



Scope of Work and Structure of the APT Preparatory Group for World Conference for International Telecommunications

1. Introduction

The 34th Session of the Management Committee of the APT approved APT to hold meetings in preparation for the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications that will be held in Geneva during November 2012 following the WTSA.

The First APT Preparatory Meeting for WCIT-12 was held on 27 May 2011 immediately following the 19th ASTAP and the 1st Preparatory Meeting for WTSA-12. The meeting adopted the following Scope of Work and Structure of the APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12.

2. Scope of work of the APT Prep Group for WCIT-12

The objective of the APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12 (Prep-WCIT12) is to prepare coordinated regional input to the WCIT-12 and to the CWG-WCIT12, as appropriate, to protect regional interest in revising the ITR and in the major issues as discussed and decided in the WCIT-12.

In this regard the Group will review the existing International Telecommunication Regulation (ITR) and the Resolutions, Recommendations and Opinions of the 1988 World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference (WATTC-88). The Group will also study all relevant work and outputs that have been or are being developed in ITU and other regional telecommunication organizations.

In formulating regional input to the WCIT-12, the group will take into consideration the ongoing work by the CWG-WCIT12 and will review the proposals and outcome of the discussions in formulating regional position on issues that will be the subject of the APT Common Proposals to the WCIT-12. The Group may also take into consideration other important issues for the Asia-Pacific regional which are not covered in the discussions of CWG-WCIT12 but are relevant to be included in the ITR or in a resolution, recommendation or opinion of the WCIT-12.

Considering that the Preparatory process of the ITU constitutes of the CWG-WCIT12 (as per Resolution 171), it is important that the APT Preparatory group provides regular input to the CWG-WCIT12 meetings to reasonably reflected Asia-Pacific view in the report of the CWG-WCIT12 and any proposed revision of the ITR to the WCIT-12.

The Group may also contribute, as appropriate, to any regional preparatory meetings that ITU or Regional Telecom Organizations may hold to discuss the substance of the WCIT-12.

The regional input may consist of the following areas;

- Proposals to revise the existing ITRs, including proposals for suppression of provisions and/or abrogation as appropriate.

- Proposals for inclusion of any new and emerging issues in the ITR
- Proposal to retain, modify, abrogate WATTC-88 Resolutions, Recommendations, and Opinion
- Proposal on the Structure of WCIT-12 and possible nomination of Office Bearers from the Asia-Pacific region

The Group will prepare timely progressive and final report for consideration by the APT Preparatory meeting at least 7 days prior to the subsequent APT Preparatory meeting on WCIT in order for Member States to prepare themselves for these meetings.

3. Structure of the APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12

The APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12 will consist of the Plenary and 3 Correspondence Groups. The Preparatory Group will be headed by a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman (if necessary) and supported by Rapporteurs and Assistant Rapporteurs of the Correspondence Groups.

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The Preparatory Group will decide its detailed scope of work and working methods giving due consideration to the objectives of the group and in line with the normal practices and rules of the APT. The Terms of Reference of the Correspondence Groups are summarized in the following table.

	Terms of Reference
Correspondence Group 1 Charges, accounting and roaming related issues in ITR	<p>CG1 will review issues related to charges, accounting and roaming issues. In this regard the group will work on Article 6 and Appendices of the ITR.</p> <p>Article 2 - Definitions – (definitions related to charges and accounting)</p> <p>Article 6 – Charging and Accounting</p> <p>APPENDIX 1 - General Provisions Concerning Accounting</p> <p>APPENDIX 2 - Additional Provisions Relating to Maritime Telecommunications</p> <p>APPENDIX 3 - Service and Privilege Telecommunications</p> <p>The group will also consider any other issues on the subjects of charging, accounting and roaming that is that is of the interest of the Asia-Pacific region and that needs to be included in the revised ITR.</p>

<p>Correspondence Group 2 Dealing with all regulatory, procedural and legal issues and any issues in the ITR not covered under CG1</p>	<p>CG2 will review following Articles of ITR. Preamble Article 1 - Purpose and Scope of the Regulations Article 2 – Definitions Article 3 - International Network Article 4 – International Telecommunication Services Article 5 – Safety of Life and Priority of Telecommunications Article 7 – Suspension of Services Article 8 – Dissemination of Information Article 9 – Special Arrangements Article 10 – Final Provisions The group will also consider any other issues that are of the interest of the Asia-Pacific region and that needs to be included in the revised ITR.</p>
<p>Correspondence Group 3 Resolutions, Recommendations and Opinion of WATTC-88</p>	<p>CG3 will review resolutions, Recommendations and Opinion of WATTC-88 and the need or otherwise for the New Resolutions and /or Recommendations. The group will also consider any other issues that are of the interest of the Asia-Pacific region.</p>

4. Schedule of Meetings

Four Preparatory Meetings for the WCIT-12 will be held (Two meetings in 2011 and two meetings in 2012).

1st Preparatory Meeting for WCIT-12 27 May 2011, Bangkok (Half day)

Will agree on the structure of the APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12, and elect office bearers. Work of the Prep Group will start immediately by correspondence.

2nd Preparatory Meeting for WCIT-12 [Oct 2011, Philippines] (One or two days)

Will receive contribution from Members. Review discussions and outcome of the 5th Meeting of the CWG-WCIT12 (27-30 Sept 2011) and prepare preliminary views. The outcome might be fed into CWG-WCIT12 (27-29 Feb 2012)

3rd Preparatory Meeting for WCIT-12 [March 2012] (Three days)

Will receive contribution from Members. Review discussions and outcome of the 6th Meeting of the CWG-WCIT12 (27-29 February 2012) and prepare Preliminary APT Common Proposals and any input required for the 7th Meeting of the CWG-WCIT12 (23-25 April 2012) and final meeting of the CWG-WCIT12 (20-22 June 2012). This meeting will be held in collaboration with ITU (instead of a separate ITU Regional Preparatory Meeting for ASP).

4th Preparatory Meeting for WCIT-12 [July 2012] (Three days)

Will discuss APT positions towards the proposals of other regions and prepare final set of Preliminary APT Common Proposals to WCIT-12. It will also discuss and agree on the coordination arrangements during WCIT-12.

5. Participation

APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12 is open to all APT Members, Associate Members and Affiliate Members of APT. It also invites eligible non-member countries of APT which are ITU Member States.

6. Input contribution

Input contribution can be sent by any APT Members and Associate Members of APT. An Affiliate Member can send a contribution to the Group provided that such contribution is endorsed by the Member administration of the members state in which Affiliate Member represent.

All other input document will be treated as information document.

7. Output

The output of the APT Preparatory Group for WCIT-12 can be the following type of documents.

1. Preliminary APT Common Proposal (PACP)
2. APT Common View
3. APT Common Position

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