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| Inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest to RAG(Document LS009) |
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TSAG, through its Rapporteur Group on “Strengthening Collaboration” (WTSA Res. 81) and its sub-group on Intra-ITU Collaboration and Coordination, is examining existing methods and approaches to collaboration and/or cooperation with other Sectors, with the view of enhancing collaboration of ITU-T and other organizations in a reciprocal manner based on mutual respect in accordance with Resolution 57 of the World Telecommunication Standards Assembly
(Dubai, 2012).

We are pleased to attach the draft terms of reference for an inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest, see annex, for your approval.

We are looking forward to a close relationship with the RAG and TDAG in order to develop synergies with the objective of strengthening coordination and cooperation among the three ITU Sectors on matters of mutual interest.

**Attachment:** Draft Terms of Reference inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest.

Annex

Draft Terms of Reference

Inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest

The inter-Sector coordination team (ISCT) jointly established by the Advisory Groups of all three Sectors with support of the General Secretariat in close collaboration with the Directors of the three Bureaux, works to:

– identify subjects common to the three Sectors, or, bilaterally, and consider an updated list (prepared by the Secretariat) containing the areas of mutual interest to the three Sectors pursuant to the mandates assigned by each ITU assembly or conference;

– identify the necessary mechanisms to strengthen cooperation and joint activity among the three Sectors or with each Sector, on issues of mutual interest, paying particular attention to the interests of the developing countries;

– collaborate with the Secretariat in the design of a coordination and cooperation strategy for effective and efficient efforts in areas of mutual interest to the three ITU Sectors, in order to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources;

– consider relevant results of the 2014 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP), the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), the 2015 Radiocommunication Assembly (RA), the 2016 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), as well as ITU Council sessions, if any;

– report annually to the respective advisory groups on the progress of the work undertaken.

Background documents

a) Resolution 191 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors the Union;

b) Resolution ITU-R 6-1 (Rev. Geneva, 2007) of RA, on liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and Resolution ITU-R 7-2 (Rev. Geneva, 2012) of RA, on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);

c) Resolutions 44 and 45 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on mutual cooperation and integration of the activities of ITU-T and ITU-D;

d) Resolution 57 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on strengthening coordination and cooperation among the ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R), ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest;

e) Resolution 5 (Rev. Dubai 2014) of WTDC, on enhanced participation by developing countries[[1]](#footnote-1)1 in the activities of the Union;

f) Resolution 18 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on principles and procedures for the allocation of work to, and coordination between, the ITU Radiocommunication and ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sectors;

g) Resolution 59 (Rev. Dubai 2014) of WTDC, on strengthening coordination and cooperation among ITU-R, ITU-T and ITU-D on matters of mutual interest.

Composition of the inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest

1) The inter-Sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest will consist of representatives from the three Advisory Groups, keeping in mind the need for regional balance.

2) The ISCT is chaired by Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi (Rapporteur for ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 9/2 and ITU-D Study Group 2 Vice-Chairman), and vice-chaired by the appointed RAG, TSAG and TDAG representatives:

3) RAG representatives: Mr Albert Nalbandian and Mr Peter Major (Vice-Chairmen of RAG);

4) TSAG representatives: Mr Vladimir Minkin (Vice-Chairmen of TSAG);

5) TDAG representatives: Mr Mohamed Al Mazrooei and Ms Nurzat Boljobekova (Vice-Chairmen of TDAG).

Secretariat support

The support of the group activity will be provided by the General Secretariat and the Bureau of the three Sectors in accordance with Resolution 191 (Busan, 2014).

Working methods

– The inter-Sector coordination team will use the e-mail list int-sect-team@itu.int.

– The inter-Sector coordination team interactions may include e-mail exchange via the e-mail list or through electronic meetings.

– Possible physical meetings may be held if deemed necessary, preferably in conjunction with advisory group meetings, and within available resources, to finalize the work.

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1. 1 These include the least developed countries, small island developing states, landlocked developing countries and countries with economies in transition. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)