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| **Abstract:** | This liaison statement contains considerations from TSAG on collaboration and coordination on smart and sustainable cities and communities. |

The ITU Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) presents its compliments to ISO and IEC and takes this opportunity to reaffirm ITU’s appreciation for the longstanding collaboration among our organizations in the field of international standardization.

TSAG has taken note, with interest, the establishment of a new ISO/IEC Joint Technical Committee 4 on Smart and Sustainable Cities and Communities as per the ISO Circular Letter dated May 23rd 2025 . This information was brought to TSAG’s attention during its recent meeting held from 26 to 30 May 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland, based on documentation shared through the Standardization Programme Coordination Group (SPCG), as presented in [TSAG-TD120](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-TSAG-250526-TD-GEN-0120)

The aforementioned document was submitted in response to the recent establishment of a new Question under ITU-T Study Group 20 (SG20), titled *“Internet of Things (IoT) solutions for effective energy management in smart sustainable cities and communities (SSC&C).”* SG20 has held the mandate for developing standards related to the Internet of Things (IoT), digital twins, and smart sustainable cities and communities since 2015. This mandate was most recently reaffirmed and refined at the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-24), held in New Delhi in October 2024. The updated mandate is publicly available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2025-2028/20/Pages/mandate.aspx>.

While ITU greatly values its collaborative history with ISO and IEC—particularly through the former ISO/IEC/ITU Joint Smart Cities Task Force—it was noted with some concern that the proposal for this new Joint Technical Committee had not been formally or informally communicated to ITU through established liaison channels or other joint activities.

Given our shared commitment to effective coordination, harmonized standardization efforts, and the efficient use of resources, TSAG would like to kindly request that any developments related to this new Joint Technical Committee be formally communicated to TSAG moving forward. We would also welcome the opportunity for early engagement to explore synergies, potential participation in JTC4 and/or ensure complementarity between the proposed activities and existing work, notably under SG20, thereby avoiding inadvertent duplication.

ITU remains fully committed to open, inclusive, and coordinated standardization. TSAG reaffirms its readiness to engage proactively with ISO and IEC and looks forward to exploring constructive avenues for enhanced cooperation in this important and evolving domain.

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