

***Executive Summary* of
ITU-T Study Group 3 meeting**

Geneva, 28 July - 5 August 2026

ITU-T SG3 meeting (Geneva, 28 July - 5 August 2026)

- Third SG3 meeting of the SP 2025-2028, physical meeting with remote participation provided via Zoom.
- **Preparatory regional group meetings:**
 - Report of SG3 Regional Group for the Asia Region (SG3RG-AO) meeting held virtually on 10 February 2026 ([TD95/PLEN](#));
 - Report of SG3 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG3RG-ARB) meeting held virtually on 1 April 2026 ([TD97/PLEN](#)); and
 - Report of SG3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) meeting held in Accra, Ghana, 16-17 April 2026 ([TD96/PLEN](#)).
 - Various RGMs to continue work during SG3 meetings (Q3, Q6, Q9, Q10).
- **Interpretation, translation and webcast:**
 - Interpretation for Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish were provided.
 - All 82 Contributions (2 withdrawn) were translated to all six ITU languages.
 - Webcast was available for the opening and closing plenaries of the meeting.

Participation Statistics

Delegates per Category

115

Member States

33

Sector Members

1

Associates

4

Academia

1

Res. 99

10

ITU Staff

Regions

59

Africa

23

The Americas

23

Arab States

35

Asia & Pacific

4

CIS

11

Europe

Development Indicator

26

Developed country

92

Developing country

37

Least developed country

Participation Statistics (*continued*)

Gender		On-site vs Remote		Countries represented	
115	Male	98	On-site participants	51	Number of Member States represented
54	Female	81	Remote participants	57	Total countries represented (all participant categories)
10	Not known				

Key Results

Agreement on the following **ITU-T Technical Reports**:

- Study of Network slicing in the International Telecommunication Ecosystem;
- Best practices of cost assessment methodologies, regulatory and standardization aspects related to cost models for affordable data services;*
- Supply chain of telecom/ICT infrastructure related to international Internet connectivity costs enabling affordable data services integrating the analysis of policy, economic, competition, regulatory, standardization and sustainability aspects;*
- Emerging business models and related use cases and best practices for IIC enabling affordable data services;*
- Terminology and taxonomy for international Internet connectivity.*

*Deliverables of the Focus Group of on cost models for affordable data services (FG-CD)

New work items initiated

Draft new ITU-T Recommendations on:

- Economic and policy guidelines for enabling a fair and cooperative IoT eSIM ecosystem ([D.IoTeSIM](#))
- Guidelines and reporting standards for the submission of data by OTT service providers ([D.OTT_Reporting](#))
- Principles for commercial negotiations between wholesale SMS market and Mobile Telecommunication Networks ([D.SMS](#))

Draft new ITU-T Technical Reports on:

- Charging and accounting considerations for model inference services in telecommunication/ICT contexts ([DSTR-MIS-CA](#))
- Standardized regulatory financial reporting and AI-enabled analytics for telecommunications/ICT economic regulation ([DSTR-RegFinAI](#))
- IPv6-based Future Networks and Resilient Connectivity: Trends and Policy Considerations ([DSTR-IPV6-TrendsPolicy](#))
- Revision of Regional roaming initiatives ([DSTR-ROAMREG-rev](#))
- Policy, economic, and fiscal incentives for proliferation of affordable data services in unserved and underserved areas ([FG-CD-D1](#))*
- Terminology and taxonomy related to domestic data services ([FG-CD-D3](#))*

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Key Results (*continued*)

Establishment of Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-28 (CG-SG3-WTSA-28prep)

- Start of WTSA-28 preparations through a Correspondence Group lead by Mr Frederick Asumanu (Ghana).
- Terms of reference available in [TD106-R1/PLEN](#).

Collaboration and coordination with ITU-T SGs, TSAG, ITU-R and ITU-D

- With SG2: LS reply on new work item M.cedco “Cost-effectiveness evaluation of data center operation” in Q6/2 ([LS17](#))
- With SG12 and SG13: New Technical Report on Network Slicing in the International Telecommunication Ecosystem ([LS18](#))
- With TSAG: Success stories ([LS15](#)); Lead study group concept and coordination mechanisms ([LS-20](#)); Checklist for ITU-T deliverables and identification of needs to increase the support for the modernization of Study Groups ([LS-19](#))
- With ITU-R Study Groups and Secretariat on work items and proposals related to satellite communications
- With ITU-D (Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI)): On guidelines and reporting standards for the submission of data by OTT service providers ([LS-16](#))

Document translation

Updated practice for the next SG3 meeting in May 2027

- SG3 will align its document translation practice with the practice of TSAG and other ITU-T Study Groups.
- Members who wish to submit their contributions in ITU official languages other than English are welcome to do so within the applicable deadlines. These contributions will be translated to English by the ITU secretariat.
- At the same time, machine translation will be available for any meeting document not already available in the other languages. In addition, the ITU Translate machine translation service is available on demand to all members at the [ITU MyWorkspace app](#) to support ITU-related work.

Future activities

Meeting	Location	Dates	Comments
SG3RG-AFR Regional Group for Africa	Senegal (TBC)	March 2027 (TBC)	
SG3RG-AO Regional Group for Asia and Oceania	Seoul, Korea (Rep. of)	17-18 September 2026	
SG3RG-ARB Regional Group for the Arab Region	TBC	TBC	
SG3RG-LAC Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean	Guatemala City, Guatemala	10-11 December 2026	Collocated with BDT IPEC-26, and meetings of ITU-T SG2RG-AMR and SG12RG-AMR
CG-SG3-WTSA-28prep	Virtual	16 February 2027	
SG3 2027	Geneva, Switzerland	4-12 May 2027	
Rapporteur Group Meetings (RGMs) + 1 Day SG3 PLEN	Geneva, Switzerland (TBC)	29 November - 3 December 2027 (TBC)	

More interim activities can be found in [TD94-R1](#).