SG21 ad hoc group on future questions structure (AHG-FQS)

Terms of reference

NOTE: This ToR was agreed at the first meeting of SG21 (13-24 January 2025) (Ref. Annex to SG21-TD39R1/PLEN).

1. Scope and objectives

The ITU-T SG21 ad hoc group on future questions structure (AHG-FQS) aims to support and complement the consolidation process of SG9 and SG16 as follow up to WTSA-24. It will discuss and coordinate proposals for the refinement of Questions text and/or structure within ITU-T SG21 with the goal to provide an internal restructuring within two years timeframe. This process will also support the following preparation of SG21 towards WTSA-28.

The AHG-FQS will report the AHG activities to SG21 Plenary.

The AHG-FQS aims to provide draft Question texts that reflect the consensus reached during these discussions. In addition, it aims to discuss, and if agreeable recommend merging / consolidation / creation of Questions that so need, for consideration by SG21.

2. Work methods

- a) Participation is open to all ITU-T SG21 members.
- b) Results of AHG-FQS activities will be reported prior to each SG21 meeting, according to ITU-TA.1.
- c) The AHG will conduct regular meetings, typically every three months.
- d) The AHG activities will be normally carried out virtually (e.g., e-meetings using MyMeetings platform) but may also be organized physically (e.g., if other SG21 related meetings are also taking place face to face in co-location). Remote participation will be always provided.
- e) The AHG activities will be carried out through a dedicated mailing list to be established (e.g. <u>t25sg21ahgfqs@lists.itu.int</u>). TSB will include all rapporteurs into this mailing list.
- f) Meeting announcements, including the draft agenda, will be made available by e-mail and in the SG21 website at least four weeks in advance.
- g) The AHG Chair is Mr. Noah LUO (SG21 Chair).
- h) The AHG duration is set for two years and may be renewed by SG21 at their 4th meeting in view of WTSA-28 preparation, if needed.

NOTE: The final deliberation of SG21 will be provided to TSAG according to WTSA Resolution 1 and be considered as an input to the next Study Period process.
