

Executive Summary of ITU-T Study Group 3 Meeting

*Tariff and accounting principles and international
telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues*

Virtual, 24-28 May 2021

About the Meeting

- Sixth SG3 meeting in the 2017-2020 study period; third fully virtual SG3 meeting via MyMeetings platform.
- Three daily sessions from 11:00 to 14:30 hours (Geneva time).
- Interpretation for all plenary and working party sessions in Arabic, English, and French available until 14:00 hours; (English only for remaining 30 minutes of the meeting).
- All 16 Contributions translated in all 6 UN official languages.

Election and Appointments of SG3 Leadership

SG3 Role	Elected
SG3 Vice-chairman (as per CV Art.20/244) replacing stepped-down Ms Joséphine ADOU BIENDJUI (Côte D'Ivoire)	Mr Fofana LANCINÉ (Côte D'Ivoire)

SG3 Role	Appointed
Co-Rapporteur for Question 1/3	Mr Lukas MUSEMBI (Kenya) Ms Eriko HONDO (KDDI, Japan)
Co-Rapporteur for Question 6/3	Ms Aminata DRAME (SONATEL, Senegal) Mr Hui CHEN (P.R. China)
Special Liaison Officer on terms and definitions and language matters	Mr Dominique WURGES (Orange, France)

Meeting Statistics

- Contributions: 16
Contributors include:
 - Brazil, Canada, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Rep. of Korea, The Gambia, Honduras, India, Nigeria, Paraguay, Sudan, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America, Zimbabwe.
- New Work Item Proposals: 3
- TDs: 107
- Liaison Statements: 28 iLS and 5 oLS
- Registration: 110 participants.

Participation Statistics

Delegates per category	
78	Member States
17	ITU-T Sector Members
1	ITU-T SG3 Associate
2	Permanent Missions
2	Invited Experts
10	ITU Staff

Development Indicator	
28	Developed country
55	Developing country
17	Least developed country

BDT Region	
28	Africa
19	Americas
38	Asia & the Pacific
5	CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States)
10	Europe

Countries Represented	
39	Number of Member States represented
44	Total countries represented (all participants categories)

Meeting results

- Reviewed TAP Consultation results on draft ITU-T D.1041 (D.Colocation); Resolved all TAP comments.
- Approval of meeting reports of past four SG3 Regional Group meetings.
 - SG3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR), Virtual, 6-9 April 2021 (using remote French-English interpretation)
 - SG3 Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC), Virtual, 12-13 April 2021
 - SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO), Virtual, 12-14 April 2021
 - SG3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB), Virtual, 20 April 2021

These meetings were the second virtual regional meetings for SG3.

- Approval of meeting reports of previous SG3 meeting (24-28 August 2020).

Meeting results (continued)

- Approved (TAP) one ITU-T Recommendation:
 - D.1041, *Policy and methodological principles for determining co-location and access charges* ([SG3-TD317/PLEN](#))
- Determined (TAP) one new draft ITU-T Recommendation:
 - D.1102 (D.ConsumerOTT), *Customer redress and consumer protection mechanisms for OTTs* ([SG3-R39](#))
- Agreed to initiate two new work items:
 - Technical Report on “Use of distributed ledger technology to improve management of the Universal Service Fund” (TR_DLTUSF);
 - Technical Report on “Usage of Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) to effectively handle accounting, policy and economic issues in Telecommunications/ICT domain” (TR_DLT).
- Agreed Terms of Reference for TR_IoTM2M_roaming Report ([TD320/PLEN](#)) as a basis for seeking additional TSB support.
- Agreed to continue WTSA-20 preparations through SG3 Correspondence Group; reports to be submitted to TSAG in January 2022.
- SG3 considered situation of SG3 Work programme and of stale work items; agreed for the SG3 management team to continue checking the status of work items with respective Rapporteurs and Editors until next SG3 meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- Next SG3 meeting: 13-17 December 2021.
- Rapporteur Group Meetings (RGMs) are planned from July to November 2021. Objectives of the RGMs can be found in [SG3-TD269/PLEN](#).
- SG3RG-AFR meeting: 26-29 July 2021.
- Other SG3 Regional Group meetings are not yet planned for 2021.