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Key Issues on Conformance & Interoperability (C&I)

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Key Issues on Conformance & Interoperability (C&I)

- Overview of C&I presented to WTSA-12
- WTSA-12 outcome on C&I - Res 76
- What does it mean to Africa Group
- Scope of Work on C&I @ TSB & BDT
- Proposed Action Plan for implementing C&I

Overview of C&I presented to WTSA-12

■ Unresolved issues since WTSA-08

■ Influx of sub-standard and counterfeit equipment

➤ Raised issues of reliability and safety with users

■ we cannot confirm whether or not these systems and terminals conform to required standards

■ Lack of testing to ascertain equipment that have met the required standards

■ Network providers and equipment dealers bring any equipment of choice.

Overview of C&I presented to WTSA-12

■ Unresolved issues since WTSA-08

- Many African countries have no established laws to guide importation of ICT apparatus.
 - No MRAs
- We mostly rely on ITU, FCC and IEC to verify equipment conformity
- Lack of expertise/capacity building problems
- Poor market surveillance capabilities
 - Regulatory vacuum

Overview of C&I presented to WTSA-12 - A Gap Analysis

- Less consumer confidence in Government & Regulatory bodies
- Increase in digital divide
 - widen the standardisation gap
 - counter productive to ITU-T Res 44

Authority for Action; ITU's highest decision making bodies

■ ITU Resolutions on C&I

- Resolution 76: ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12)
- Resolution 47: ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10)
- Resolution 177: ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10)
- Resolution 62: Radiocommunication Assembly 2012
- ITU Council Decisions: (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

Highlight of key discussions on C&I @WTSA-12

Res 76 signifies:

- Studies related to conformance and interoperability testing, assistance to developing countries and a possible future ITU mark programme

■ Africa Group proposed amendments

■ *Main Resolves*

- SG11 to coordinate and lead study on C&I

Highlight of key discussions

⌘ *Instruct Director TSB*

- ☒ expand to cover counterfeit equipment
 - ☒ find measures to face out the problem of counterfeiting

- ☒ strengthen to identify locations for the establishment of testing centres within the next study period

- ☒ continue to find measures to build the necessary human-resource capacities

WTSA-12 outcomes on Res. 76

“Resolves”

- ITU-T SG11: to lead & coordination role on C&I
- Other SGs: to develop conformance testing specifications for ITU-T Recs.
- Cooperation with external entities:
Governmental, non-governmental, accreditation
and certification bodies

WTSA-12 outcomes on Res. 76

“Instructs TSB Director”

- In cooperation with other ITU sectors:
- Continue C&I Forums in the regions
- Implement the action plan and an ITU C&I Programme for a possible introduction of an ITU Mark
- Involve experts and external entities as appropriate

WTSA-12 outcomes on Res. 76

“Instructs Study Groups”

- Identify and prepare existing and future ITU-T Recommendations with market and user demand for conformance and interoperability testing
- Cooperate with interested stakeholders to a conformity assessment programme for key technologies

WTSA-12 Res76; What does it mean to ITU Africa Member States?

- Deepen our support for ITU C&I programme
- Standardisation Sector (Pillars 1&2)
 - **Conformity assessment database to address**
 - Issues of safety & ensure consumers confidence
 - Develop testing requirement to check counterfeiting
 - **Interoperability Testing**
 - systems correctly implement the technical specifications to ensure successful integration communication protocols.
 - Common “interfaces” to ensure end to end QoS delivery
 - Competition & Technology neutrality
 - Capex & Opex cost reduction

WTSA-12 Res76; What does it mean to ITU Africa Member States?

- Africa can propose for the establishment of regional group of SG11
- Africa shall be visible (contributions) in SG11 activities
 - Influence SG11 recommendations

WTDC-10 RES47; What does it mean to ITU Africa Member States?

■ Development sector (Pillars 3&4)

■ Capacity building exercise

- to disseminate awareness about conformity and interoperability
- to reduce the digital divide and standardization gap
- clarify fundamental issues of accreditation, certification & MRAs

■ Establishment of testing centres DC

- to facilitate the establishment of regional or sub regional C&I test centres
- To encourage MRAs.
- BDT could provide strategy to establish test centres, including technical,

■ Experience sharing

- Collaborate among Regional and Sub-Regional Organizations for a common C&I Regime including MRAs

ITU_T SG11 @Glance

■ ITU-T SG11 has been designated:

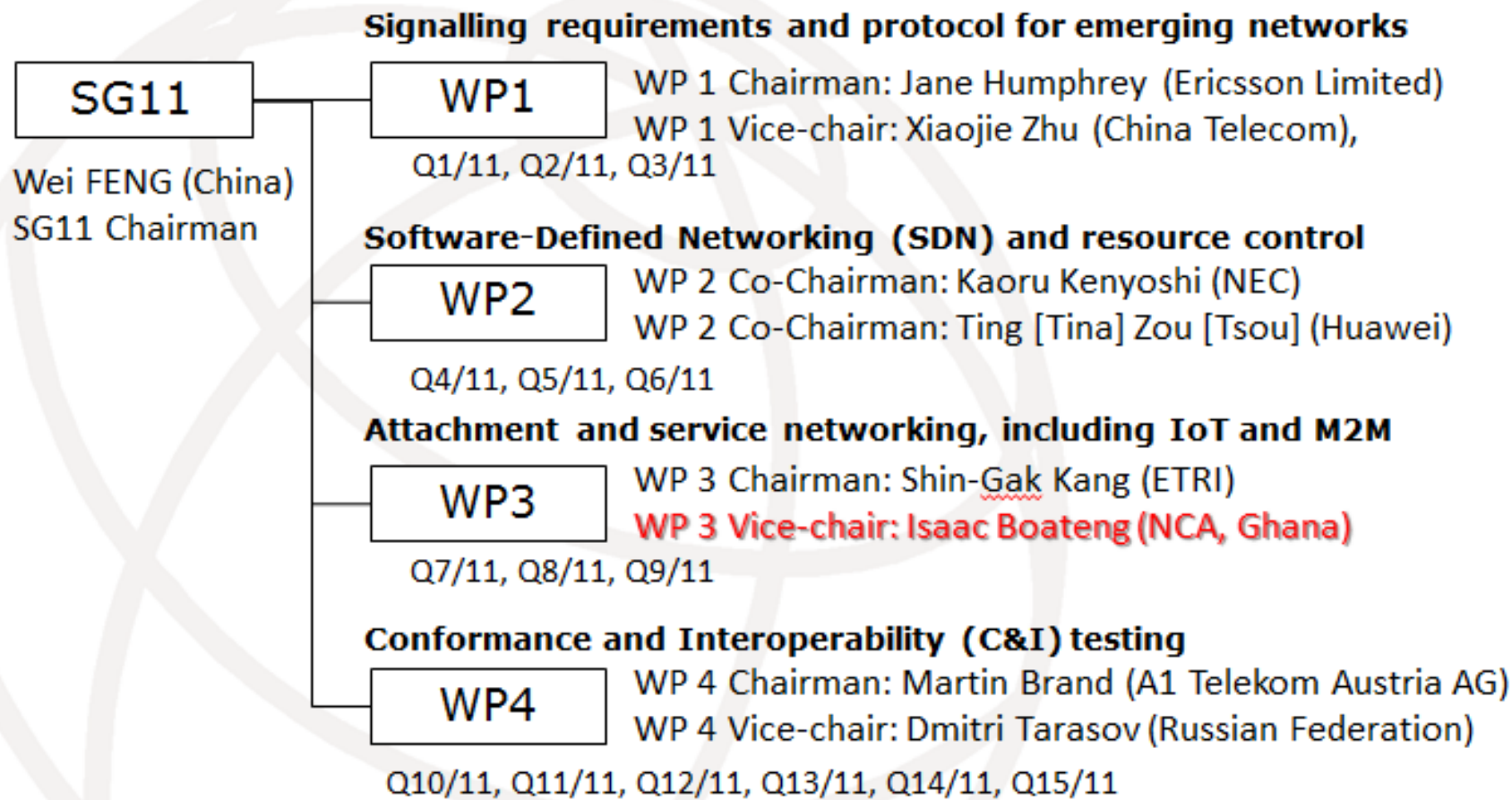
- Lead study group on signalling and protocols
- Lead study group on machine-to-machine (M2M) signalling
- Lead study group on IoT testing
- Lead study group on test specifications, conformance and interoperability testing

■ SG 11 chairs and vice-chairs

- WTSA-12 re-elected Mr Wei FENG (Huawei Tech, China) as chairman of SG11 and appointed the following six vice-chairmen:

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Structure of SG11



Lists of Questions under SG11

QUESTIONS	TITLE
Q1/11	Signalling and protocol architectures in emerging telecommunication environments
Q2/11	Signalling requirements and protocols for service and application in emerging telecommunication environments
Q3/11	Signalling Requirements and Protocol for Emergency Telecommunications
Q4/11	Signalling requirements and protocols for Bearer and Resource control in emerging telecommunication environments
Q5/11	Protocol procedures relating to services provided by Broadband Network Gateways
Q6/11	Protocol procedures relating to specific services over IPv6
Q7/11	Signalling and control requirements and protocols for network attachment supporting multi-screen service, future networks, and M2M
Q8/11	Guidelines for implementations of signalling requirements and protocols
Q9/11	Protocols supporting distributed, smart service networking and end-to-end multicast
Q10/11	Service and networks benchmarking measurements
Q11/11	Protocols and Networks Test Specifications
Q12/11	Internet of things test specifications
Q13/11	Monitoring parameters for protocols and emerging networks
Q14/11	Cloud interoperability testing
Q15/11	Testing as a service (TAAS)

Work on C&I @ SG11

- SG11 C&I Action Plan approved (refer to TD 070 (GEN/11))
 - living list of technologies under study in ITU-T for C&I testing
 - list of pilot projects for conformity assessment against ITU-T Recs
 - reference table of testing requirement specification for C&I assessment of ITU-T Recs
 - ITU C&I databases: Certification and Conformity Assessment bodies
 - SG 11 to decide whether or not to drop Route 4 of the ITU conformity database

Four routes to populate conformity DB



ISO/IEC Assessment Procedures

Route 1

Tests performed by an accredited lab
(ISO/IEC 17025)
(Rec. ITU-T X.290)

Recommendation(s) compliant test results

Route 2

Tests performed in a lab agreed by an Accredited Certification Body
(ISO/IEC 17065)
(Rec. ITU-T X.290)

Conformity Certificate issued by the Certification Body

Self-assessment Procedures

Route 3

Tests performed in a lab selected by an ITU-T A.5 agreed SDO/Forum/MoUs
(Rec. ITU-T X.290)

Recommendation(s) compliant test results

Route 4

ITU Members Only
Tests performed in any lab

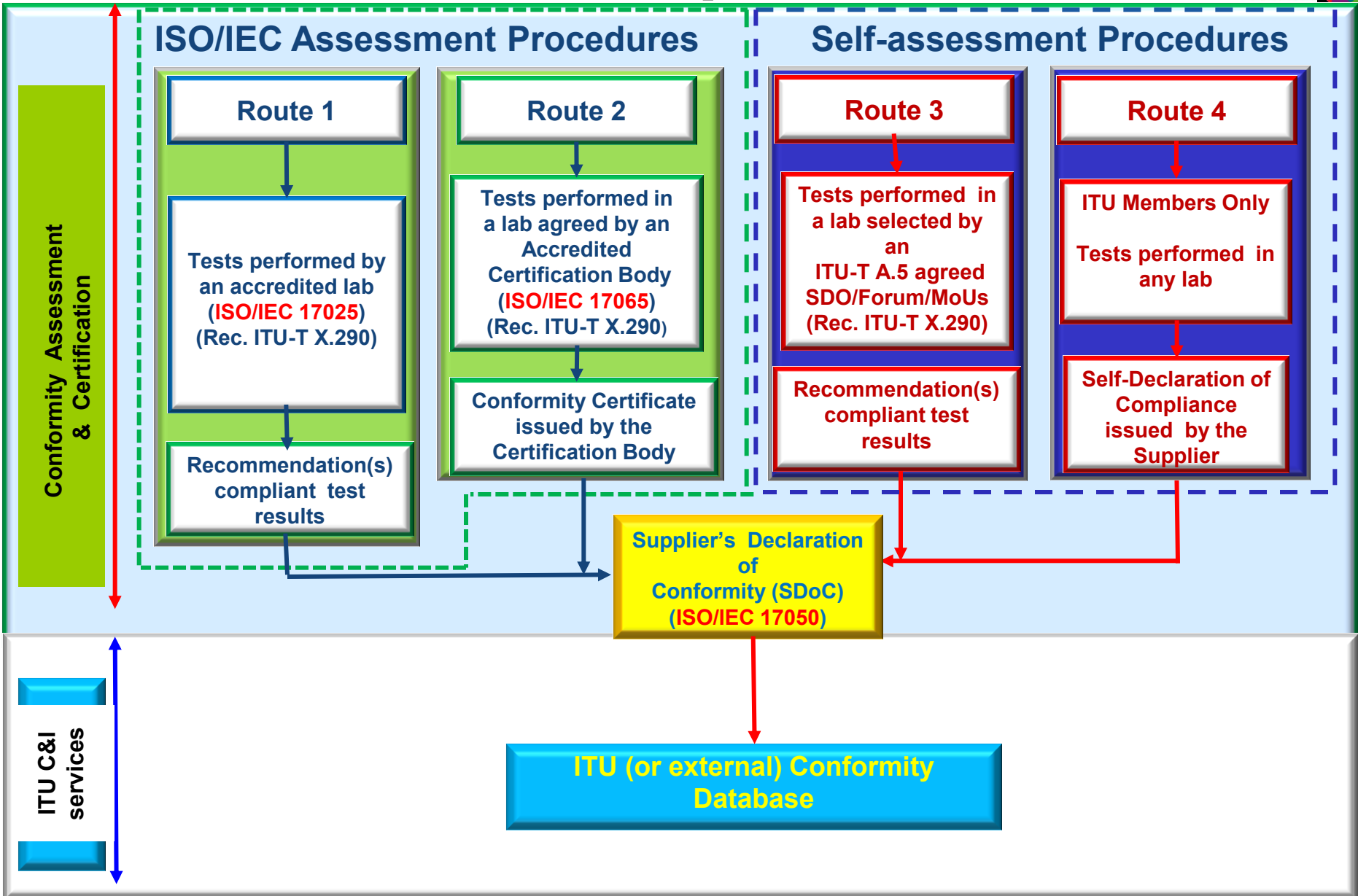
Self-Declaration of Compliance issued by the Supplier

Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)
(ISO/IEC 17050)

ITU (or external) Conformity Database

Conformity Assessment & Certification

ITU C&I services



Work on C&I @ TSB-SG11

❖ SG11 invite all ITU-T SGs to:

- identify candidate technologies and candidate pilot project
- references on available test suites of ITU Recs if any
- prepare testing requirements under guideline developed by SG13
- develop test suites when needed, in cooperation with SDOs if appropriate

❖ JCA-CIT ToR revised

Work on C&I @ BDT

- ❑ Capacity Building, Training & Test centres:
- ❑ BDT collaborates with regions & organise
 - Conformity, interoperability & Testing opportunities
 - to clarify fundamental issues of accreditation, certification, MRAs and Testing .
- Guidelines for DC on establishing conformity assessment test labs in regions
- Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of MRAs

Proposed Action Plan for Implementing C&I - Res 76

- ATU/ITU organised C&I workshops as part of capacity building and awareness
- A study & what action is required on;
 - regulatory/ legal framework,
 - institutions dealing with conformance assessment
 - accreditation bodies, laboratories, MRAs, certification and marking
- Discuss C&I issues at ministerial level so African Governments can commit to its implementation

Proposed Action Plan for implementing Res 76

- Explore the possibility of PPP/BoT for establishing a testing lab; agreement could include training
- Populate SG11 in the region; establish regional group of SG11
 - contribute to C&I programme
 - encourage operators to participate in regional activities
- National, Regional or Sub-regional C&I Assessment Body
 - To identify our needs and possible solutions.
 - To establish a Common C&I Regime and MRAs coordination

Concluding Remarks

- C&I has matured; ITU, IEEC, other SDOs, Asia, Arab States are walking the talking; **What about Africa?**
- Conformance and interoperability within the framework of standardization;
 - Makes a significant contribution to national development goals
 - Bridges the digital divide
- Collaborations among Regional Organizations should be encouraged.

References

ITU C&I resources

C&I Portal - <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/C-I/Pages/default.aspx>

JCA-CIT - <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jca/cit/Pages/default.aspx>

SG11 (lead group on testing) - <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2013-2016/11/Pages/default.aspx>

Questions?