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| LIAISON STATEMENT FROM TDAG TO RAG AND TSAG ON INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION TEAM ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST |

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| **Summary**The attached TDAG document presents the liaison statement from TSAG on on inter-sector coordination team on issues of mutual interest.**Action required**RAG is invited to note this document. |

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| **Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)** |  |
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| **Summary:**TDAG, at its 21st meeting, approved the revised Terms of Reference of the Inter-Sector Team on Issues of Mutual Interest (attached as Annex 1) with the appointment of the new chairman. In addition, TDAG agreed to send the list of proposed areas of mutual interest (attached as Annex 2), based on the inputs from the three Sector advisory groups, and the revised Terms of Reference, together with the report by the chairman of the team to other two advisory groups. An updated calendar of ITU events is also attached (as Annex 3) for reference.**Summary:**RAG and TSAG are invited to note the above mentioned documents. |

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| **Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG)** |  |
| **21st Meeting, Geneva, 16-18 March 2016** |
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| Chairman, Inter-Sector Coordination Team on Issues of Mutual Interest |
| PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION TEAM ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST |

**Summary:**

This document reports on inter-Sectoral coordination activities that have been undertaken in the Sector advisory groups since the last TDAG meeting in April 2015.

**Action required:**

TDAG is invited to note this document and to provide guidance as deemed appropriate.

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**References:**

[TDAG15-20/32](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG20-C-0032/), [RAG-15 Summary of conclusions](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0223/en), [TSAG-R 4](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-TSAG-R-0004/en)

**1. Meetings of the Sector advisory groups**

In the period since the last TDAG meeting in April 2015, the advisory groups of the Radiocommunication and Standardization Sectors met:

* RAG, Geneva, 5-8 May 2015
* TSAG, Geneva, 2-5 June 2015
* TSAG, Geneva, 1-5 February 2016

The [summary of conclusions of the RAG-15 meeting](http://www.itu.int/md/R00-CA-CIR-0223/en) and [report of the TSAG-15 meeting](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-TSAG-R-0004/) are available electronically on the respective websites of the two advisory groups. The report of the 2016 meeting of TSAG will be available on this [web page](https://www.itu.int/md/T13-TSAG-R) in due course, as it is not available at the time of the publication of this report.

The Terms of Reference that had been agreed to by TDAG were in turn agreed to by RAG and TSAG with some amendments. New TSAG representatives were also nominated. It has now been agreed that the Chairman of ISCT will be Mr Fabio Bigi (Italy). The composition of the Team is available on the [web page](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/Pages/inter-sectoral-team-on-issues-of-mutual-interest.aspx) of the Team.

The two advisory groups sent liaison statements to this meeting of TDAG, as follows, for consideration:

* [TDAG16-21/25](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0025/) from RAG - Inter-Sector Coordination Team on issues of mutual interest, including two annexes:

Annex 1 Terms of Reference, and

Annex 2 Indicative list of issues of mutual interest.

* [TDAG16-21/26](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0026/) from TSAG - Candidate topics on working methods for ITU inter-Sector coordination, including an annex on this same topic.
* [TDAG16-21/27](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0027/) from TSAG - ITU inter-sector coordination, including four attachments:

Attachment 1 Matching of ITU-D SG1 and 2 Questions of interest to ITU-T study groups.

Attachment 2 Matching of ITU-R WPs of interest to ITU-T study groups.

Attachment 3 Terms of Reference of the ISCT.

Attachment 4 List of issues of mutual interest on working methods for ITU inter-sector coordination.

* [TDAG16-21/38](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0038/) from TSAG – ITU Inter-Sector Coordination, including three attachments:

Attachment 1 Matching of ITU-D SG1 and 2 Questions of interest to ITU-T study groups.

Attachment 2 Matching of ITU-R WPs of interest to ITU-T study groups.

Attachment 3 Candidate topics on working methods for ITU inter-Sector coordination (updated)

The list of proposed areas of mutual interest, based on the latest inputs, is shown in **Annex 1**.

**2. RA-15 and WRC-15**

Since the last TDAG meeting, Radiocommunication Assembly 2015 (RA-15) and World Radiocommunication Conference 2015 (WRC-15) were held:

* RA-15, Geneva, 26-30 October 2015
* WRC-15, Geneva, 2-27 November 2015

A summary of the outcomes of the RA-15 and the WRC-15 related to ITU-D is provided in [TDAG16-21/2](https://www.itu.int/md/D14-TDAG21-C-0002/en).

Section 2 of the document outlines the key outcomes of RA-15, notably Resolutions and Recommendations that are relevant to the future work of BDT. They touch on collaboration with ITU-R, cooperation of BR with BDT and the ITU Regional and Area Offices, bridging the digital divide, spectrum management, wireless broadband, accessibility for persons with disabilities, emergency telecommunications and disaster response and relief, and climate change and green ICTs.

Section 3 of the document outlines the main results of WRC-15, notably mobile broadband communications, global flight tracking for civil aviation, assistance to Palestine, amateur radio service, emergency communications and disaster relief, search and rescue, Earth observation satellites for environmental monitoring, unmanned aircraft and wireless avionics systems, enhanced maritime communication systems, road safety, satellite communications and regulatory provisions, Earth Stations in Motion (for operation of broadband satellite systems) and Universal Time. WRC-15 also agreed on Resolutions calling for actions from the Director of BDT and from ITU-D.

**3. Efforts for collaboration and coordination among Sectors**

**3.1. Mechanism to strengthen cooperation and joint activity**

In addition to the above efforts, a new electronic tool has been developed that facilitates collaboration and coordination of various meetings and events of the ITU Sectors.

Yearly event calendars are now available to members on the [TDAG homepage](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/Pages/default.aspx) and are updated frequently. These calendars are in a printer-friendly format (see **Annex 2** for current versions).

**3.2 Jointly organized events and studies**

Thanks to this new mechanism, a number of events of the different Sectors have been organized jointly since the last TDAG meeting, some of which are listed below.

1 Training “Leveraging ICTs for Smart Sustainable Cities” organized jointly between BDT and TSB in New Delhi, India, on 24-26 March 2015.

2 Seminar on spectrum optimization for the Americas Region jointly organized by BDT and BR in conjunction with the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas, 13-14 July 2015, Cancún, Mexico.

3 WTSA Regional Preparatory Meeting and the ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa,
7-10 September 2015, Dakar, Senegal.

4 Cybersecurity Workshop (8 September 2015) jointly organized by BDT and TSB in conjunction with ITU-D Study Group 2 (Geneva, 7-11 September 2015).

5 The ITU Global Strategic Dialogue on International Mobile Roaming - Let's roam the world (18 September 2015) jointly organized by BDT and TSB in conjunction with ITU-D Study Group 1 (Geneva, 14-18 September).

6 The ITU Workshop on the Efficient Use of the Orbit/Spectrum Resource and the ITU International Satellite Symposium 2015 jointly organized by BDT and BR for the Asia-Pacific region in Da Nang, Viet Nam, on 29 September-1 October 2015.

7 On the occasion of ITU Telecom World 2015 in Budapest, Hungary, from 12 to 15 October 2015, a number of events have been organized on site by BDT and TSB:

*Sunday, 11 October 2015*

* Chief Technology Officers’ meeting – organized by TSB.
* Smart Sustainable Development Model Initiative meeting – organized by BDT.
* Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers’ meeting – organized by BDT.
* Chief Technology Officers and Study Group Chairmen – organized by TSB.
* M-Powering Development Initiative meeting – organized by BDT.

*Tuesday, 13 October 2015*

* Emergency Telecommunication Session – organized by BDT.

8 ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Africa,
18-19 January 2016 jointly organized by BDT and TSB in conjunction with ITU-T SG3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR), 19-21 January 2016, and ITU-T SG17 Regional Group for Africa (SG17RG-AFR), 22 January 2016, in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire.

9 ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for the Arab region jointly organized by BDT and TSB in conjunction with ITU-T SG Regional Group for Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB), Manama, Bahrain, 29 November to 2 December 2015.

10 ITU regional Forum on Smart Sustainable Cities for the Arab Region jointly organized by BDT and TSB, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 5-7 May 2015.

11 BDT in collaboration with TSB conducted a study on the strategic plan for “Smart City of Djibouti. The study was finalized at the end of February 2016.

12 The WTSA 2016 Arab Regional Preparatory meeting will take place, in Rabat, Morocco, 28-31 March 2016, jointly organized by the League of Arab States (LAS, one of the Regional Telecommunication Organizations) in conjunction with the ITU Arab Regional Development Forum.

**4. Meetings of the Inter-Sector Coordination Team on Issues of Mutual Interest**

On 15 March 2016, the Team met under the chairmanship of Mr Bigi (Italy) and reviewed the list of proposed areas of mutual interest. The team developed a list (see **Annex 2**)based on the input from the three advisory groups.

The Team approved its Terms of Reference (see **Annex 1**) as revised by all three advisory groups (the latest being TSAG) with the appointment of the new chairman. In addition, the Team agreed to request TDAG to send the list and the Terms of Reference, together with this report to the other two advisory groups.

**Annexes: 3**

Annex 1 - Revised Terms of Reference

Annex 2 - List of proposed areas of mutual interest

Annex 3 - Calendar of events 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

**Annex 1**

**Revised Terms of Reference**

**INTER-SECTOR COORDINATION** **TEAM ON ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

The inter-Sector coordination team (ISCT) is jointly established by the Advisory Groups of all three Sectors, in order to avoid duplication of effort and optimize the use of resources. While executing its functions it will:

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

**Background documents**

1. Resolution 191 (Busan, 2014) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, on strategy for the coordination of efforts among the three Sectors the Union;
2. Resolution ITU-R 6-2 (Rev. Geneva, 2015) of RA, on liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), and Resolution ITU-R 7-3 (Rev. Geneva, 2015) of RA, on telecommunication development including liaison and collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D);
3. Resolutions 44 and 45 (Rev. Dubai, 2012) of WTSA, on mutual cooperation and integration of the activities of ITU-T and ITU-D;
4. 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;
5. Resolution 5 (Rev. Dubai 2014) of WTDC, on enhanced participation by developing countries in the activities of the Union;
6. 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;
7. 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 Fabio Bigi (Italy), and vice-chaired by the appointed RAG, TSAG and TDAG representatives:
3. RAG representatives: Mr Peter Major and Mr Albert Nalbandian (Vice-Chairmen of RAG);
4. TSAG representatives: Mr Matano Ndaro and 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 in accordance with Resolution 191 (Busan, 2014).

**Working methods:**

* The Inter-Sector Coordination Team will use an e-mail mailing list.
* 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.

**Annex 2**

**List of proposed areas of mutual interest**

The following list was developed based on the input from the three advisory groups and the discussion at the meeting of the Inter-Sector Coordination Team on Issues of Mutual Interest which took place on 15 March 2016.

When dealing with specific areas of mutual interest, existing practices in the three Sectors will be fully taken into account.

1. Participation

1.1 Remote participation.

1.2 E-meetings, e-correspondence groups.

1.3 Increasing involvement of developing countries.

1.4 Vice-chairmen participation issues.

1.5 Non-member participation.

2. Document handling

 2.1 Electronic document handling.

 2.2 Deadline for submission of secretariat contributions for action.

 2.3 Access to documents.

3. Registration

 3.1 Harmonization of registration.

 3.2 Registration for remote participants.

4. Improvement of the ITU webpages in official ITU languages taking into account best practices.

 4.1 Language issues

5. Meeting planning.

5.1 Preparation to conferences and meetings.

5.2 Further enhancement and optimization of seminars/symposia/workshops/capacity building.

6. Streamlined establishment procedures of inter-Sector Rapporteur group (IRG).

7. Identification of technical issues with common interests, for example on and not limited to:

7.1 Internet exchange points (IXPs)

7.2 IPTV

7.3 C&I

7.4 Accessibility.

7.5 IoT

7.6 Green standards

7.7 Broadband

7.8 IMT

7.9 Digital Finance

8. Exchange of information on related study activities

**Annex 3**

**Calendar of events 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019**

Please find the calendar of events on the TDAG webpage at [www.itu.int/ITU-D/TDAG](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/TDAG), or in the attached pdf files.

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