

JCP and other SDOs – case: ITU

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# ITU – International Telecommunications Union

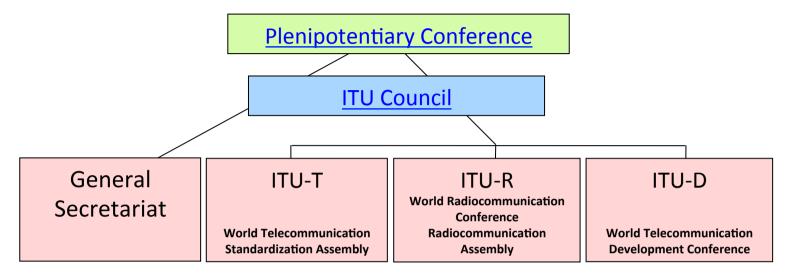


# What is ITU?





#### **ITU Structure**



- ITU-T: Telecommunication standardization on a world-wide basis on technical, operating and tariff Questions

  (The Secretariat of ITU-T (TSB) provides services to ITU-T Participants)
- ITU-R: Radio communications and wireless
- ITU-D: Use and deployment of telecom networks and services in developing and least developed countries
- **General Secretariat**: Coordinates the Union's activities and the overall management of the Union

#### **TSB**

Telecommunication Standardization Bureau

# **TOTVS**

#### ITU-T in a Nutshell

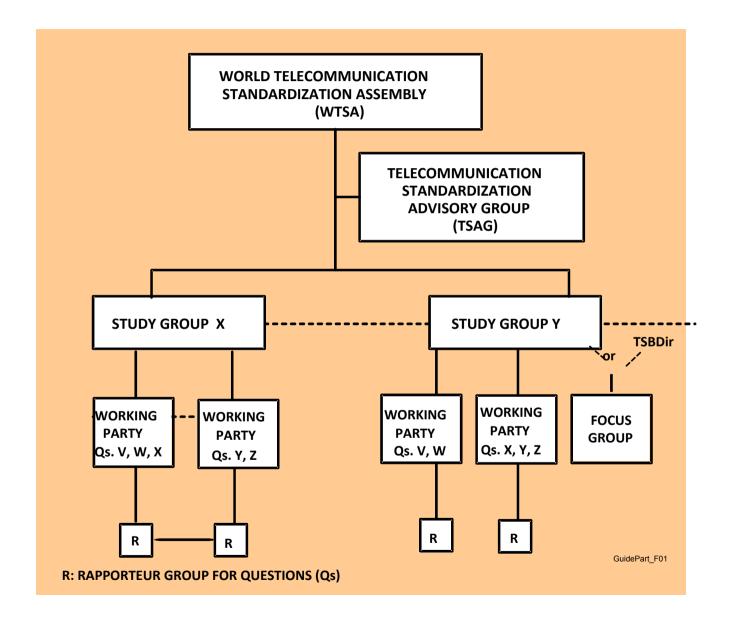
- Work (mostly) done in Study Groups (10 of them)
- ITU-T Product: Recommendations (= "standards")
  - Example: H.264 (Video), G.984 (GPON), Y.2012 (NGN)
- Unique partnership of private sector
   (Sector Members) & government (Member States)
  - Today, most of the work is done by private sector
    - Strong participation from Asia, esp. China and Japan
  - Remaining work related to regulatory impact
- Truly global
- Consensus decisions
- Very flexible
- Fast procedures, transparent procedures
- Brand name
- IPR Policy



# ITU-T Study Groups, WPs and FGs

WTSA
TSAG
Study
Groups

Focus Groups



# **ITU-T Focus Group Concept**

- Create forum-like entities as an "arms-length" organization under an ITU-T Study Group or TSAG
- Work on a well-defined topic, scheduled for completion at a specific time
- Goal: Encourage participation of non-members / members of other organizations (forums)
- Focus Group has lots of freedom to establish its own rules
  - Can keep own brand name and at the same time benefit from ITU's branding
  - Non-ITU members can participate
- Recent examples:
  - ICTs and Climate change (ICT & CC) Focus Group
  - From/In/To Cars communication II (CarCom) Focus Group
  - IPTV Focus Group (terminated 2008-01)
- More info: <a href="http://itu.int/ITU-T/focusgroups">http://itu.int/ITU-T/focusgroups</a>



# **ITU Patent Policy**

#### **Common Patent Policy**

#### Option

- 1) Free license to everybody
- 2) Paid for license granted on reasonable terms and conditions on a world-wide non-discriminatory basis (RAND)
- 3) Unwillingness to grant a license
- <u>Guidelines for Implementation of the Common Patent Policy for ITU-T/ITU-R/ISO/IEC http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/policy.aspx</u>
- Patent Statement and Licensing Declaration
   database
   http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/ipr/Pages/default.aspx



## **ITU** and other SDOs



Collaboration with other Organizations



## **Pre-Requisites**

- ITU's Constitution/Convention asks that ITU-T cooperate "with other world and regional intergovernmental organizations, and those non-governmental organizations concerned with telecommunications".
- ITU-T has a wealth of instruments in place to collaborate with others.



#### ITU Rec. A.4

# ITU-T Rec. A.4: "Communication process between ITU-T and Forums and Consortia"

- Goal: to facilitate documentation exchange
- Criteria: pretty straightforward and common sense
  - Evident ones: subject area should be of relevance to the work done in ITU-T.
  - Documents submitted to ITU-T should not contain proprietary information (no restriction for distribution)
  - Forum membership should not preclude ITU MS or SM.
  - Patent policy: must be consistent with ITU-T patent policy
- A formal communication process can initiated either by the forum or by ITU-T (e.g. Study Group or Director of TSB)
- Can be initiated at any time



#### ITU Rec. A.6

# ITU-T Rec. A.6: "Cooperation and exchange of information between ITU-T and national and regional standards development organizations"

- Similar in spirit to A.4
- Global Standards Collaboration (GSC)
  - Annual meetings of nine leading national and regional standards organizations and ITU



#### ITU Rec. A.5

# Reference to documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations

- Normative reference (Rec. A.5)
- The whole, or parts of a referenced document considered an integral part of the Recommendation
- The source of the normative reference should be Rec. A.4 or Rec. A.6 Qualified Organizations
- Normative referencing is usually limited to approved documents of the referenced organization.
- Need to submit justification for the specific reference using a Format given in Appendix I to Rec. A.5



## **JCP - ITU Recognition**

For ITU-T JCP is already in a state of Evaluation, at least on the scope of SG9.

See: http://www.itu.int/net/ITU-T/lists/qualified.aspx

In the case of JCP it should go into A.4 and (ideally) A.5 process.

A.4 is for Communication process between ITU-T and Forums and Consortia

A.5 is for Generic procedures for including references to documents of other organizations in ITU-T Recommendations

A.6 is for regional and national SDOs and does not apply to JCP.



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Examples of SDOs recognized under A.4 only:

3G Association, ETIS, GSM Association, IP Shpere Forum, IPV6 Forum, MMTA, MSF, Open IPTV Forum, SDL Forum, UPA, etc.

Examples of SDOs recognized under A.4 and A.5:

ATSC, AVS, Broadband Forum, DSL Forum, Home Gateway Initiative, IMTC, Japan Cable Labs, MEF, OASIS, Open Mobile Alliance (OMA), UNICODE, W3C, etc.



# **ITU Qualifying Criteria**

Most important in the table below (from Rec. A.4) is item 5 but items 1 to 8 also apply as general guidelines to be answered.

Forum/consortium attributes	Desired characteristics
1) Objectives/relationship of work to ITU-T work	Objectives should refer to use of International Standards/Recommendations, or to the provision of input into international standards organizations, especially ITU-T.
2) Organization:	
– legal status;	- should indicate in which country/countries it has legal
– geographic scope;	status;
	– should be global (i.e. should involve more than
	one
– secretariat;	region of the world);
– nominated representative.	permanent secretariat should exist;
•	should be willing to nominate a representative.



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3) Membership (openness)	<ul> <li>forums/consortia membership criteria should not preclude any party with material interest, especially ITU Member States and Sector Members;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>membership should comprise a significant representation of telecommunications interests.</li> </ul>
4) Technical subject areas	- Should be relevant to a particular study group(s) or ITU-T as a whole.
5) IPR Policy:	
– patent;	- should be consistent with ITU-T Patent policy;
<ul><li>software copyright;</li></ul>	<ul><li>– should be consistent with ITU-T Software copyright Policy;</li></ul>
– copyright;	<ul> <li>ITU and ITU Member States and Sector</li> <li>Members should have right to copy for</li> <li>standardization related purposes (see also Rec.</li> <li>ITU-T A.1 with regard to copying and distribution).</li> </ul>
– trademark.	



# **ITU Qualifying Criteria**

6) Working methods/processes	– should be well-documented;
	– should be open and fair;
	<ul><li>should support competition;</li></ul>
	<ul> <li>should explicitly consider anti-trust issues.</li> </ul>
7) Outputs	– outputs available to ITU-T should be identified;
	<ul> <li>process for ITU-T to obtain outputs should be</li> </ul>
	identified.
8) Documents submitted to ITU-T	<ul> <li>should contain no proprietary information (no distribution restriction);</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>should indicate source within the forum/</li> <li>consortium (e.g. committee, subcommittee, etc.);</li> </ul>
	- should indicate degree of stability of the
	document (e.g. preliminary, mature, stable,
	proposed date of adoption, etc.);
	<ul> <li>should indicate degree of approval of document</li> </ul>
	(i.e. per cent of total forum membership involved
	and per cent of total forum membership that
	approved the document).



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