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| **LIAISON STATEMENT** | | | | | | |
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| **Abstract:** | This liaison statement invites ITU-T study groups, to provide TSAG with their opinion on the lead study group concepts. |

To fulfilling the WTSA-24 Action plan item 22-29:

*WTSA-24 instructs TSAG to study the concept and effectiveness of Lead Study Groups used in Resolution 1 §2.1.5, e.g., to clarify criteria for determination of lead roles, harmonize the description of lead SGs and improve the collaboration amongst ITU-T SGs, taking into consideration inter alia WTSA Resolution 99 (rev. New Delhi, 2024), and report the conclusions to the next WTSA. The ITU-T SGs should be involved in this process to already take this review process into consideration during the preparations for the next study period*

TSAG requests SGs to kindly answer the following questions where applicable:

* How effective is the concept of Lead Study Group in your SG?
* Do “lead roles” support the progress of the work program?
* Are you aware of the criteria used for determination of lead roles?
* Do you think the description of lead SGs should be harmonized?
* How does this concept correlate with the SGs responsibilities and with other collaborations mechanisms such as Liaison process and JCAs?
* Can you provide an example of the use of this concept in the SGs that would not be possible with other mechanisms readily available?

TSAG will evaluate the submitted material in a view of making proposals to improve the effectiveness of the SGs operation, taking into account the progress of the work program and the restructuring aspects, based on the outcomes of the work performed in TSAG-RG-WPR, towards preparation for the WTSA-28.

TSAG is looking forward to the inputs from each study group to start its evaluation process at the next TSAG meeting (January 2026).

**Reference**

[TSAG-TD410R1](https://www.itu.int/md/T25-TSAG-250526-TD-GEN-0010/en) “Action plan related to the Resolutions and Opinion of WTSA “, table 2, action number 22-29

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