadline for reception of contributions is specified in the table above.** Submissions received later than these deadlines cannot be accepted. Resolution ITU-R 1-5 provides that contributions which are not available to participants at the opening of the meeting shall not be considered.

Participants are requested to submit contributions by electronic mail to: rsg4@itu.int. A copy of each contribution should also be sent to the Chairman of the relevant Working Party and to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Study Group 4. The pertinent addresses can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/cgi-bin/htsh/compass/cvc.param.sh?acvty_code=sg4>
<http://www.itu.int/cgi-bin/htsh/compass/cvc.param.sh?acvty_code=wp4A>
<http://www.itu.int/cgi-bin/htsh/compass/cvc.param.sh?acvty_code=wp4B>
<http://www.itu.int/cgi-bin/htsh/compass/cvc.param.sh?acvty_code=wp4C>

In agreement with the Chairmen of Working Parties 4A, 4B and 4C, the upcoming Working Party meetings will take further steps towards working in a fully electronic environment. **The meetings will therefore be completely paperless** (no paper copies of documents will be distributed). Wireless LAN facilities will be available for use by delegates in the meeting rooms. Printers are available in the cyber café of the 2nd basement of the Tower building and on the 1st and 2nd floors of the Montbrillant building for delegates who wish to print documents. In addition, the Helpdesk Service (helpdesk@itu.int) has prepared a limited number of laptops for those who do not have one.

# Participation/Visa requirements

Delegate/participant registration for the meetings will be carried out online via the ITU-R website. Each Member State/Sector Member/Associate was requested to designate a focal point to be responsible for the handling of all registration requests for his/her administration/organization. Individuals wishing to attend should contact the focal point designated for all Study Group activities for his/her entity directly. The list of designated focal points (DFPs) is available on the **ITU‑R** **Member Information and Delegate Registration** webpage at:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/delegate-reg-info/en>

The Delegate Registration desk will open at 08:30 hours on the first day of each meeting at the entrance of the Montbrillant building. Please note that the confirmation of registration sent to each delegate/participant by e-mail must be presented, together with photo identification, in order to receive a badge.

Information regarding hotel accommodation for meetings held in Geneva is available at <http://www.itu.int/travel/index.html>.

 François Rancy

 Director, Radiocommunication Bureau

**Annex**: 1

Distribution:

– Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members participating in the work of
Radiocommunication Study Group 4

– ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 4

– ITU-R Academia

– Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Group 4

– Secretary General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the
Telecommunication Development Bureau

ANNEX

**Draft agenda for the meeting of Working Party 4A**

(Geneva, 21-28 September 2011)

**1** Opening remarks

**2** Approval of the agenda

**3** Report of the last meeting of Working Party 4A ([Document 4A/514](http://www.itu.int/md/R07-WP4A-C-0514/en))

**4** Review of liaison with other Working Parties

**5** Reports from Correspondence Groups

**6** Review of possibilities for development of draft Recommendations and Reports

**7** Adoption of work program for the meeting

**8** Establishment of Groups and attribution of documents

**9** Appointment of Group Chairmen

**10** Any other business

 J. WENGRYNIUK
 Chairman, Working Party 4A

**Draft agenda for the meeting of Working Party 4B**

(Geneva, 19-23 September 2011)

**1** Opening remarks

**2** Approval of the agenda

**3** Report of the last meeting of Working Party 4B ([Document 4B/172](http://www.itu.int/md/R07-WP4B-C-0172/en))

**4** Attribution of documents

**5** Establishment of Sub-Working Parties

**6** Introduction of documents

**7** Sub-Working Party meetings

**8** Approval of output documents

**9** Any other business

 D. WEINREICH
 Chairman, Working Party 4B

**Draft agenda for the meeting of Working Party 4C**

(Geneva, 14-21 September 2011)

**1** Opening remarks

**2** Approval of the agenda

**3** Report of the last meeting of Working Party 4C ([Document 4C/595](http://www.itu.int/md/R07-WP4C-C-0595/en))

**4** Review of liaison with other Working Parties

**5** Reports from Rapporteurs and Correspondence Groups

**6** Review of possibilities for development of draft Recommendations and Reports

**7** Adoption of work program for the meeting

**8** Establishment of Sub-Working Groups and attribution of documents

**9** Appointment of Sub-Working Group Chairmen

**10** Any other business

 A. VALLET
 Chairman, Working Party 4C

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