SG13RG-AFR Questionnaire on

the Participation of African Countries in ITU-T SG13 Activities

Responder's information

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**Instructions for filling in**: multiple choice to some questions is possible and is welcome.

Send completed questionnaire to tsbsg13@itu.int.

**Section 1: Awareness and Involvement in ITU-T SG13 activities**

1. **Is your organization involved in ITU-T SG13 activities?**

[ ]  Yes, actively

[ ]  Yes, but only occasionally

[ ]  No, but planning to

[ ]  No

1. **Since when has your organization been involved in ITU-T SG13 activities?**

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1. **How many experts from your organization are currently involved in the work of ITU-T SG13 activities?**

[ ] 0

[ ] 1 - 3

[ ]  3 - 5

[ ]  5 - 10

[ ]  More than 10

**Please indicate the main areas of ​​expertise of these experts: ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………**

1. **What were the reasons behind the involvement of your organization in ITU-T SG13 activities? (Select all that apply)**

[ ]  Align national ICT policies to global standards

[ ]  Support national infrastructure development

[ ]  Contribute to international standards related to future networks

[ ]  Capacity building

[ ]  Collaboration opportunities

[ ]  Other (please specify):………………………………………….

1. **What level of participation has your organization had in ITU-T SG13 activities? (Select all that apply)**

[ ] Attending SG13 meetings

[ ] Attending SG13 workshops

[ ]  Submitting contributions

[ ]  Leadership position / representative role

[ ]  Rapporteur

[ ]  Editor/co-editor

[ ]  Responding to SG13 questionnaires

[ ]  Observing without active participation

[ ]  Other (please specify): ………………………………………….

1. **How familiar are you with the activities of the groups under the lead of ITU-T SG13?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very familiar | Somewhat familiar | Not familiar |
| ITU-T SG13 Regional Group for Africa (SG13RG-AFR) |  |  |  |
| ITU-T Focus Group on Artificial Intelligence Native for Telecommunication Networks (FG-AINN)  |  |  |  |
| Joint Coordination Activity on Machine Learning (JCA-ML) |  |  |  |
| Joint Coordination Activity on IMT2020 and beyond (JCA-IMT2020) |  |  |  |
| ITU-T Correspondence Group for datasets applicable for AI/ML in networks (CG-datasets) |  |  |  |

1. **Which ITU-T SG13 topics are most interesting to your organization? Rate the following topics on a scale of 0 to 5 (0 = not interesting, 5 = very interesting):**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Future Computing and Data Handling |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence as applied to networks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| IMT-2020 and Beyond (non-radio aspects) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Autonomous Networks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Future technology trends towards 2030 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trusted networks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Quantum enhanced networking |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed, mobile and satellite convergence |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SDN/NFV |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emerging networks technologies |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (please specify) :…………… |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Section 2: Contribution to ITU-T SG13**

1. **Has your organization submitted any contribution to ITU-T SG13 meetings?**

[ ] Yes

Please specify the approximate number of submitted contributions: ………….

[ ] No

Please specify the reasons, if any: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………….

[ ]  Not sure

1. **If yes, what were the primary focus of your contributions? (Select all that apply)**

☐ Proposal of new work items

☐ Sharing national experience/ Case studies

☐ Proposal of new text to ongoing draft recommendation/ supplement/ technical report

☐ Proposal of a questionnaire

☐ Other (please specify): ………………………………………….

1. **What were the main topic areas of your contributions?**

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1. **According to your organization’s experience, what is the most challenging aspect with the submission of contributions to ITU-T SG13 meeting?** ……………………………………………………………………………………………
2. **According to your organization’s experience, what is the easiest aspect with the submission of contributions to ITU-T SG13 meeting?** ……………………………………………………………………………………………
3. **Do you plan to submit contributions to ITU-T SG13 during the study period 2025-2028?**

☐ Yes (please specify the topic area): ………………………………………

☐ No (please explain the reasons, if any) : …………………………………

☐ Not sure

1. **In your viewpoint, what are the most pressing challenges in Africa, related to future networks, that can be addressed by ITU-T SG13 in the future?**

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**Section 3: Towards a better African participation in ITU-T SG13 activities**

1. **What are the main barriers to your organization's participation in ITU-T SG13? (Select all that apply)**

[ ] Financial constraints

[ ]  Lack of awareness about SG13 activities

[ ]  Insufficient technical expertise

[ ]  Language barrier

[ ]  Difficulty accessing meetings

[ ] Difficulty in aligning SG13 priorities with the organization’s priorities

[ ]  No barriers

[ ]  Other (please specify): ……………………………………………..

1. **What support or resources would help increase your organization’s participation in ITU-T SG13? (Select all that apply)**

[ ] Financial assistance

[ ] Capacity-building programs

[ ]  Better communication and outreach from ITU

[ ]  Collaboration opportunities

[ ]  Other (please specify): ……………………………………………..

1. **What steps can your organization take to increase its participation in ITU-T SG13 activities?**

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1. **From your viewpoint, how can SG13RG-AFR better support African organizations' participation to SG13?**

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1. **What partnerships or collaborations can strengthen Africa's role in SG13?**

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1. **What are your recommendations to increase African representation in ITU-T SG13?**

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*Thank you for your active participation in this survey!*

*We value your opinion.*

If you have questions, please, contact us at tsbsg13@itu.int.

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