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| **Keywords:** | TSAG RG-CPTRG; Report, Regional Groups |
| **Abstract:** | This TD provides the draft agenda for TSAG RG- CPTRG meeting, 12 December 2018, 14:55-16:00 CET and 13 December 2018, 14:30-15:45 CET. |

**Action**: TSAG to take note of the report of the RG-CPTRG meeting; to approve the draft Terms of Reference of the Rapporteur Group and to send outgoing liaison statement to ITU SGs

**Summary report from the 12-13 December TSAG-RG-CPTRG meeting to the TSAG plenary:**

The TSAG Rapporteur Groupon “Regional Groups” met on 12-13 December 2018 and is pleased to bring the following conclusions to the attention of the TSAG plenary:

1. **Action for TSAG to approve** the Term of References of the RG-CPTRG contained in [TD429R2](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0429/en) taking into account the legal advice on the output of the RG.
2. **Action for TSAG to send** draft outgoing liaison statement to ITU-T SGs, Draft LS/o on creation, participation and termination of Regional Groups contained in [TD437](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0437/en)R1.

**1 Opening and welcome**

The Rapporteur Group on Regional groups (RG-CPTRG) met on 12 December 2018, 14:55-16:00 and 13 December 2018, 14:30-15:45

The Rapporteur, Mr Kwame BAAH-ACHEAMFUOR (Ghana) assisted by Mr Amine Mcharek (TSB), opened the first RG-CPTRG meeting.

TSB organized AdobeConnect for remote participation. TSB also organized captioning and interpretation to the 6 UN languages for this RG meeting.

**2 Approval of the draft agenda**

The draft agenda in [TD428](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0428/en) was adopted

**3 Contributions received**

The Chairman highlighted the contributions received on this topic that were already presented in the TSAG Plenary, the contributions are:

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| [C056](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0056) | Pursuant to Recommendation 8 from the 2018 ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, the United States proposes that TSAG establish an ad hoc group to examine the creation of, participation in, and termination of regional groups of Study Groups.  The United States proposes that TSAG take note of this instruction, given TSAG’s central role.  Moreover, in order to most effectively prepare for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA), the United States proposes that TSAG proactively consider the criteria for the creation of, participation in, and termination of regional groups of Study Groups. The United States proposes that TSAG set up an ad hoc group to this end, and that TSAG submit its recommendations to WTSA for its consideration, in order to assist WTSA in its review and possible revision of the relevant Resolutions. |
| [C061](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0061) | The Plenary of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai 2018) approved COM5 Recommendation 8 asking WTSA to clarify criteria for creation, participation and termination of regional groups of Study Groups, and the role of TSAG in this regard. Brazil proposes the establishment of an ad-hoc group within TSAG to advance this issue.  Brazil proposes that TSAG establish an ad-hoc group to clarify the criteria for creation, participation and termination of regional groups of Study Groups, and the role of TSAG in this regard, and that the findings that arise from such a review are submitted to WTSA-20 for consideration. |
| [C055](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-C-0055) | The Plenary of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (Dubai 2018) proposed that WTSA review WTSA Resolutions regarding, inter alia, participation of ITU Sector Members in the regional groups of ITU-T Study Groups. This paper presents the issue and proposes a way forward for the consideration of TSAG.  TSAG to establish a Rapporteur Group to undertake a review of the *criteria for creation, participation and termination of regional groups of Study Groups, and the role of TSAG in this regard,* and that the findings that arise from such a review are submitted to WTSA 2020 for consideration and implementation. |

**4** **Approval of Terms of Reference**

TSB presented [TD427](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0427/en) containing information on the governing texts on the creation and participation in ITU-T Regional groups and provided a list of Regional Groups of ITU-T SGs. The group briefly discussed the criteria and processes for the creation of the existing 23 regional groups as well as the aspects related to the regional grouping and naming of the groups. It was also noted that there is a need for clarity on what an ITU region is in the context of regional groups for ITU-T SGs.

The Chairman presented the proposed draft ToR for RG-CPTRG contained [TD429](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0429/en), after some discussions and informal consultations, the meeting agreed on the items of ToR contained in the Revision 2 of [TD429](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0429/en), except for items 2 and 3 where a legal advice was requested.

**5 Liaisons statements**

The group agreed to draft an outgoing liaison statement to 8 ITU-T SGs, Draft LS/o on creation, participation and termination of Regional Groups contained in [TD437](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-TSAG-181210-TD-GEN-0437/en)R1

**6 Closure of the meeting**

The chairman thanked the delegates for their participation, the TSB for its support, and informed the meeting that the Report will be posted for consideration by the TSAG closing plenary. The meeting was closed at 15:45pm.

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