Executive Summary of
ITU-T Study Group 3 meeting:
Rapporteur Group Meetings and One-day Plenary Meeting

Geneva, 3-7 November 2025

ITU-T SG3 meeting (Geneva, 6-10 November 2025)

- **Preparatory interim activities:**
  - Rapporteur Group Meeting for Q1, Q3, Q6, Q9, Q10, Q11
  - 3 Editor's sessions for Study_OTTs (Q9/3)
  - 2 Editor's sessions and 2 RGMs for D.ecosat (Q6/3)
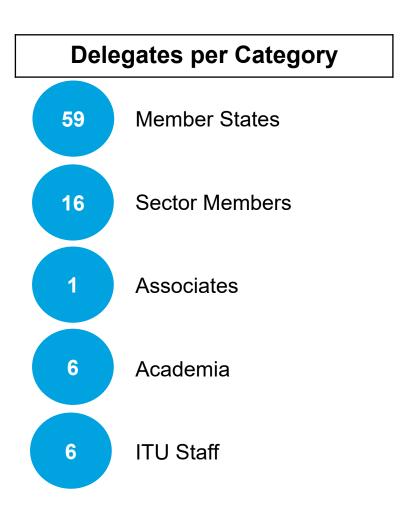 - Joint RGM with ITU-T SG2: Joint RGM for Q3/2 and Q9/3 on OTT definitions

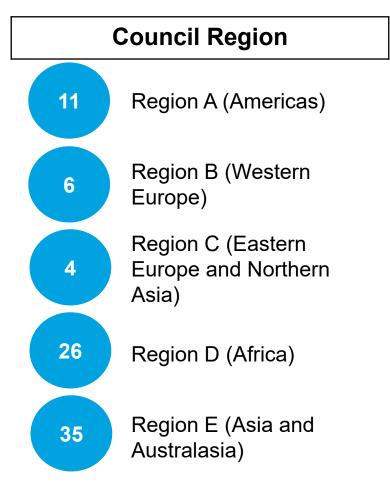- **Preparatory regional group meetings:**
  - Meeting of SG3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) (New Delhi, India, 10-12 September 2025),
    - SG3RG-AO decided to apply the approval process as per Section 9.2 of WTSA Resolution 1 for draft new Regional Recommendation ITU-T D.502R (ex D.502R) "International mobile roaming in Asia and Oceania" (SG3-TD76/PLEN).
  - Meeting of SG3 Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC) (Montevideo, Uruguay, 8-9 October 2025).
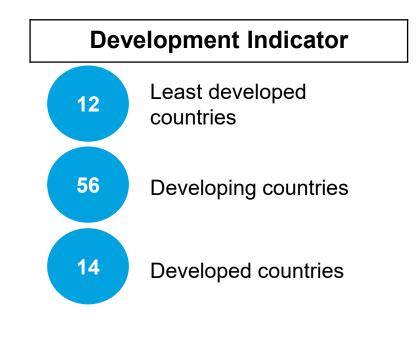
- **Remote participation, interpretation and webcast:**
  - Remote participation was available during the entire week.
  - Interpretation for Arabic, Chinese, English, French, and Russian were provided for the Plenary meeting.
  - Webcast was available for the Plenary meeting.

Participation Statistics

Delegates per Category

59	Member States
16	Sector Members
1	Associates
6	Academia
6	ITU Staff

Council Region

11	Region A (Americas)
6	Region B (Western Europe)
4	Region C (Eastern Europe and Northern Asia)
26	Region D (Africa)
35	Region E (Asia and Australasia)

Development Indicator

12	Least developed countries
56	Developing countries
14	Developed countries

Participation Statistics (*continued*)

Gender

58 Male

28 Female

2 Not known

On-site vs Remote

45 On-site participants

43 Remote participants

Countries represented

34 Number of Member States represented

39 Total countries represented (all participant categories)

Key Results

Approval

- New Recommendation ITU-T D.1142, *Guidelines on economic and policy aspects of Internet of things (IoT)* [link]

- In accordance with clause 9.5.6 of WTSA Resolution 1, the United States advised at the meeting that it is abstaining from the decision to apply the procedure.

Agreement

- Draft new Technical Report ITU-T DSTR_OTTReporting "Establishing International Reporting Standards for OTT Applications" was agreed.

- Statement of the Administration of the United States: The United States disassociates from this Technical Report, which does not reflect the views of the U.S. Administration or align with U.S. interests.

New work item initiated

- Draft new Technical Report DSTR_TNOAI "Enabling Environment for Voluntary Commercial Arrangements between Telecommunication Network Operators and AI Service Providers"

Key Results (*continued*)

Focus Group on Cost Models for Affordable Data Services (FG-CD)

- The final progress report of Focus Group on Costing Models for Affordable Data Services (FG-CD) was presented in SG3-TD77/PLEN, providing a total of six deliverables to SG3.

- FG-CD has concluded its activities and is now considered closed.

Cooperation with ITU-T Lead Study Groups, TSAG, and ITU-D and ITU-R

SG3 sent the following liaison statements:

- To ITU-T SG2 on an additional joint Rapporteur Group meeting on OTT related definitions (SG3-LS10),

- To SCV on the term mobile financial service (SG3-LS11), and

- To TSAG on ITU-T Standards Success Stories (SG3-LS14).

SG3 sent liaison statements to ITU-D SG1 on licensing-related activities in SG3 (SG3-LS12) and economic-related activities in the field of AI in SG3 (SG3-LS9).

SG3 liaised with ITU-R on work items dealing with cost and economic aspects of satellite Internet connectivity (SG3-LS13).

Key Results (*continued*)

Progress of work items with updated baseline texts

- **TR_CostAccounting**, Cost accounting for telecommunication operators: guidelines and accounting standards benchmarking

- **TR_CostSatellite**, Cost models for provisioning Satellite Internet Connectivity Services

- **D.CompIIC**, Framework for the Competitive Provision of International Internet Connectivity (IIC)

- **D.ecosat**, Economic and policy aspects of the provision of high-speed Internet connectivity by retail satellite operators

- **STUDY_TCST**, Charging and accounting settlements in Trans-multi-country terrestrial cable circuit

- **D.GuidelinesCostContribution**, Guidelines on Potential Cost Contribution mechanisms between OTT service providers and telecom network service operators towards the expansion and development of high-capacity telecom networks

- **Study_OTTs**, Study on policy, regulatory, and economic aspects of OTTs in the context of international telecommunication/ICT services and networks

- **DSTR-AIstrat**, Guidelines for a Framework to develop AI Principles as related to telecommunication/ICT plans and strategies

- **TR_CostAI**, Cost-Benefit Analysis of Adopting Artificial Intelligence in Telecommunications/ICTs

- **TR_DSTR-ECOM**, Development of e-commerce in developing countries through mobile money (and vice versa)

Future activities

Meeting	Location	Dates	Comments
SG3RG-AFR **Regional Group for Africa**	South Africa (TBC)	Jan/Feb 2026 (TBC)	Collocated with ITU-T SG2RG-AFR and SG2RG-ARB meetings
SG3RG-AO **Regional Group for Asia and Oceania**	Virtual	10 February 2026	
SG3RG-ARB **Regional Group for the Arab Region**	Egypt (TBC)	23-26 March 2026 (TBC)	Collocated with ITU-T SG20RG-AFR and SG20RG-ARB meetings
SG3RG-LAC **Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean**	TBC	August-September 2026 (TBC)	Collocated with ITU Policy and Economics Colloquium (IPEC-26)
SG3 2026	Geneva, Switzerland	14-22 April 2026	
Rapporteur Group Meetings (RGMs) + **1 Day SG3 PLEN**	Geneva, Switzerland	RGMs: 30 November to 3 December 2026 PLEN: 4 December 2026	

Additional interim activities can be found in TD48-R1.