Regional Development Forum 2008
"Bridging the Standardization Gap in Developing Countries"
Damascus, Syria, 20-22 July 2008

WTSA-08 Preparation Briefing

General information on the preparation of WTSA-08

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History of WTSA

- **<u>CCITT</u> (International Telegraph and Telephone Consultativ Committee):**

  - 1956   Ist Plenary Assembly, Geneva
  - 1960   IInd Plenary Assembly, New Delhi,   (Red Book)
  - 1964   IIIrd Plenary Assembly, Geneva   (Blue Book)
  - 1968   IVth Plenary Assembly, Mar del Plata (White Book)
  - 1972   Vth Plenary Assembly, Geneva   (Green Book)
  - 1976   VIth Plenary Assembly, Geneva   (Orange Book)
  - 1980   VIIth Plenary Assembly, Geneva   (Yellow Book)
  - 1984   VIIIth Plenary Assembly, Malaga-Torremolinos (Red Book)
  - 1988   IXth Plenary Assembly, Melbourne   (Blue Book)

- **<u>ITU-T</u> (ITU - Telecommunication Standardization Sector):**

  - 1993 1st World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSC-93), Helsinki
  - 1996 2nd World Telecommunication Standardization Conference (WTSC-96), Geneva
  - 2000 3rd World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-2000), Montreal
  - 2004 4th World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-04), Florianopolis
  - 2008 5th WTSA (WTSA-08), *Johannesburg*

Statistic for WTSA-04 (1)

- **about 500 delegates from 72 countries (plus 120 staff in the secretariat)**
- **136 documents, 22 TDs and several INF documents**
- **8 working days, no evening sessions (a few receptions)**
- **Some difficult tasks (approval procedure, some Resolutions), no voting**
- **Call for candidates for SG Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, 1st time in CCITT/ITU-T   history (see http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-04/candidates.asp), 9 candidates from Africa**
- **14 Chairmen nominated, 13 out of 14 from industry. 6 Vice-Chairs from AFR**
- **3 Regional Groups, TAF Chairman from Mali+4 Vice-Chairs**
- **31 Resolutions adopted (14 New and 17 Revised), 4 deleted**
- **Many of Resolutions concern developing countries (Assistance, Bridging the standardization Gap, domain names, spam, Cybersecurity etc.)**

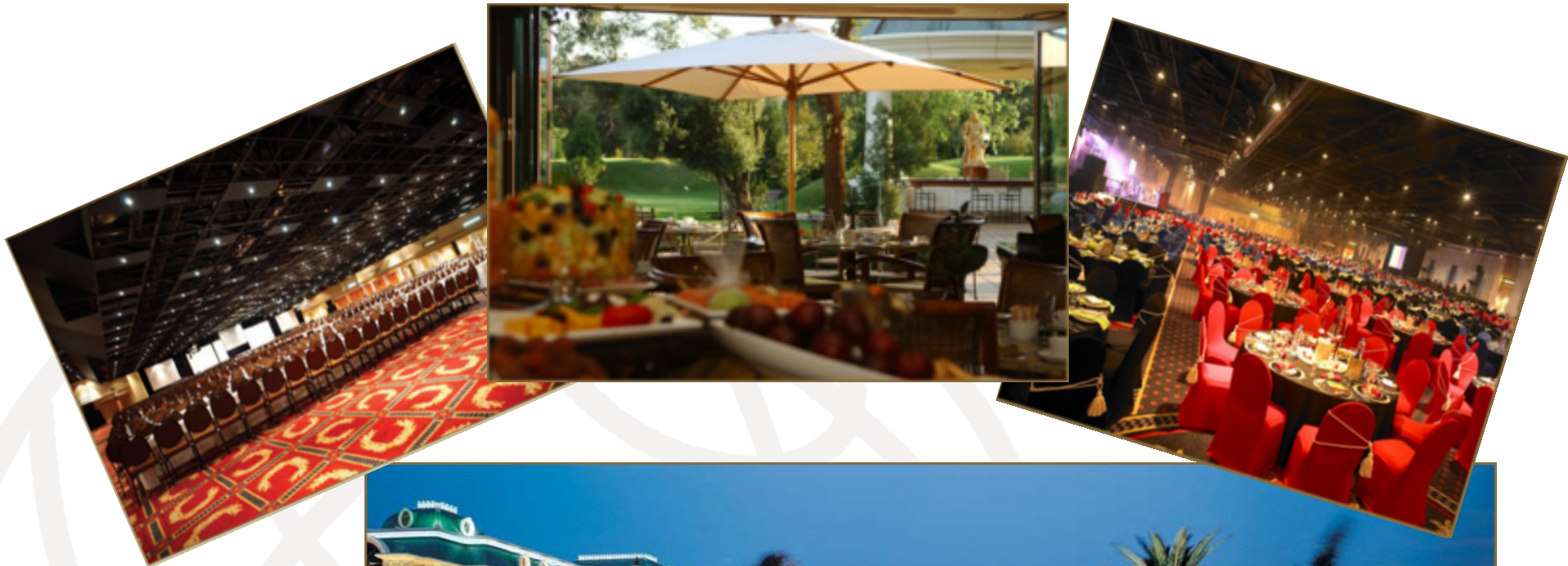International Telecommunication Union

Statistic for WTSA-04 (2)

- **6 Recommendations of series A modified**

- **One Recommendation Y.1271 (emergency communication) deferred to WTSA-04 approved**

- **At the end of WTSA-04, there were 3002 Recommendations in force, 106 Supplements**

- **Recommendation approval time has reduced from average of 9 months (1997-2000 period) to 8.4 weeks (2001-2004 period)**

- **From 2000 to 2004, TSB received voluntary contributions totaling 542'827 CHF**

- **A side event on "Cybersecurity" has been organized**

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- **Venue: Johannesburg, South Africa, 21-30 October 2008**
  Global Standards Symposium: 20 October 2008

- **Convening letter: - Invitation by ITU Secretary-General**
  DM-07/1054 (12 December 2007)
  - TSB Circular 190 (31 January 2008)

- **Information on ITU-T Website :**
  http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/

- **Chairman: Candidate proposed by South Africa**

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Some Pictures

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Emperors Palace Complex
(http://www.emperorspalace.com)

■ Hotels

■ Convention center

■ Casino
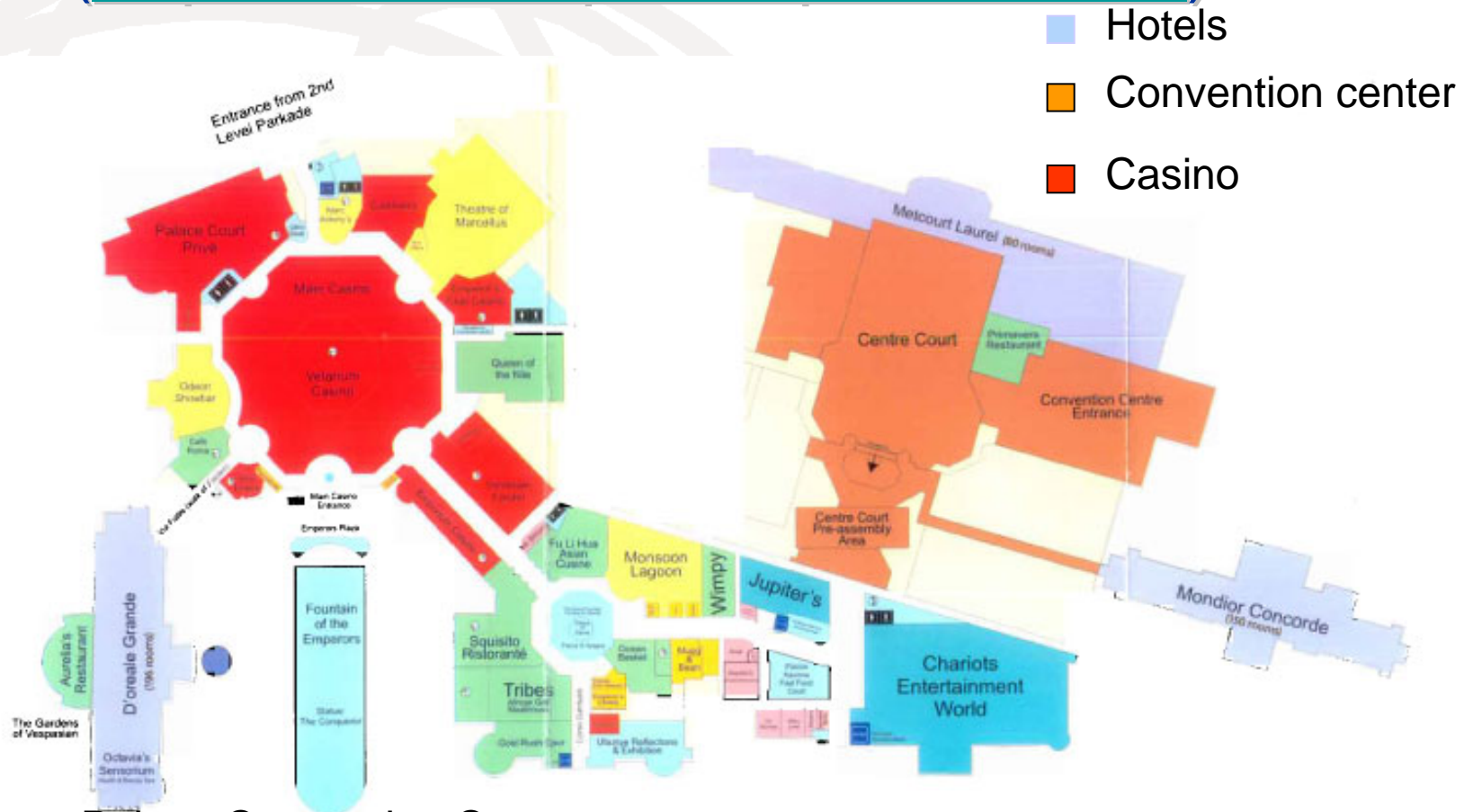
Emperors Palace Convention Centre,
64 Jones Road, Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa.

The venue is 3 km from the Johannesburg international airport

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Qualified Participants

(Convention Article 25)

- **Member States**

- **Sector Members**

- **Observers of:**
  - regional telecommunication organizations;
  - intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems;
  - any other regional organization or other international organization
  dealing with matters of interest to the Assembly;
  - UN;
  - specialized agencies of UN and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

- **The ITU Elected officials shall be represented at the Assembly in an advisory capacity**

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Duties of WTSA-08
(Convention, Article 13)

- **To adopt the working methods and procedures for the management of the Sector's activities**

- **Consider the reports by Study Groups, TSAG and the report of the Director of TSB**

- **Approve the programme of work (questions)**

- **Decide to maintain, terminate, or establish Study Groups and allocate to them the Questions to be studied**

- **Decide on the need to maintain, terminate, or establish other groups and appoint their Chairs and VCs**

- **Approve, modify, or reject draft Recommendations**

- **Appoint Chair and Vice-Chairs of Study Groups and TSAG**

- **Group, as far as practicable, Questions of interest to the developing countries to facilitate their participation**

- **May assign specific matters to TSAG…**

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Draft structure of WTSA-08
(as per Resolution 1, § 1.2)

- **Committee 1:   Steering Committee (Chairman: AFS; VCs from ITU Regions)**

- **Committee 2:   Budget Control**

- **Committee 3:   Working methods of ITU-T**

- **Committee 4:   Work programme and organization of ITU-T**

- **Committee 5:   Editorial Committee**

Draft workplan of WTSA-2008

	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday, 21 October	**Heads of Delegation** **Opening Meeting + PL (1)**	**Plenary Meeting (2)** **COM 1**
Wednesday, 22 October	**COM 4** **COM 2**	**COM 3** **WG of PL**
Thursday, 23 October	**COM 4** **WG of PL**	**COM 3** **WG of PL**
Friday, 24 October	**COM 4** **WG PL** **COM 5**	**Heads of Delegation** **Plenary Meeting (3)** **COM 1**
Monday, 27 October	**COM 3** **WG of PL** **COM 5**	**COM 4** **WG of PL** **COM 5**
Tuesday, 28 October	**COM 2** **COM 3** **COM 5**	**COM 4** **COM 5** **Heads of Delegation**
Wednesday, 29 October	**Plenary Meeting (4)** **COM 5**	**Plenary Meeting (5)**
Thursday, 30 October	**Plenary Meeting (6)**	**Plenary Meeting (7)** **Closing Ceremony**

Global Standards Symposium
(20 October 2008)

- The Global Standards Symposium
  - On 20 October 2008, just ahead of WTSA-08

- Two main topics
  - Bridging the standardization gap
  - Collaboration among stakeholder to achieve this objectives

- General information
  At: http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/gss/index.html

Exhibition

- **ITU and DOC organize three day special exhibition during GSS and WTSA-08**

- unique opportunity of visibility in front of a very influential global audience

- Very reasonable exhibition fee

- Detailed information and application form can be found on the web at:
  http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/info/exhibition.html

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Some logistic information

- How to obtain WTSA-08 documents
  - at http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/wtsa-08/index.html (TIES)
  - Or requesting set of paper copies
- How to send input document
  - Electrically: tsbwtsa-doc@itu.int
  - No deadline but preferably two months before
- Translation of documents: in six languages
- Cybercafé and LAN available on site
- Hotel room booking: through designated travel agent

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Fellowship

- **Partial fellowship will be granted to participants from LDC and low income countries with GDP<USD 2'000**

- **One partial fellowship per eligible country (daily subsidy allowance)**

- **Fellowship request form on TSB website**

- **Imperative that fellows be present from the first day to end of the WTSA-08**

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Preparations by the Regions (1)

- **All regions will organize a regional preparatory meeting:**
- **Some regions plan to have several meetings**
- **Regional inputs to the TSAG meeting in July 2008**
- **Regional inputs to WTSA-08**
- **Regional coordination on the candidates for the Vice-Chairmen of WTSA-08**
- **Consultations on the Chair/Vice-Chairmen of other Committees of WTSA-08**

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Preparations by the Regions (2)

- **The ITU Americas region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 21 – 22 May 2008**

- **The ITU Africa region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 29 – 30 May 2008**

- **RCC WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 12 – 13 June 2008**

- **The Arab Region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting , 20 – 22 (a.m.) July 2008**

- **The Asia-Pacific region WTSA-08 Preparatory Meeting, 18 – 19 September 2008**

- **The CEPT Preparatory meetings**

Candidates for SG Chair / Vice-Chair

- **The procedure for appointing chairmen and vice-chairmen is in Resolution 35**

- **Propose suitable candidates at least three months before the opening of WTSA-08**

- **Some conditions for candidates explained in TSB Circular 185**

- **The term limit agreed at the WTSA-2000 will apply**

- **A TSB Circular letter inviting to nominate candidates will be issued after the TSAG July 2008**

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See you at WTSA-08
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Republic of South Africa