

WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting for the Americas' region

Closing remarks by the chairman

A lot of information about the existing working methods has been shared with the meeting participants and a substantial number of concepts and new ideas were described.

Participants were encouraged to reflect upon them and to participate and contribute effectively to the WTSA process.

They were also encouraged to prepare materials already for the upcoming TSAG meeting, so as to try to mature the discussions at an early stage.

Special attention should be paid to the working methods of the sector, in particular to keep them as flexible, simple and understandable as possible. Many participants expressed confusion on the plethora of new working methods being discussed, such as JCAs, TSRs and GSIs.

It is expected that members will submit a number of proposals for revisions for existing Resolutions as well as for new Resolutions, in particular

- Climate change and ICTs
- Accessibility
- Role of ITU-T on the implementation of WSIS outputs

TSB has been requested to make available as soon as possible, i.e., before TSAG meets this July, the draft proposal concerning the use of the ITU mark for product compliance and interoperability certification, so that members can review the ideas proposed and develop national and regional positions on the subject.

Principles for organizing the work of the sector were presented by various countries as well as some ideas for restructuring the various SGs. TSAG could be considered as a good opportunity for early sharing of the ideas from members states on the subject, in preparation for the Assembly in October.

As it concerns the creation of regional groups as well as holding of block meetings in the regions, the meeting called for more precise definitions, clarification of the associated benefits and operational aspects.
