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| **Abstract:** | This TD provides the Terms of Reference of the Joint Correspondence Group on Trust (JCG-Trust). |

WTSA-24 meeting (New Delhi, 15 – 24 October 2024) approved WTSA-24 Action 8 ("trust" (including trusted information) and "trustworthiness") as follows:

*WTSA-24 instructs ITU-T study groups, inter alia Study Groups 13, 17 and 20, to establish a coordination mechanism amongst the study groups in order to deliberate on the topic of "trust" (including trusted information) and "trustworthiness", and report to TSAG.*

During their respective meetings, SG20, then SG13 and then SG17 had a consensus to ask the establishment for a Joint Correspondence Group and worked together via Liaison Statements SG17-LS23 and SG20-LS7.

With this TD, SG13, SG17 and SG20 chairs worked together to propose Annex A as the Terms of Reference of the Joint Correspondence Group on Trust (JCG-Trust).

Both SG17 and SG20 chairs agreed to use [TSAG-TD87](https://www.itu.int/md/meetingdoc.asp?lang=en&parent=T25-TSAG-250526-TD-GEN-0087) as basis for this ToR.

Annex A  
Draft Terms of Reference of the Joint Correspondence Group on Trust (Joint-CG-Trust)

1 Scope and objectives

WTSA-24 in October 2024 approved WTSA-24 Action 8 (Trust) as follows:

*WTSA-24 instructs ITU-T study groups, inter alia Study Groups 13, 17 and 20, to establish a coordination mechanism amongst the study groups in order to deliberate on the topic of "trust" (including trusted information) and "trustworthiness", and report to TSAG.*

The Joint-CG-Trust will deliberate on the topic of “trust” (including trusted information) and “trustworthiness”, to implement the action requested by WTSA-24. In particular, this deliberation would include:

* Discuss the concept of trust in the context of telecom and ICTs.
* Review existing standards and frameworks related to trust and trustworthiness.
* Identify key components of a comprehensive trust framework, encompassing SG13, SG17 and SG20 scopes
* Develop a basis for a definition of trust suitable for standard development organizations (SDOs).
* Develop a guideline for the scope and role of each SG in future trust-related standardization based on the area of expertise SG.

The objectives are to assist the associated Study Groups’ chairs in preparing a report to TSAG on the topic of trust.

2 Work methods

* The parent entity of Joint-CG-Trust is TSAG.
* Joint-CG-Trust is open to organizations participating in ITU-T SG13, SG17 and SG20.
* The results of the Joint-CG-Trust activities will be reported one month prior to each Study Group meeting.
* The Joint-CG-Trust activities will primarily be conducted through the dedicated mailing list t25jcg trust@lists.itu.int but may also include virtual meetings as agreed upon. These virtual meetings will be organized using meeting tools supported by TSB.
* Meeting announcements, including the draft agenda, will be distributed via e-mail at least one week in advance.
* The Joint-CG-Trust Co-convenors are Ms. Xiaojia Song, Q16/13 associate Rapporteur, Mr. N. Kishor Narang, SG17 member and Mr Gyu Myoung Lee, Q4/20 Rapporteur, as appointed by Study Group 13, Study Group 17 and Study Group 20, respectively.
* The Joint-CG-Trust may propose draft revisions to its Terms of Reference, as needed, to ensure continued relevance and responsiveness to evolving priorities.
* The Joint-CG-Trust will remain active until an agreement is reached by TSAG.
* The Joint-CG-Trust will report to the respective Study Groups and TSAG until the task is concluded.
* The potential extension of the Joint-CG-Trust will be decided by TSAG upon input from the associated Study Groups.

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