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|  | Geneva, 4 September 2019 |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 3/SG3RG-ARBSG3/ME**  | * To Administrations participating in SG3RG‑ARB;
* To ITU-T Sector Members participating in SG3RG-ARB;
* To ITU-T Associates participating in SG3RG‑ARB;
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| Subject: | **Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB);Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 23-24 October 2019** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of the United Arab Emirates, **ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region** (SG3RG-ARB) will meet in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 23 to 24 October 2019. This meeting is being organized jointly with the following ITU events, which will take place at the same venue:

– Meetings of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for Africa (SG2RG-AFR) and ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB), 23-24 October 2019.

– Interregional Arab-African Hands-on training on BSG, 20-21 October 2019.

– Inter-regional Standardization Forum on Operational issues on numbering, emergency service and OTTs, 22 October 2019.

The SG3RG-ARB meeting will open at 0900 hours local time on 23 October 2019. Additional information is set forth in **Annex A**, a draft agenda – prepared by the SG3RG-ARB Chairman, Ahmed Said (Egypt) – can be found in **Annex B**, and a draft schedule can be found in **Annex C**. Practical information relating to the meeting will be posted on the SG3RG-ARB web page at: <http://www.itu.int/go/sg3rgarb>.

Participation in the SG3RG-ARB meeting is defined per clause 2.3.2 of [WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016)](https://www.itu.int/pub/T-RES-T.1-2016). Please note that continuity of representation would be helpful to the group's work.

Participation in the workshop is free of charge, and open to any participants who share an interest in these topics.

**Key deadlines**:

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| 25 September 2019 | - Submit fellowship requests (via the online registration form; see details in Annex A) |
| 23 September 2019 | - Pre-registration (online via the [regional group homepage](http://www.itu.int/go/sg3rgarb))- Submit requests for visa support letters (see details in Annex A) |
| 10 October 2019 | - Submit ITU-T Member contributions (by e-mail to tsbsg3@itu.int) |

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

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| A picture containing object  Description automatically generatedYours faithfully,Chaesub LeeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau | -ITU-T SG3RG-ARB |
| Latest meeting information |

**Annexes: 3**

ANNEX A
Additional information

**WORKING METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**DOCUMENT SUBMISSION AND ACCESS**: The meeting will be run paperless. Member Contributions and draft TDs should be submitted by e-mail to tsbsg3@itu.int 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 with an [ITU account](https://www.itu.int/en/ties-services) that has TIES access.

**WORKING LANGUAGES**: In agreement with the Chairman of the Group, the working languages of the meeting will be English and Arabic only.

**TRANSLATION**: Documents for this meeting will be available in English and Arabic. We invite you to submit your contributions as early as possible to ensure there is enough time for translation.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities and Internet access will be available at the venue of the event.

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

**PRE-REGISTRATION**: Pre-registration is mandatory and is to be done online via the study group homepage **at least one month before the start of the meeting**. Member States are encouraged to consider gender balance and the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs whenever possible.

**FELLOWSHIPS**: Up to two partial fellowships per administration may be awarded, **within the Arab Region**, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from eligible countries. **Fellowship requests must be received by 25 September 2019 at the latest**. Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: available ITU budget; active participation, including the submission of written Contributions; equitable distribution among countries and regions; and gender balance. Preference will be given to applicants attending all the ITU events in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Member States are encouraged to consider gender balance and the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs when proposing candidates for fellowships.

**VISA SUPPORT**: As this meeting is organized outside Switzerland, visa support requests are to be addressed directly to the host of the meeting. Instructions can be found in the “Practical information” section on the regional group webpage at: <http://www.itu.int/go/sg3rgarb>.

**ANNEX B
Draft Agenda
Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB)
United Arab Emirates, 23-24 October 2019 October 2019**

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|  | *Agenda item* |
| 1 | Opening of the meeting |
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 3 | Available documents (Contributions and TDs) |
| 4 | Overview of ITU-T Study Group 3 and working methods |
| 5 | Review of previous SG3 parent and regional group meetings |
| 6 | Economic impact of OTTs |
| 7 | Tariff, Charging Issues of Settlements Agreement of Trans-multi-country Terrestrial Telecommunication Cables |
| 8 | Mobile Financial Services |
| 9 | International Roaming |
| 10 | Relevant market definition and identification of operators with Significant Market Power (SMP) |
| 11 | Big Data and Digital Identity |
| 12 | International Internet Connectivity |
| 13 | Dispute Resolution |
| 14 | Economic Impact of License Pricing |
| 15 | Future Work Programme and Action List for SG3RG-ARB |
| 16 | SG3RG-AO and Member Contributions to ITU-T Study Group 3 in 2020 |
| 17 | Venue and date of next SG3RG-ARB meeting |
| 18 | Any other business |
| 19 | Closure of the meeting |

**ANNEX C
Draft Schedule**

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|  | **Sunday,20 October 2019** | **Monday,21 October 2019** | **Tuesday,22 October 2019** | **Wednesday,23 October 2019** | **Thursday,24 October 2019** |
| **9:30****to****12:30** | BSG interactive workshop on Effectiveness in Standardization | BSG interactive workshop on Effectiveness in Standardization | Interregional workshop on operational issues on numbering, emergency service and OTTs | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for Africa(SG2RG-AFR) | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB) | ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB) | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for Africa(SG2RG-AFR) | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB) | ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB) |
| **12:30****to****14:00** | *Lunch Break* | *Lunch Break* | *Lunch Break* | *Lunch Break* | *Lunch Break* |
| **14:00****to****17:00** | BSG interactive workshop on Effectiveness in Standardization | BSG interactive workshop on Effectiveness in Standardization | Regional workshop on Operational issues on numbering, emergency service and OTTs | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for Africa(SG2RG-AFR) | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB) | ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB) | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for Africa(SG2RG-AFR) | ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB) | ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB) |