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**Establishing a National  
Standardization Secretariat:  
Setting the Stage**

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# The ITU environment

- An Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) with governments as ITU Member States, INCLUDING involvement from, e.g.:
  - Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Ministry of Communication / ICT
  - Regulators
  - Radio Agencies
  - Trade or Commerce Agencies
  - Defense Agencies
- And, a very big AND.....

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# ITU has an additional element for an IGO

- Participation by non-governmental entities:
  - Sector Members – operators, network providers, service providers, manufacturers, labs, etc from the private sector
  - Associate (can participate in a single Study Group)
  - Academia participant

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# Scope of ITU and ITU-T

- Worldwide agreements and information exchange on:
  - Range of ITU-T topics: networks, services, interconnection, applications, performance, cable, IoT, audio/video coding, security, numbering, economic factors, conformance and interoperability, ...
  - Range of ITU topics: telecom, radiocommunication, satellite, development projects, capacity building, information sharing, Radio and Telecom Regulations, ...
- This is where all countries and companies can gain leverage to voice and promote their interests
- Remote participation has opened new opportunities

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# Your challenge

- Working with ITU or ITU-T:
  - Wide range of topics – more than any one person or group can manage alone
  - National rules and ITU rules can be complex
  - Different interests among companies and among agencies within each country
- Finite resources
- How to create a national process, with necessary expertise, effectiveness and continuity

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# National goals could include:

- Awareness of what's going on
- Take advantage of the broadest range of knowledge and experience in your country
- A clear management and control structure for interactions at home and with ITU-T
- Avoid problems from: conflicting positions; knowledge and coverage gaps; wasted human and financial resources

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# How this Workshop can help

- The Workshop on Establishing a National Standardization Secretariat for ITU-T (NSS) will discuss the benefits of having an organized national process
- Will show a simple NSS structure to get started and how it can adapt and grow to achieve your evolving goals for involvement at ITU-T and ITU
- Will introduce a Roadmap, and breakout groups will discuss concrete steps, to get started

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# Thank you

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