Executive Summary of
ITU-T Study Group 3

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

Geneva, 1-10 March 2023

General Information

- The meeting was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 1-10 March 2023;

- Third SG3 meeting in the 2022-2024 Study Period;

- The meeting was a physical meeting with remote participation provided via Zoom;

- Four sessions from 09:30 to 17:30 hours (Geneva time);

- Interpretation for Arabic, Chinese, English, French, and Spanish were available for the meeting.

- A Newcomers' session was organized during the meeting.

Participation Statistics

Delegates per Category

Member States	120
Sector Members	34
Associates	1
Permanent Missions	1
Academia	7
Res. 99	1
Invited Experts	1
ITU Staff	10

Council Region

Africa	62
Americas	28
Asia and Australasia	59
Eastern Europe and Northern Asia	7
Western Europe	10

Developed / Developing Economies

Developed country	32
Developing country	98
Least developed country	36

Total number of participants	175
Total number of countries	61

Physical Participants	80
Remote Participants	95

Meeting Statistics

Types of Documents

Contributions	59
TDs	95
Incoming Liaison Statements	24
Outgoing Liaison Statements	8

Contributors

Africa	17
The Americas	5
Arab States	7
Asia and the Pacific	9
CIS	0
Europe	0

Other statistics

Recommendations approved	0
Recommendations deleted	1
Recommendations determined	1
Documents agreed	2
New work items proposed	6
New work items initiated	4
Baseline texts agreed	12
Ad-hoc sessions organized	2

Key Results

- Determined Recommendation:
  - Draft revised Recommendation ITU-T D.285 "Guiding principles for charging and accounting for intelligent network supported services" ([TD110/PLEN](#))

- Deleted Recommendation:
  - Recommendation ITU-T D.212 "Charging and accounting principles for the use of Signalling System No. 7" (justified by the previous deletion of Recommendation ITU-T D.280).

- Agreed Technical Reports:
  - ITU-T Technical Report TR_AccountingIOT "Accounting & Billing aspects in IoT ecosystem and integrated approach using Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT)" ([TD118/PLEN](#))
  - ITU-T Technical Report dSTR-IoTM2M-Roaming: "Roaming Aspects of IoT and M2M", ([TD111/PLEN](#))

- Continued WTSA-24 preparations, through Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24 (CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep) (updated Terms of Reference in [TD120/PLEN](#)).

Key Results (*continued*)

- Agreed ITU-T Focus Group (FG) on costing models for affordable data services
  - Terms of Reference – TD113-R4/PLEN
  - Chairman: Mr Shailendra Kumar MISHRA (India) and Vice-chairman: Hilda MUTSEYEKWA (Zimbabwe)
- Agreed new work items:
  - D.1040.Sup1, Supplement to ITU-T D.1040, Optimizing terrestrial cable utilization across multiple countries to boost regional and international connectivity (TD112/PLEN)
  - TR_RevEco-OTTs, Revision of Technical Report on Economic Impact of OTTs (2017)
  - TR_DSTR-DFSNPS, Technical Report on Cooperation frameworks between Authorities, Users and Providers for the development of the National Payments System (TD116/PLEN)
  - TR_DSTR-ECOM, Technical Report on Development of e-commerce in developing countries through mobile money (and vice versa) (TD117/PLEN)
- Discontinued 11 stale work items of the Work Programme, see TD94-R1/PLEN.

Upcoming SG3 Activities

Meeting	Location	Dates	Comments
SG3RG-AFR Regional Group for Africa	TBC	First quarter 2024 (TBC)	
SG3RG-AO Regional Group for Asia and Oceania	Bangkok, Thailand (TBC)	September 2023 (TBC)	In conjunction with ITU Regional Development Forum (TBC)
SG3RG-ARB Regional Group for the Arab Region	Virtual (TBC)	June 2023	
SG3RG-LAC Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean	TBC	September 2023 (TBC)	In conjunction with ITU Regional Economic Dialogue (TBC)
Correspondence Group on preparation for WTSA-24 (CG-SG3-WTSA-24prep)	Virtual	21 June 2023; 13 September 2023	
Q11/3 interim meeting to discuss D.princip_bigdata and Study_bigdata	Virtual	June 2023 (TBC)	
Rapporteur Group Meetings (RGMs) + 1 Day SG3 PLEN	Geneva, Switzerland	RGMs: 6-9 November 2023 + PLEN: 10 November 2023	RGM Objectives: TD119/PLEN
SG3 2024	Bucharest, Romania (TBC)	May 2024 (7 or 8 days) (TBC)	1 day of workshop (TBC)