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Interplay between Study Groups and TSAG

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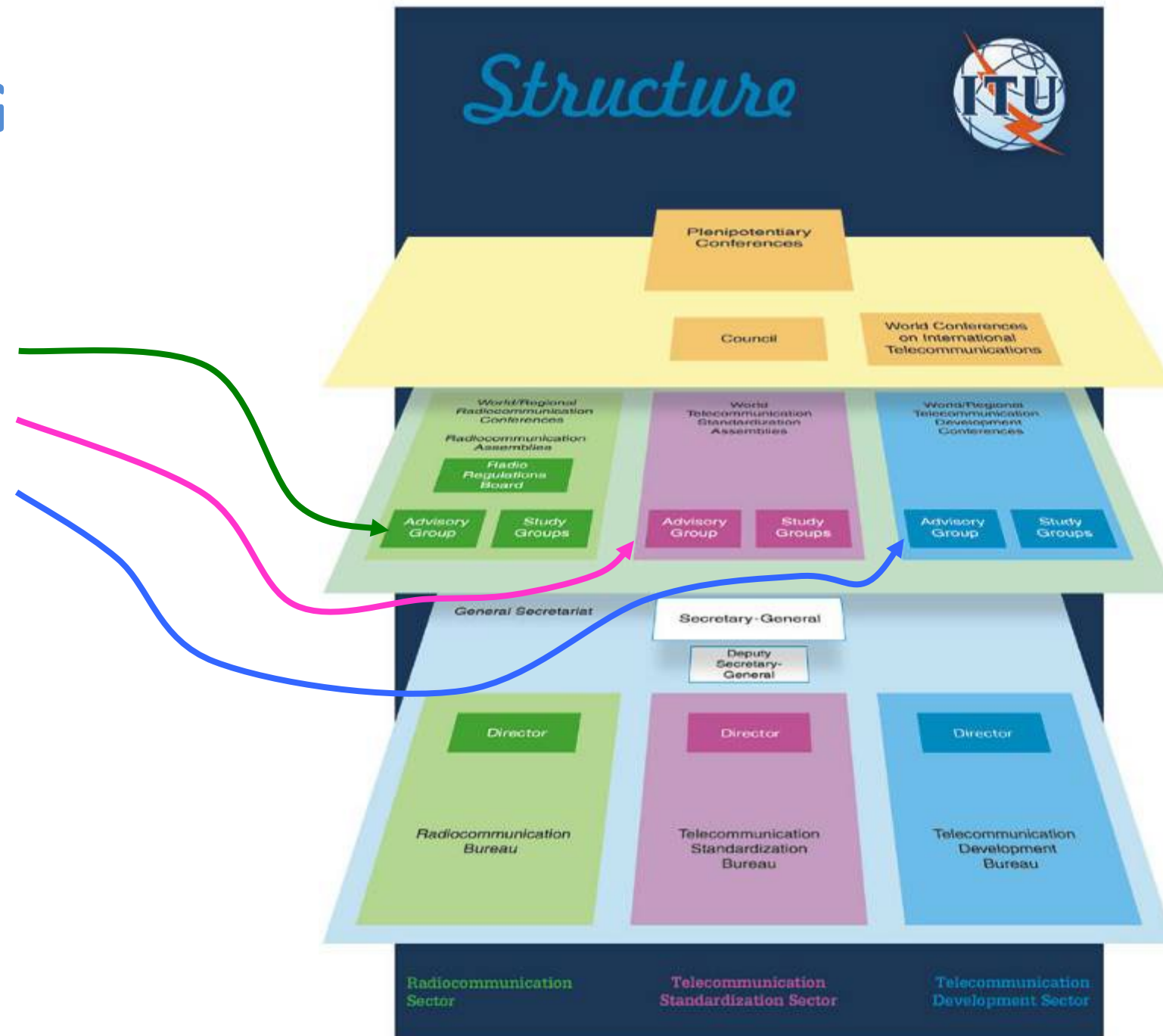# TSAG Aim

- **TSAG's aim is to help make ITU-T the most attractive place to come to do standards work.**

- **TSAG is an advisory body to the ITU-T Study Groups, to the membership, to the TSB Director and staff.**

- **TSAG is covered in the Constitution and Convention:**

  – CS/Article 17 No.108A; Article 19 No.116

  – CV/Article 14A Nos.197A-197I; Article 15 No.205A.

  and further in

  – WTSA-22 Resolution 1 Section 4,

  – WTSA-22 Resolution 22.

Where TSAG Fits into ITU

- RAG
- **TSAG**
- TDAG

Duties of TSAG

– Review priorities, programmes, operations, financial matters and strategies for activities within ITU-T;

– Review implementation of the operational plan of the preceding period, and review annually a rolling-four-year operational plan;

– Review progress in the implementation of the programme of work;

– Provide guidelines for the work of study groups;

– Recommend measures such as cooperation and coordination with other relevant bodies; with other ITU Sectors, and with ITU General Secretariat;

– Adapt its own working procedures;

– Prepare a report for the TSB Director;

– Report to WTSA via TSB Director.

Duties of TSAG - Resolution 1

- ## [WTSA-20 Resolution 1](#) §4

  - Adapt ITU-T to changing requirements.

  - Monitor the activities of any joint coordination activities or terminate them, or establish new coordination activities.

  - Review/improve ITU-T working methods.

  - Monitor the activities of the lead study groups

  - Monitor programmes of work across the study groups.

  - Follow-up on items identified by WTSA (see WTSA-22 Res.22)

  - Be made aware of the non-attendance of chairmen and vice-chairmen at study groups meetings

Resolution 22

- [WTSA-20 Resolution 22](#) authorizes TSAG to act in-between WTSAs
- Maintain and provide up-to-date, efficient and flexible working guidelines, maintain WTSA-20 action plan
- Promote high-priority standardization activities in ITU-T
- Maintain/develop the ITU-T A-series Recommendations (Organization of the work of ITU-T)
- Advise the Director of TSB on financial and other matters
- Enhance and improve the effectiveness of ITU-T's work
- Restructure and establish ITU-T study groups,
- Consider study group schedules
- Review existing and new study Questions
- To group Questions of interest to developing countries

Resolution 22 (cnt'd)

- Create, terminate or maintain other groups, including focus groups to respond rapidly to high-priority issues, market needs and new emerging technologies

- Review reports of coordination groups and other groups,

- Establish the appropriate mechanism (e.g. coordination groups or other groups) for cross-cutting topics, to ensuring effective coordination of standardization topics

- Cooperate and coordinate with ITU-R, ITU-D , and provide liaison on its activities to relevant external SDOs outside ITU

- Take into account the interests of developing countries and encourage and facilitate their involvement in these activities

- Review and coordinate standardization strategies for ITU-T
  - identify the main technological trends and market, economic and policy needs in scope of the mandate of ITU-T,
  - identify possible topics and issues for consideration in ITU-T's standardization strategies;
  - establish an appropriate mechanism to facilitate standardization strategies

TSAG operation mode

- TSAG meets at least once every 9 months
  (meets twice in the year prior to the WTSA).

- TSAG meetings are open to the entire ITU-T membership and other duly authorized entities

- TSAG is contribution driven and works by consensus.

- Next TSAG meeting:
  - Geneva, 26 - 30 May 2025

Study group Chair and TSAG

Roles and responsibilities:

1. Provide **strategic leadership**

2. Facilitate **consensus-building**

3. Assert **working methods** (e.g. IPR enquiry)

4. Ensure **fairness** and **openness** are maintained

5. Make **proposals** to progress the work

6. Represent the study group at **TSAG** and other meetings

(FYI) TSAG Rapporteur Group on Work Programme and Restructuring, SG work, SG Coordination (RG-WPR, 2022-2024)

- Consider issues related to work programme and study group structure for 2022-2024 study period.

- Develop the detailed study group structure for the next study period.

- Develop a report and proposal(s) to be submitted by TSAG to WTSA-24 on study group responsibilities, mandates and allocation of work to be defined in WTSA Resolution 2.

- To implement the action plan for the analysis of ITU-T study group restructuring, and to undertake, monitor and guide the work through a rapporteur group or other appropriate group, and make a progress report on the analysis at each TSAG meeting (WTSA Res.99 instructs TSAG 1).

- TSAG to submit a report with recommendations for consideration by the next WTSA (WTSA Res.99 instructs TSAG 3).

- In collaboration with study groups, develop guidelines for study groups on efficiency measures, processes, possible work organization, suitable structures.

- Review of the Lead Study Group reports.

- Review of proposed new or modified ITU-T study group Questions.

- Coordination of matters crossing ITU-T study groups.

- To coordinate on "SMART Submarine Cable Systems" with relevant ITU-T study groups.

Thank you