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|  | Geneva, 23 April 2020 |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 5/3**SG3/ME | - To Administrations of Member States of the Union;- To ITU‑T Sector Members;- To ITU‑T Associates of Study Group 3;- To ITU Academia |
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| **Subject**: | **Meeting of Study Group 3; Geneva, 24-28 August 2020** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the next meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 (Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues) planned to be held at ITU headquarters, Geneva, from 24 to 28 August 2020, inclusive.

The final logistical arrangements for this meeting are dependent of the COVID-19 pandemic evolution and its impact on international travel. The study group management team, in close collaboration with the TSB Secretariat, will monitor the situation closely. If changes to the meeting arrangements are required, ITU-T experts will be informed via the [study group homepage](http://itu.int/go/tsg3), mailing lists and updates to this Collective letter.

The meeting will open at 0930 hours on the first day, and participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the [Montbrillant building entrance](https://www.itu.int/en/about/Documents/itu-plan.pdf). Daily meeting-room allocations will be displayed on screens throughout ITU headquarters, and online [here](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/apps/meeting-rooms).

**Key deadlines**:

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| 24 June 2020 | - [Submit ITU-T Member contributions](http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/) for which translation is requested |
| 13 July 2020 | - Submit fellowship requests (via the online registration form; see details in Annex A)- Submit interpretation requests (via the online registration form) |
| 24 July 2020 | - Pre-registration (via the online registration form on the [study group homepage](http://itu.int/go/tsg3))- Submit requests for visa support letters (via the online registration form; see details in Annex A) |
| 11 August 2020 | - [Submit ITU-T Member contributions (via Direct Document Posting)](http://www.itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/) |

Practical meeting information is set out in **Annex A**. A draft meeting **agenda and time plan**, prepared in agreement with the Chairman of the study group (Mr Seiichi Tsugawa, Japan) and its management team, are set out in **Annex B**.

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

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| Yours faithfully,Chaesub LeeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau | This QR code redirects to the latest meeeting information at: http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/groups/sg3 ITU-T SG3 |
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**Annexes**: 2

ANNEX A
Practical meeting information

**WORKING METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**DOCUMENT SUBMISSION AND ACCESS**:The meeting will be run paperless. Member contributions should be submitted using [Direct Document Posting](http://itu.int/net/ITU-T/ddp/); draft TDs should be submitted by e-mail to the study group secretariat using the [appropriate template](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/Pages/templates.aspx). Access to meeting documents is provided from the study group homepage, and is restricted to ITU-T Members who have an [ITU user account](http://www.itu.int/TIES/) with TIES access.

**INTERPRETATION**: Due to budget restrictions,interpretationwill be available for the closing plenary of the meeting if requested by Member States. Requests should be made by checking the corresponding box on the registration form **at least six weeks before the first day of the meeting**.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities are available to delegates in all ITU meeting rooms (SSID: “ITUwifi”, Key: itu@GVA1211). Detailed information is available on‑site and on the ITU‑T website (<http://itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

**E-LOCKERS** are available for the duration of the meeting using delegates’ ITU-T RFID identity badges. The e‑lockers are located immediately after the registration area on the ground floor of the [Montbrillant building](https://www.itu.int/en/about/Documents/itu-plan.pdf).

**PRINTERS** are available in the delegates’ lounges and near all [major meeting rooms](https://www.itu.int/en/about/Documents/itu-plan.pdf). To avoid the need to install drivers on delegates’ computers, documents may be “e‑printed” by e-mailing them to the desired printer.
Details at: <http://itu.int/go/e-print>.

**LOAN LAPTOPS** for delegates are available from the ITU Service Desk (servicedesk@itu.int) on a first-come, first‑served basis.

**PRE-REGISTRATION, NEW DELEGATES, FELLOWSHIPS AND VISA SUPPORT**

**PRE-REGISTRATION**:Pre-registration is mandatory and is to be done online via the study group home page **at least one month before the start of the meeting**. As outlined in [TSB Circular 68](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSB-CIR-0068), the ITU-T registration system requires focal-point approval for registration requests; [TSB Circular 118](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSB-CIR-0118) describes how to set up automatic approval of these requests. Some options in the registration form apply only to Member States, including: function, interpretation requests and fellowships requests. The membership is invited to include women in their delegations whenever possible.

**NEW DELEGATES** are invited to attend a mentoring programme, including a welcome briefing upon arrival, a guided tour of ITU headquarters, and an orientation session on the work of ITU‑T. If you would like to participate, please contact ITU-Tmembership@itu.int. A quick-start guide for newcomers is available [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/ITU-T-Newcomer-Guide.pdf).

**FELLOWSHIPS**: Up to two partial fellowships per country may be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from [eligible countries](http://handle.itu.int/11.1002/apps/fellowships). As part of the new registration system, fellowship request forms will be sent to those delegates who check the corresponding box on the registration form. **Fellowship requests must be received by 13 July 2020 at the latest. It is strongly recommended to register for the event and to start the request process at least seven weeks before the meeting**. Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: available ITU budget; active participation, including the submission of relevant written contributions; equitable distribution among countries and regions; and gender balance.

**VISA SUPPORT**: If required, visas must be requested before the date of arrival in Switzerland from the embassy or consulate representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Deadlines vary, so it is suggested to check directly with the appropriate representation and apply early.

If problems are encountered, the Union can, at the official request of the administration or entity you represent, approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa. Once your registration has been approved by your organization’s registration focal point, there is normally a 15-day delay before the visa request letter is issued. Therefore, requests should be made by checking the corresponding box on the registration form **no later than one month before the meeting**. Enquiries should be sent to the ITU Travel Section (travel@itu.int), bearing the words “**visa support**”.

**VISITING GENEVA: HOTELS, PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**VISITORS TO GENEVA**: Practical information for delegates attending ITU meetings in Geneva can be found at: <http://itu.int/en/delegates-corner>.

**HOTEL DISCOUNTS**: A number of Geneva hotels offer preferential rates for delegates attending ITU meetings, and provide a card giving free access to Geneva’s public transport system. A list of participating hotels, and guidance on how to claim discounts, can be found at: <http://itu.int/travel/>.

ANNEX B
Draft agenda and time plan

Draft agenda for the plenary meeting of Study Group 3
(Geneva, 24-28 August 2020)

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| 1. | Opening of the meeting |
| 2. | Review of documents and electronic working methods available |
| 3. | Adoption of the agenda |
| 4. | Timetable |
| 5. | Documents review and allocation |
| 6. | Results of the work of ITU-T Study Group 3 and follow-up |
| 7. | Progress reports on the work of the Regional groups of ITU-T Study Group 3 |
| 7bis. | Preparations for WTSA-20 |
| 8. | Approval of Recommendations under TAP |
| 9. | List of orphaned/dormant Recommendations  |
| 10. | Reports of the meetings of Working Parties, Questions, and ad-hoc groups |
| 11. | Determination of Recommendations under TAP |
| 12. | Deletion or renumbering of Recommendations |
| 13. | Approval or deletion of other texts |
| 14. | Rapporteur appointments, other nominations, if requiredAppointment of interregnum Rapporteurs/associate Rapporteurs |
| 15. | Approval of outgoing Liaison Statements  |
| 16. | Dates of future ITU-T Study Group 3 meetings |
| 17. | Other business |
| 18. | Closure of the meeting. |

Draft time plan of Study Group 3
(Geneva, 24-28 August 2020)

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|  | Monday24 August | Tuesday25 August | Wednesday26 August | Thursday27 August | Friday28 August\* |
| Morning 109:30 – 10:50(\* 09:00 – 10:20) | PLEN | WP1 | WP2 | WP4 | PLEN |
| Morning 211:10 – 12:30(\* 10:40 – 12:00) | WP1 | WTSA-20 Prep | WP4 | WP1 | PLEN |
| *Lunchtimesessions* | *Newcomers’ session* |  |  |  |  |
| Afternoon 114:30 – 15:50 | WP4 | WP2 | WP2 | WP4 | PLEN |
| Afternoon 216:10 – 17:30 | WP3 | WP4 | WP3 | WP2 | PLEN |

\* The meeting on Friday starts at 09:00 and ends at 12:00 hours.

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