Structure of the
APT Preparatory Group for 2012 World Telecommunication Standardization
Assembly

1. Introduction

The 34th Session of the Management Committee of the APT approved APT to hold meetings in preparation for the 2012 World Telecommunications Standardization Assembly that will be held in Geneva during November 2012.

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

2. Structure of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-12

The APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-12 will consist of the Plenary and 4 Correspondence Groups. The Preparatory Group will be headed by a Chairman supported by Four Vice-Chairmen. The Correspondence Groups will be headed by a Rapporteur and supported by Assistant Rapporteurs.

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.

	Scope of Work
Correspondence Group 1	ITU-T Working Methods
Correspondence Group 2	Strategic Standardization Issues and ITU-T Study Group Structure
Correspondence Group 3	Issues for Developing Countries
Correspondence Group 4	Regulatory/Policy, Global Standards Symposium and Other Issues

3. Time Frame for the Preparatory Work for WTSA-12

Four Preparatory Meetings for the WTSA-12 will be held (Two meetings in 2011 and two meetings in 2012). Proposed time frame for WTSA-12 Preparation is given below.

APT Activity	Date	ITU-T
First Regional Preparatory Meeting (setting up CGs Structure)	**27 May 2011**	
Nomination of CGs Rapporteurs	26 June 2011	
Distribution of Issue Papers for comment	26 July 2011	
Comments on Input Papers	26 August 2011	
ASTAP-19	24-27 October 2011	
Second Regional Preparatory Meeting	**28 October 2011**	
Development of 2nd version of Issue Papers	28 December 2011	
	January 2012	*TSAG*
Comments on Input Papers	28 February 2012	
ASTAP-20	March 2012	
Third Regional Preparatory Meeting	**March 2012**	
Development of APT Common Proposals to ITU-T (TSAG)	30 April 2012	
	July 2012	*TSAG*
Fourth Regional Preparatory Meeting	**August 2012**	
Finalization of ACP/AJP	Late August 2012	
Submission of APT Common/Joint Proposals	September 2012	*(2 months before WTSA-12)*
	November 2012	*WTSA-12*

4. Participation

APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-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.

5. 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.

6. Output

The output of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-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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