



# **WTSA-20 preparations**

## **An update for CEPT Administrations**

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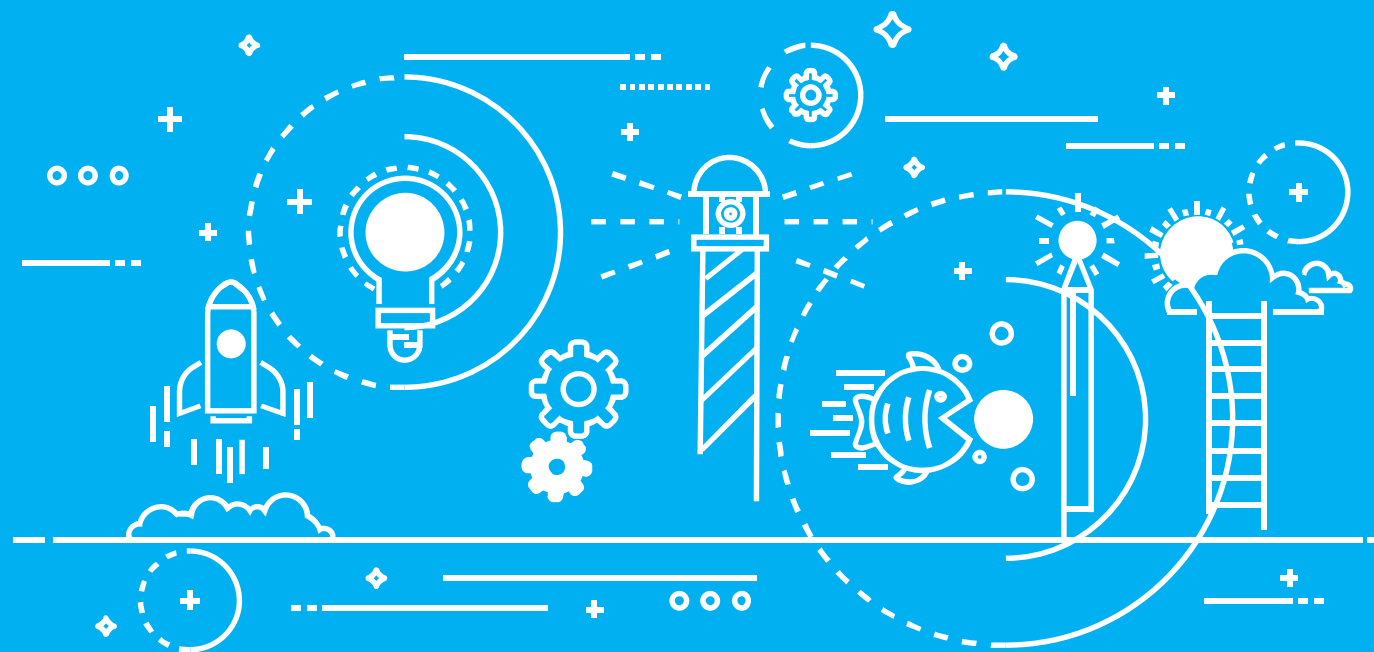
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# Impact of Covid-19 Outbreak on ITU-T and TSB work



# Update of ITU-T Operations during COVID-19 1/2

- ITU-T adopted mitigation measures since end of January to face the challenge of COVID-19 outbreak.
- **Study Groups progress towards WTSA-20:** ITU-T SG meetings outline for 2020 being carried out with no delays and no meetings were postponed or cancelled because of COVID-19.
- ITU-T Study Group meetings have **increasingly adopted remote participation** starting with SG15 meeting on 27 January 2020
- **Hybrid physical-virtual meetings (TSAG, SG11 and SG13) including decision making remotely;**
- **Fully virtual meetings for SG17, SG3, SG9, SG12, SG5, SG20.**



# Update of ITU-T Operations during COVID-19

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- **Strengthening of IT Tools:**  
MyWorkspace Remote participation tool;  
Machine translation of documents
- Guidelines,
- **Guide:** MyWorkspace Remote Participation guide for delegates
- **Guide:** MyWorkspace Remote Participation guide for chairs/moderators
- Training sessions allowed the meetings to progress significantly their work.
- **Increased participation and very positive feedback from delegates and management teams.**



# TSB comms updates during COVID-19 1/2

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## International standardization in virtual space: ITU's decisive response to COVID-19

By Chaesub Lee, Director of the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

TSB Director article on [“International standardization in virtual space: ITU’s decisive response to COVID-19”](#)



# TSB comms updates during COVID-19 2/2

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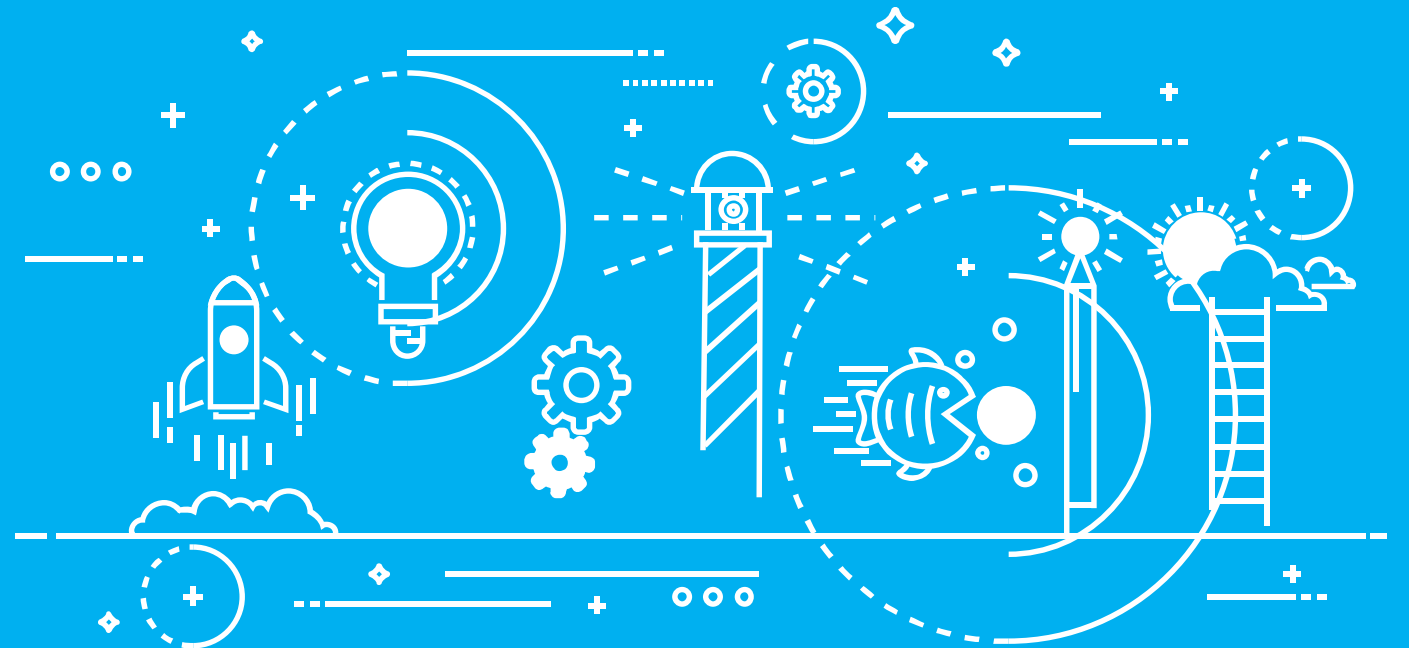
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# New services and tools

What TSB has  
put in place to  
facilitate the  
virtual work for  
**ALL**





# Try out **MyWorkspace**

- ① <https://itu.int/net4/itu-t/myworkspace>: Personalized access to information and services valued by ITU-T delegates
- ① **Version 3.0 of MyWorkspace includes:**
  - Personalized profile and preferences
  - ITU-T experts directory and chat service
  - Calendar of events
  - Mailing list subscriptions
  - MyEvents to follow up with ITU-T Events
  - MyMeetings for ITU-T Meetings remote participation
  - ITU-T Cloud personal storage
  - Machine translation of ITU documents





# New services and tools


- ① [MyEvents](#): Direct access to events agenda, speakers, exhibitors and participants, with networking features (Web and mobile app)
- ① [MyMeetings](#): In house customized solution allowing participation to various type of E-Meetings from closed and private to large and public sessions
- ① [ITU-T Cloud](#): User-friendly, mobile-optimized storage system offering a secure open-source file sharing solution

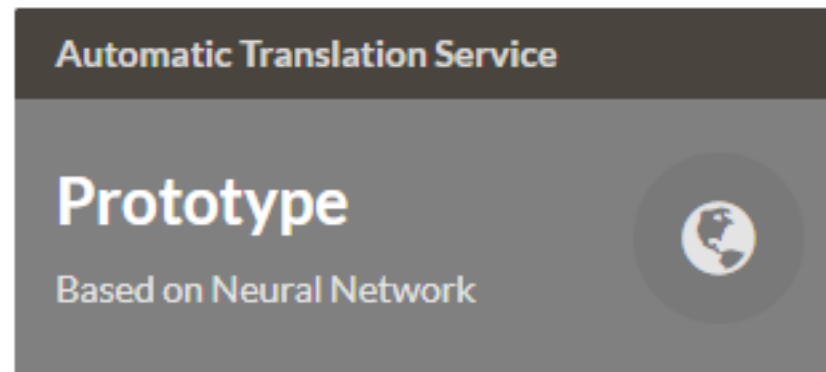


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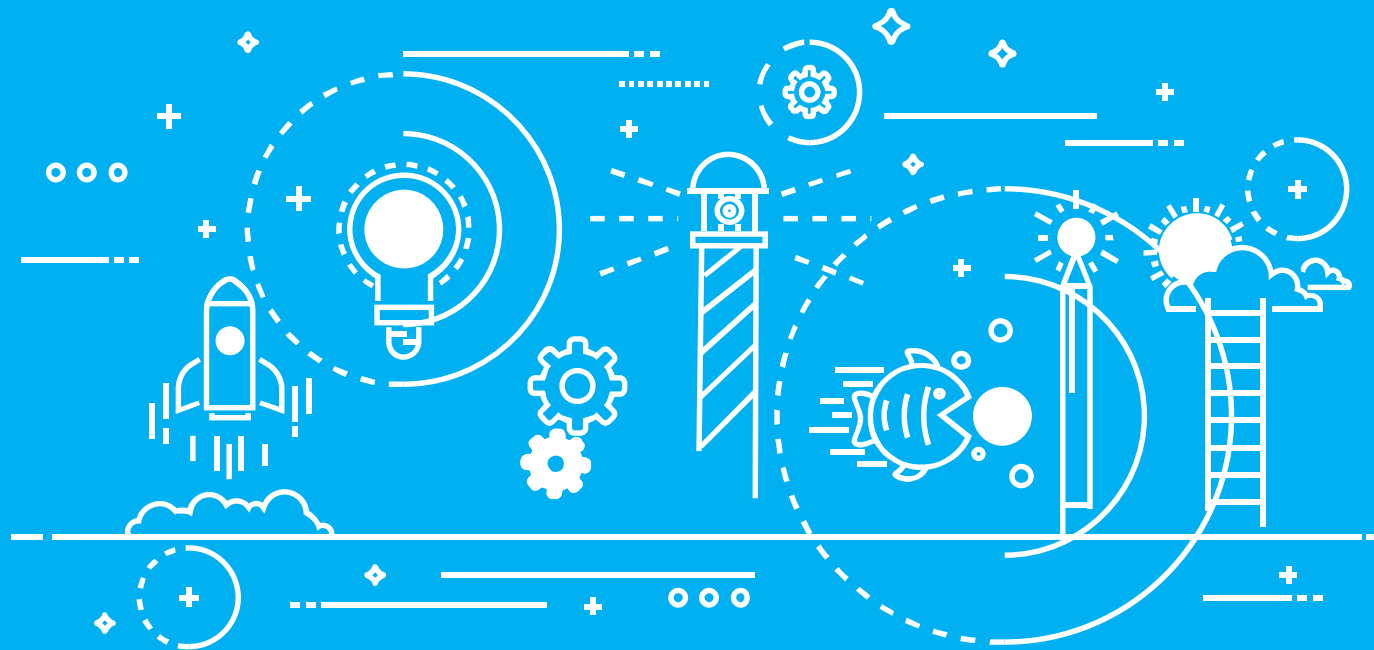
- ① Start from ITU-T homepage: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Pages/default.aspx>
  - Go to MyWorkspace 
  - Go to Machine Translation prototype
  - Drag and drop the document to be translated
  - Open the document in desired language





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# WTSA-20





**ITU WTSA-20**

# World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-20) and Global Standards Symposium (GSS-20)

WTSA-20 is still planned in Hyderabad India 17-27 November 2020.

Because of COVID, contingency plans are current being studied.

GSS-20 and WTSA-20 17-27 November 2020

Hyderabad, India

Hosted by



# Visit of H.E. Anshu Prakash DoT Secretary to TSB (during TSAG meeting 10-14 February)

- ✓ Progress on Host Country Agreement:
  - Finalizing HCA for signature
- ✓ Discussions are underway with India for contingency plans due to the outbreak of Covid-19





**ITUGSS20**

# Global Standards Symposium (GSS-20)

The fourth Global Standards Symposium will take place on 16 November 2020 in Hyderabad, India, one day prior to [WTSA-20](#).

Theme for the GSS-20: **International standards in support of the digital transformation**

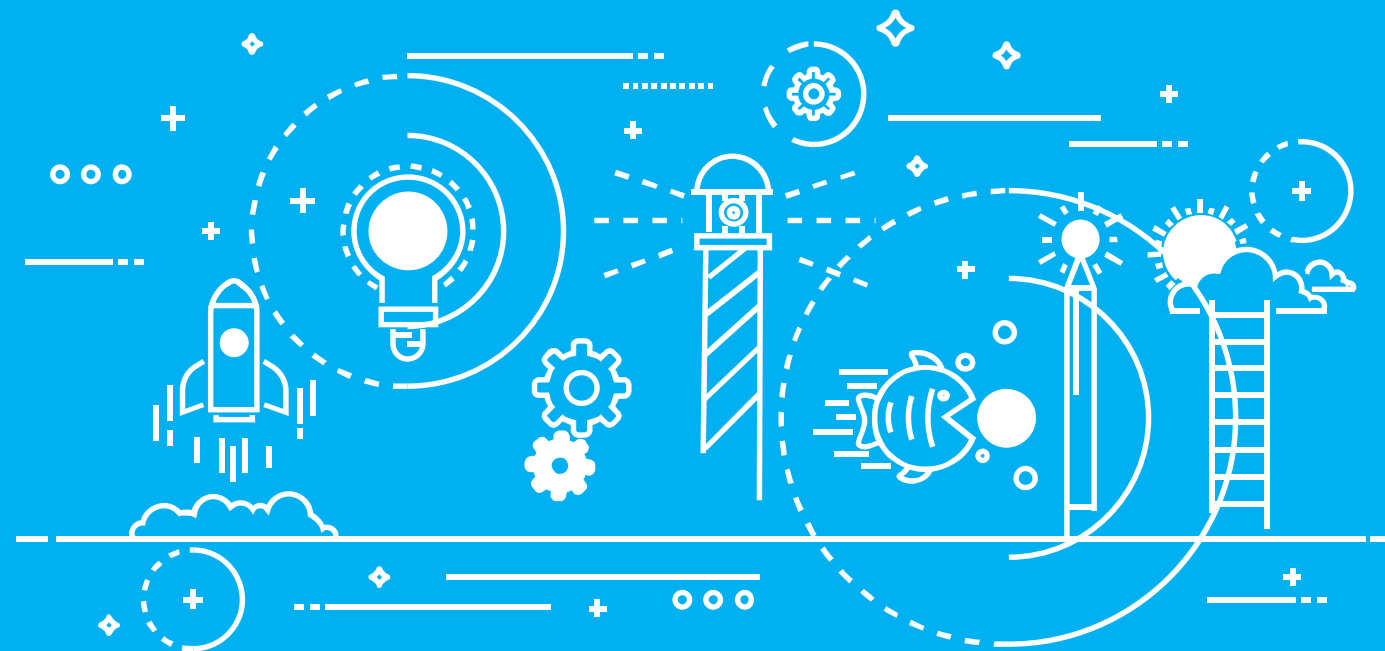
The event will bring together thought leaders in the standardization sphere. More information can be found [here](#).

The last [Global Standards Symposium](#) discussed how standards efforts could best integrate the consideration of security, privacy and trust.



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# The preparatory work *for* and *in* the Regions




- WTSA-20 Regional Preparatory Meetings are continuing as virtual meetings
- TSB is maintaining this web page with up-to-date information on planned preparatory meetings


## EUROPE

- ▶ PT ITU-T Meeting  
4 - 5 September 2019, Vilnius, Lithuania
- ▶ PT ITU-T Meeting  
21 - 23 January 2020, Copenhagen, Denmark
- ▶ Com-ITU  
27 - 29 May 2020, virtual meeting
- ▶ PT ITU-T Meeting  
30 June - 1 July 2020, virtual meeting
- ▶ Com-ITU (including PT ITU-T)  
8 - 10 September 2020, London, United Kingdom

Documentation **New**



## ITU Regional WTSA-20 Preparatory Meetings



Regional preparatory meetings are organized by the regional telecommunication organizations in coordination with ITU.

<h3>AFRICA</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ ATU-1 4 - 7 March 2019, Rabat, Morocco</li> <li>▶ ATU-2 7 - 11 October 2019, Entebbe, Uganda</li> <li>▶ ATU coordination meeting for WTSA-20 preparation 11 - 13 February 2020, Geneva, Switzerland (in sidelines with the TSAG meeting)</li> <li>▶ ATU-3 6 - 10 July 2020, virtual meeting (TBC)</li> </ul> <p>Documentation <b>New</b></p>	<h3>AMERICAS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PCC.I Working Group for the preparation and follow-up of WTSA, WCIT and WTDC 3 October 2019, Asunción, Paraguay</li> <li>▶ 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of COM/CITEL, 4-6 December 2019, Buenos Aires, Argentina</li> <li>▶ 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PCC.I 20 - 24 April 2020, virtual meeting</li> <li>▶ 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of PCCI 17 - 21 August 2020, virtual meeting</li> </ul> <p>Documentation <b>New</b></p>
<h3>ARAB STATES</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 14<sup>th</sup> Arab Standardization team (ASTeam) 8 - 10 October 2019, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia</li> <li>▶ 15<sup>th</sup> ASTeam 15 - 16 April 2020, Virtual meeting</li> <li>▶ 16<sup>th</sup> ASTeam 6 - 10 September 2020, Saudi Arabia</li> </ul> <p>Documentation <b>New</b></p>	<h3>ASIA AND THE PACIFIC</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ APT WTSA20-1 11-15 June 2019, Tokyo, Japan</li> <li>▶ APT WTSA20-2 13 - 15 May 2020, virtual meeting</li> <li>▶ APT WTSA20-3 13 - 17 July 2020, virtual meeting</li> <li>▶ APT WTSA20-4 29 September - 2 October 2020, Manila, Philippines</li> </ul> <p>Documentation <b>New</b></p>
<h3>CIS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 37<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Commission for the Coordination of International Cooperation and the ITU Working Group - by correspondence.</li> <li>▶ 56<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Council of the Heads of the Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications CAs and the Coordination Council 3rd week of September 2020, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan (to be confirmed)</li> <li>▶ 38<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> joint meeting of the Commission for the Coordination of International Cooperation and the Working Group for Work with ITU 26 - 28 August 2020 (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p>Documentation <b>New</b></p>	<h3>EUROPE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ PT ITU-T Meeting 4 - 5 September 2019, Vilnius, Lithuania</li> <li>▶ PT ITU-T Meeting 21 - 23 January 2020, Copenhagen, Denmark</li> <li>▶ Com-ITU 27 - 29 May 2020, virtual meeting</li> <li>▶ PT ITU-T Meeting 30 June - 1 July 2020, virtual meeting</li> <li>▶ Com-ITU (including PT ITU-T) 8 - 10 September 2020, London, United Kingdom</li> </ul> <p>Documentation <b>New</b></p>



- Some WTSA-20 Preparatory documents are machine translated in the 6 languages and published on this web site
- TSB is adding new documents as preparations advance

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[Global Standards Symposium](#)

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Introduction - WTSA-20 and GSS - India Telecommunication Standardization Bureau - ITU	English only
Part I - Overview of Remote Participation Telecommunication Standardization Bureau - ITU	AR   EN   ES   FR   RU   ZH
Part II - Overview of IT Tools Telecommunication Standardization Bureau - ITU	AR   EN   ES   FR   RU   ZH

The presentation below is intended as an introduction to the work of WTSA-20. The presentation covers the objectives of the Assembly, its structure and workflows. The tutorial video presentations of the slides below can be found on the [webcasts page](#).

Part III - WTSA-20 Docs briefing for delegates: structure, documentation and workflow Telecommunication Standardization Bureau - ITU	AR   EN   ES   FR   RU   ZH
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#### Guides:

- [MyWorkspace Remote Participation guide for delegates](#)
- [MyWorkspace Remote Participation guide for chairs/moderators](#)



- Workflow tutorial to assist in the preparations are available in the **Six Official languages**

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# Possible action for CEPT Administrations

TSB Director invites  
CEPT Members to:

1 to propose candidatures, following TSB Circular 202 (issued on 21 January 2020):

**"Candidates for Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-T Study Groups, the Telecommunication Standardization Advisory Group (TSAG) and the Standardization Committee for Vocabulary (SCV) for 2021-2024".**





2 to submit nominations for WTSA-20 (in various roles), which need to be communicated to TSB  
(Deadline - 16 August 2020)



- WTSA-20 Candidacies for Chairmen and Vice Chairmen received by the TSB Director are published by Member State and by TSAG/Study Group

- TSB updates this web page as new candidacies are received from Member States or Sector Members

## Candidates by Member States



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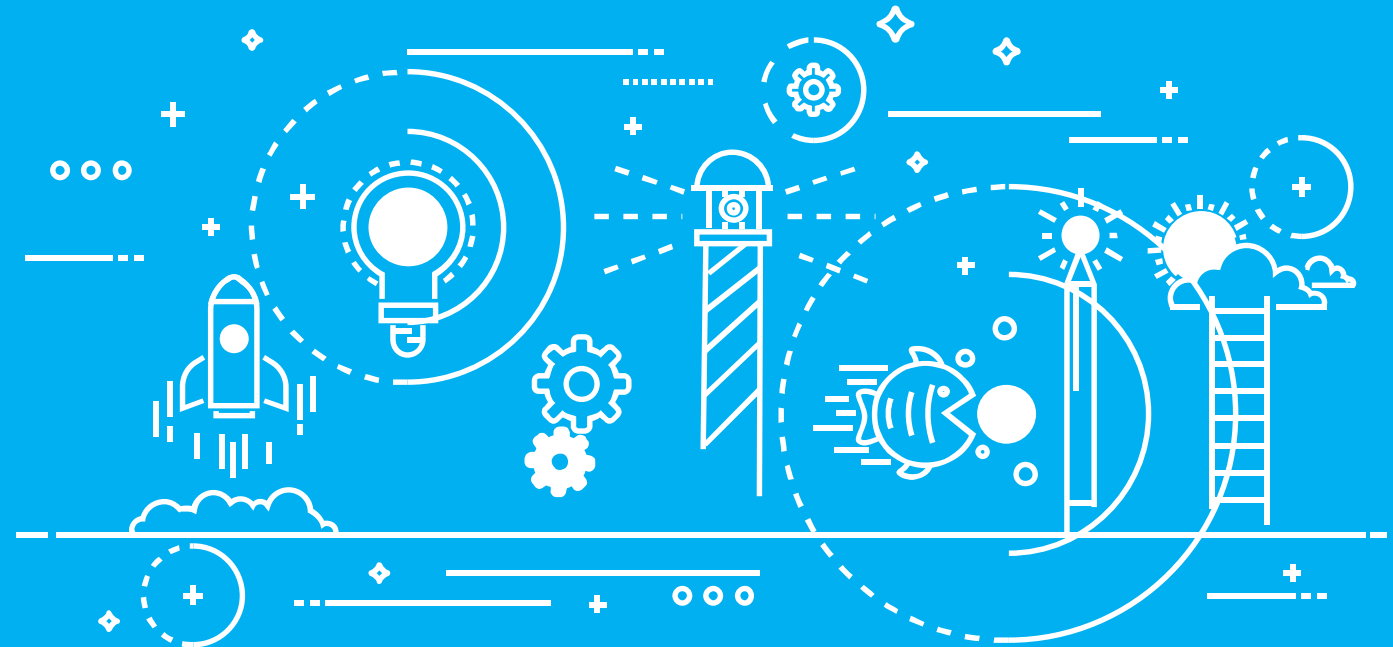
Country	Affiliation	Letters recommending candidates 	Candidates / CVs 	Proposed for
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		<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">João ZANON</a>	Vice-Chairman, SG11
<b>Canada</b>	Ericsson Canada	<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Glenn Wilson PARSONS</a>	Chairman, SG15
	BlackBerry	<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Gaëlle MARTIN-COCHER</a>	Vice-Chairman, TSAG
<b>Egypt</b>	National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA)	<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Ahmed SAID</a>	Chairman, SG3
		<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Ahmed EL-RAGHY</a>	Vice-Chairman, TSAG
		<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Hossam ABD EL MAOULA</a>	Vice-Chairman, SG2
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		<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Samir Gaber ABDEL-GAWAD</a>	Vice-Chairman, SG17
<b>Saudi Arabia</b>	Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC)	<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Abdurahman AL HASSAN</a>	Chairman, TSAG
<b>Zambia</b>	Zambia Information and Communications Technology Authority (ZICTA)	<a href="#">Letter</a>	<a href="#">Collins MBULO</a>	Vice-Chairman, SG12





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# Highlights from last TSAG meeting (February 2020)



# Restructuring ITU-T study groups (discussed within TSAG February 2020)

- Preparations for WTSA-20 continuing
  - The process was started for restructuring ITU-T study groups.
  - 13 contributions were discussed, which provided
  - Sent summary of TSAG restructuring proposals to ITU-T study groups and to regional organizations.
  - Inputs received from all ITU-T study groups on their proposed draft Question texts to WTSA-20.



# Review of WTSA Resolutions

- Continued the studies on **Principles and Guidelines for streamlining**.
- Considered Contributions on streamlining of WTSA Resolutions
  - So far on WTSA Resolutions 1, 18, 20, 22, 29, 35, 43, 45, 54, 67, 70, 72, 73, 75, 77, 90, 96, and 97.
  - One proposal for a new WTSA Resolution on *Industry engagement*.
- Facilitating the coordination and cooperation among regional focal points/coordinators for WTSA-20 texts.
- Sent liaison statements with the material to regional organizations and to ITU-T study groups.



# Working Methods

- Discussed contributions on modifications
  - to WTSA Resolution 1 “ITU-T Rules of Procedure”;
    - on change of the approval process announcement,
    - on definition of consensus,
    - on streamlining with WTSA Res.35.
  - to Recommendation ITU-T A.7 “Focus Groups”.
  - towards revision of Recommendation ITU-T A.1 “ITU-T working methods”.
- Approval of the revised *Rapporteur and Editor Manual*.



# Other TSAG results

- TSAG RG-CPTRG “Creation, Participation and Termination of Regional Groups” accomplished its tasks and was closed.
- RG-StdStrat
  - restructured the list of hot topics in the form of a manageable repository;
  - continued discussions on metrics/statistics, with three statistics TDs produced by TSB to aid in structure discussions, and on statistics about participation in meetings;
  - and continued discussions on AAB, and SDGs.
- RG-SC continued ITU inter-Sector coordination on matters of mutual interest.
- Discussions on remote participation during a crisis (ref. new Corona virus).



# Next TSAG meetings till September 2020

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- TSAG RG-WM interim e-meetings:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> e-meeting: Review of Recommendation ITU-T A.7.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> e-meeting: WTSA Resolution 1 review.
- TSAG RG-ResReview interim meetings:
  - e-meeting: 23 June 2020 (planned)
  - One e-meeting in August 2020.
- TSAG RG-WP interim meeting:
  - 5-7 August 2020 (virtual meeting –TBC)  
Objective is to progress the restructuring discussions.
- ITU-T inter-regional meeting for preparation of WTSA-20:  
18 – 19 September 2020  
[“Interregional meeting for preparation of WTSA-20”, TSB Circular 234](#)
- Next (6<sup>th</sup>) TSAG meeting:
  - 21 – 25 September 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland.





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**Thank you Com-ITU**

**Questions, Comments  
Feedback are welcome**

