

Vision for IMT-systems in the year 2030 and beyond

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Content

UN - the specialised organisation ITU and its responsibilities

Working method / organisation of ITU-R

IMT-Family and naming conventions

IMT-Process (for “IMT for 2030 and beyond”)

Glimpse into draft “Technology Trends” and “IMT-Vision”

International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is the United Nations **specialized agency for information and communication technologies – ICTs**.

- **One of 15** special organizations which are legally and organizationally independent, but part of “UN-family”
- **Founded in 1865** to facilitate international connectivity in communications networks,

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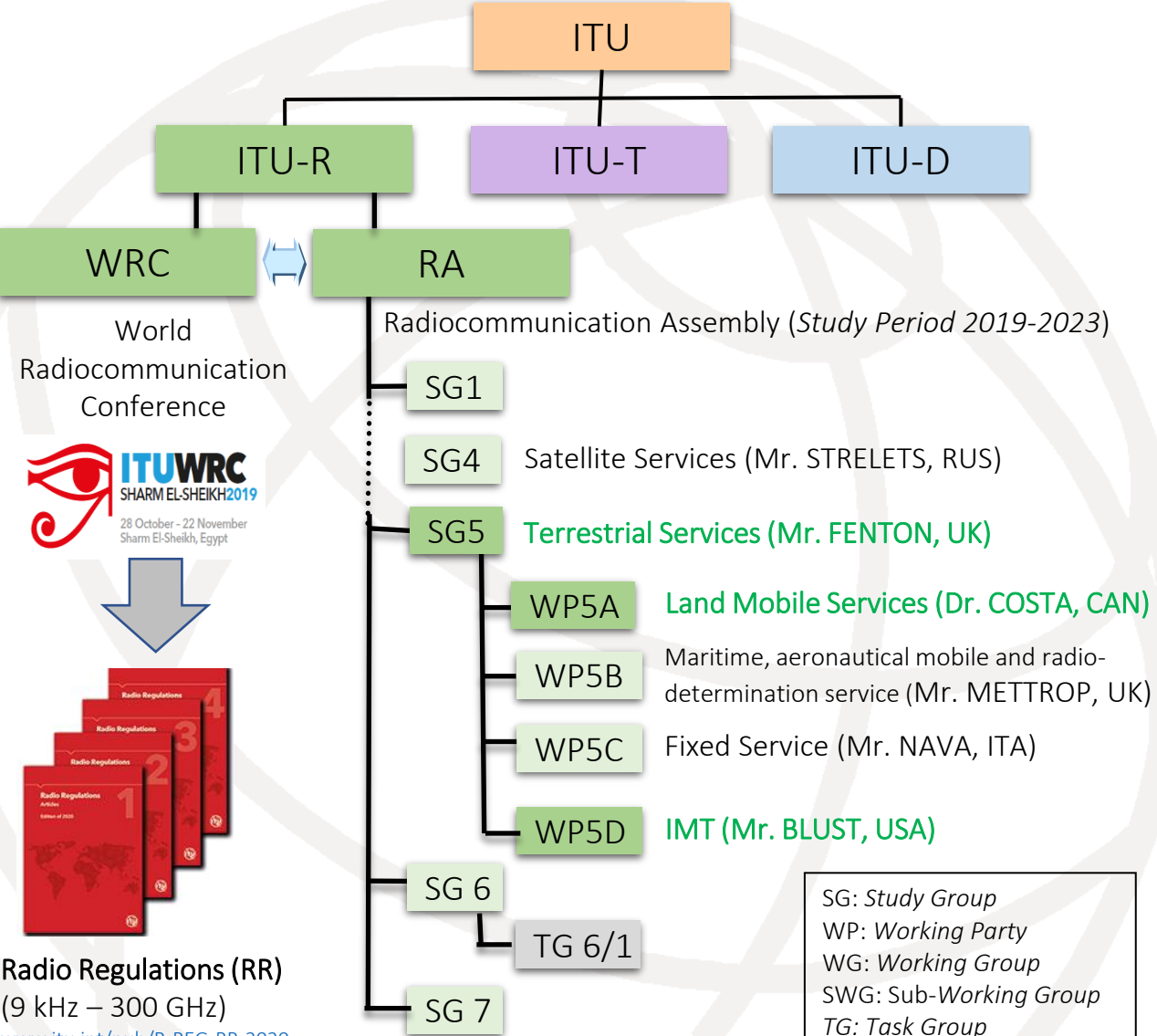
FAO	ICAO	IFAD	ILO
IMO	ITU	IWF	UNESCO
UNIDO	UNWTO	UPU	Weltbank-Gruppe
WHO	WIPO	WMO	

We are responsible to

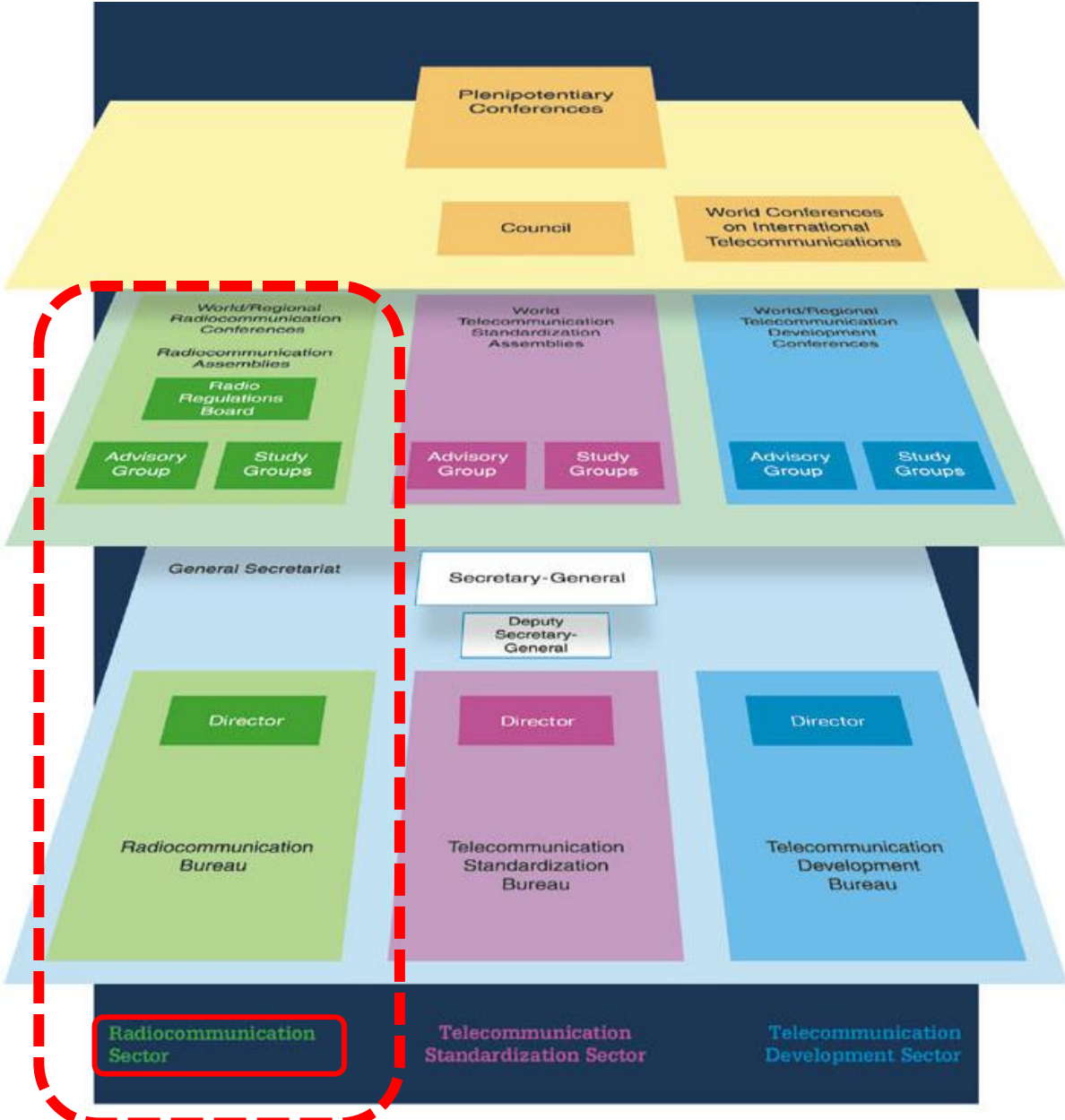
- **allocate global radio spectrum** for wireless services (terrestrial, maritime and aeronautical),
- **coordinate the world’s satellites** through the management of spectrum and orbits,
- **develop the technical standards** that ensure networks and technologies seamlessly interconnect, and strive to improve access to ICTs to **underserved communities worldwide**,
- helps support communications in the wake of **disasters and emergencies**.



Overall structure of the ITU



SG: Study Group
 WP: Working Party
 WG: Working Group
 SWG: Sub-Working Group
 TG: Task Group

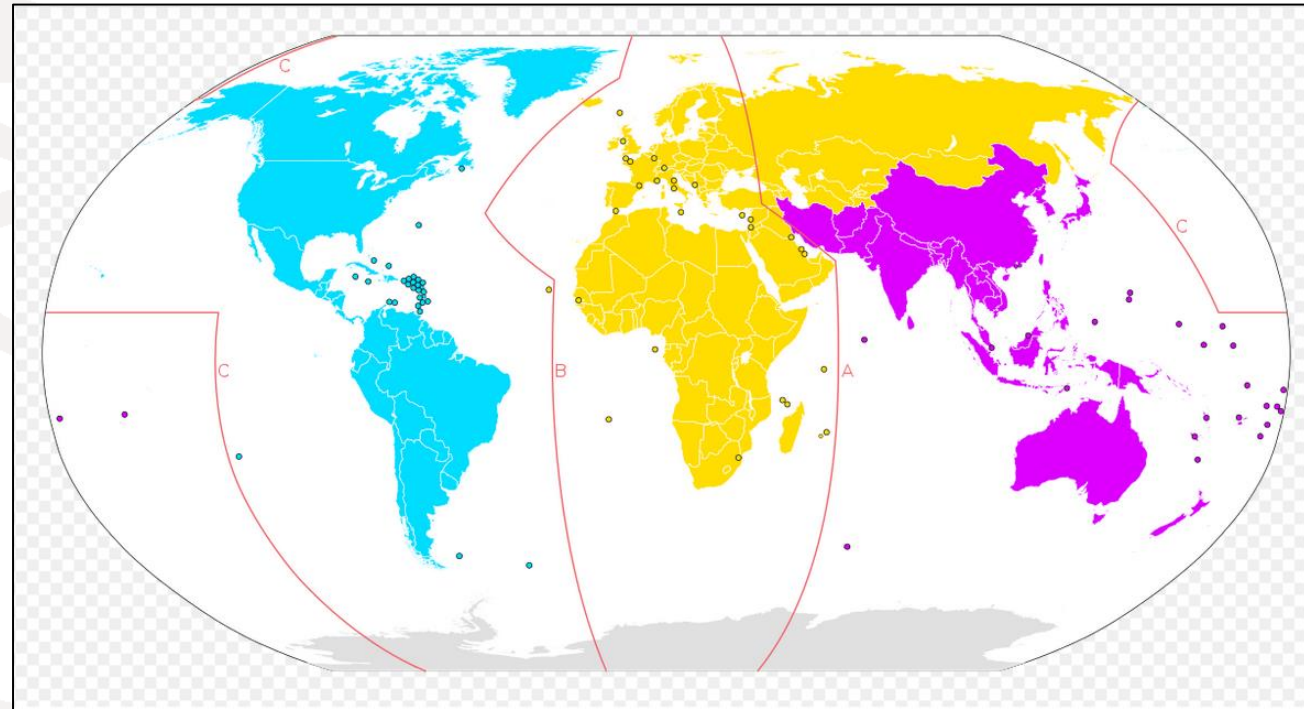


Radio Regulations (RR)
 (9 kHz – 300 GHz)
www.itu.int/pub/R-REG-RR-2020

Application of ITU Radio Regulations in 3 Regions

ITU-Regions

- Region 1
Europe, Africa, Russia
- Region 2
Americas
- Region 3
Asia-Pacific



Regional Groups

- CEPT (Region 1) Conference Européen de Poste et Telecommunications
- ASMG (Region 1) Arab Spectrum Management Group
- ATU (Region 1) African Telecommunication Union
- RRC (Region 1 & 3) Regional Commonwealth in the Field of Communications
- APG (Region 3) APT (Asia Pacific Telecommunications) Conference Preparatory Group
- CITEL (Region 2) Inter-American Telecommunication Commission



Regional Commonwealth
in the Field of
Communications (RCC)



Inter-American
Telecommunication
Commission (CITEL)



European Conference of Postal
and Telecommunications
Administrations (CEPT)



African
Telecommunications Union
(ATU)



Arab Spectrum
Management Group
(ASMG)



Asia-Pacific
Telecommunity (APT)



IMT-Family and naming conventions

International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT)

Name

IMT-2000

IMT-Advanced

IMT-2020

Systems beyond IMT-2020

Rec.

ITU-R M.1457-15

ITU-R M.2012-4

ITU-R M.2150

Radio Interface Techn.

- IMT-2000 CDMA DS
- IMT-2000 CDMA MC
- IMT-2000 CDMA TDD
- IMT-2000 TDMA SC
- IMT-2000 FDMA/TDMA
- IMT 2000 OFDMA TDD
- WirelessMAN

- LTE-Advanced
- WirelessMAN-Advanced

- 3GPP 5G-SRIT
- 3GPP 5G-RIT
- 5Gi

As of today, 10. Nov. 2021

Year

05/2000 – 10/2020

02/2014 – 11/2019

02/2021

2030 ?

Market name

3G

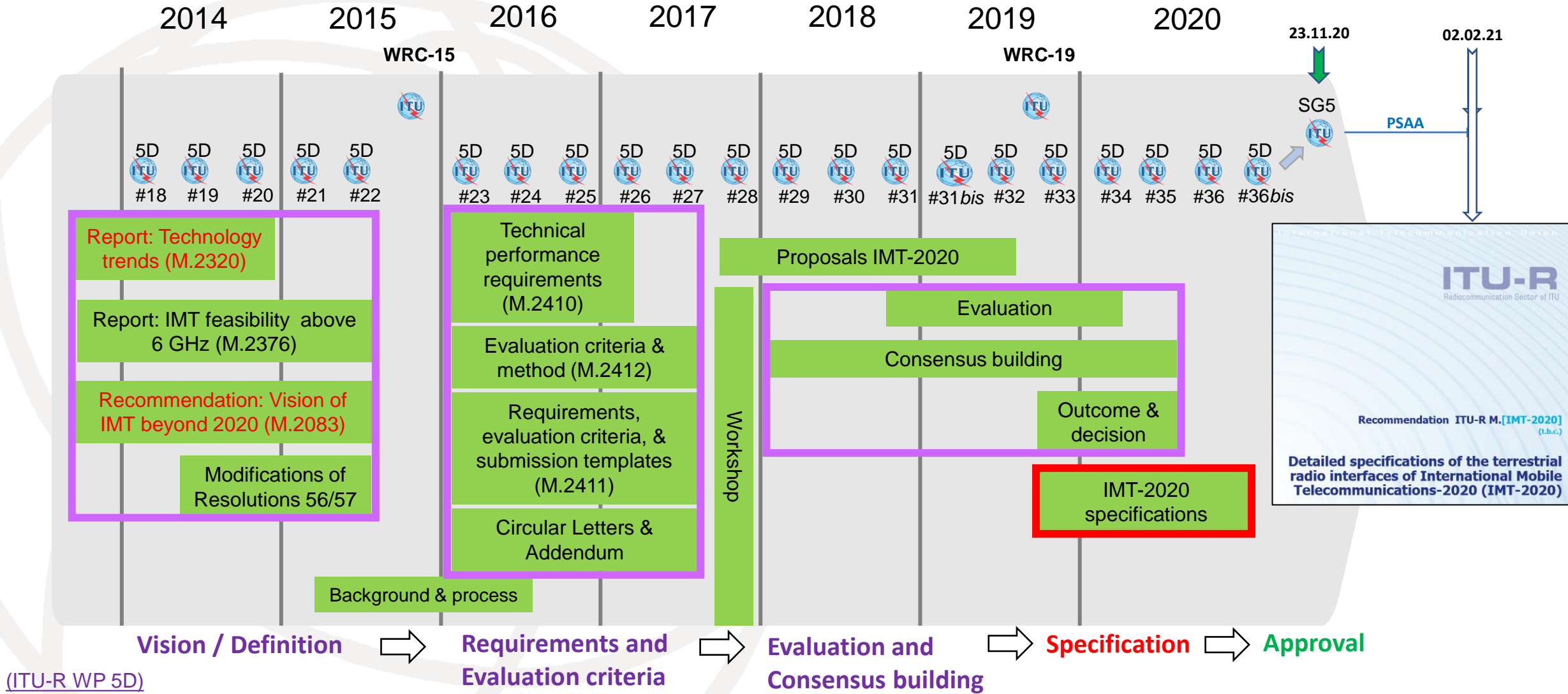
4G

5G

6G ?

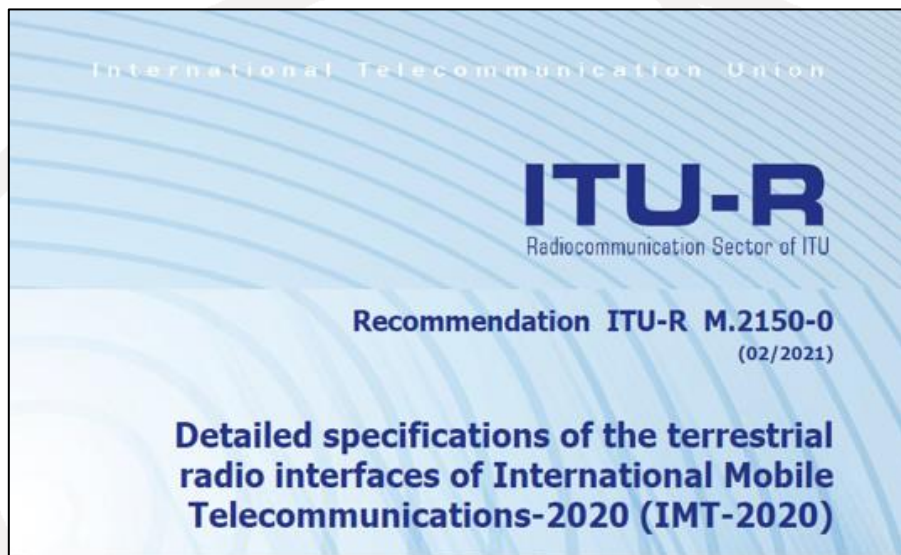


IMT-Process: Timeline for IMT-2020



Note: Meeting #36bis was a focused meeting (technology) for finalization of Step 8 of the IMT-2020 process and completing draft new Recommendation ITU-R M.[IMT-2020.SPECS]

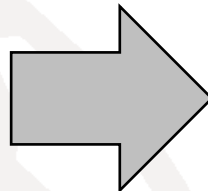
IMT-2020 Radio Interfaces (ITU-R M.2150)



<https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2150/en>

Scope

- identifies and provides the detailed specifications of the radio interfaces for the terr. component of IMT-2020,
- detailed features and parameters of IMT-2020,
- IMT-2020 enables worldwide compatibility, int. roaming, and access to the services under diverse usage scenarios (eMBB, mMTC, URLLC).



Initial release includes 3 standards:

- 3GPP 5G-SRIT ¹
- 3GPP 5G-RIT ²
- 5Gi

¹ Developed as "5G, Release 15 and beyond - LTE+NR SRIT" (5G-NSA)

² Developed as "5G, Release 15 and beyond - NR RIT" (5G-SA)

Two further IMT-2020 candidate technology proposals have undergone additional evaluation (2021) – in the final assessment, one technology has passed all requirements

Next release (Q1/2022) is expected to include:

- DECT 5G-SRIT

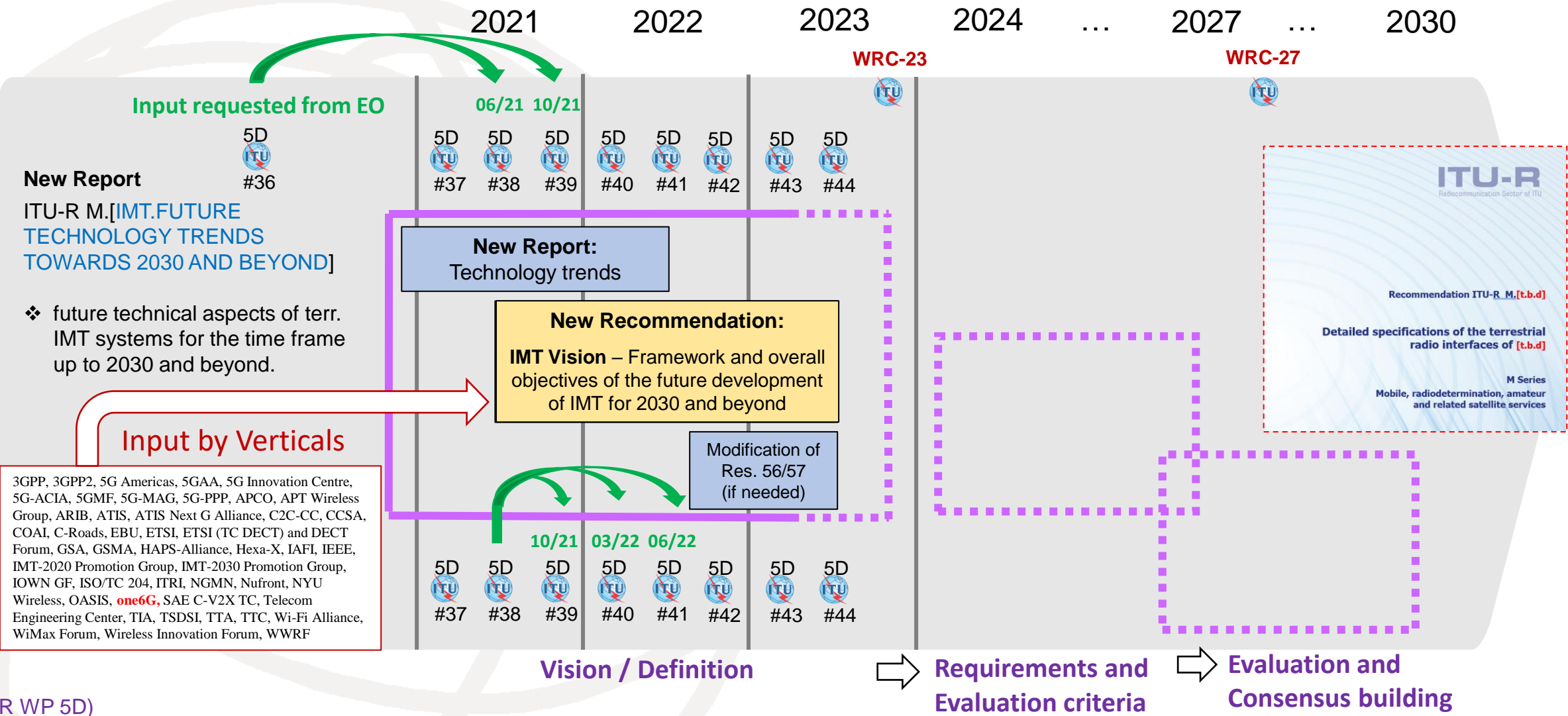
Developed by ETSI

The final assessment not yet passed:

- EUHT-5G by Nufront



IMT-Process: for “systems beyond IMT-2020”



(ITU-R WP 5D)

Draft New Report - Driving Factors

The contents of the **Technology Trends report** is still under discussion, but we are seeing some very interesting contributions for future technologies

- Current **driving factors in the design of IMT Technology**:
 - Peak Data Rate, Guaranteed Data Rate,
 - Latency, Jitter,
 - Sensing resolution and accuracy,
 - Connection density, Energy efficiency,
 - Coverage, Mobility,
 - Spectrum utilization, controllable radio environment,
 - User-centric networking,
 - Native artificial intelligence (AI)

Note: this is draft information and is subject to addition/change/modification

Current draft contents

- Technologies to **enhance the radio interface**
 - Advanced modulation, coding and multiple access schemes
 - E-MIMO (extreme-MIMO)
 - Co-frequency Co-time Full Duplex (CCFD) communications
 - Multiple physical dimension transmission incl. Reconfigurable Intelligent Surface (RIS)
 - Terahertz (THz) communications
 - Visible light communication
 - Ambient Backscatter Communication (AmBC)
- Technologies to **enhance radio network performance and precision**
 - **New architecture to support new operation and business models**
 - **Technologies to support resilient and soft network and guaranteed QoS**
 - Technologies to support Digital Twin Networking (DTN)
 - **Technologies to support the convergence of communication and computing enabling intelligent network and services**
 - Technologies to support the integration of terrestrial and non-terrestrial networks
 - Technologies to support native security

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Current draft contents (cont.)

- Technologies for native **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** based communication
 - Network for AI
 - AI-assisted new air interface (AI-AI)
 - Ethics and its supervision for wireless AI
- Technologies to enhance service coverage
- Technologies to enhance privacy and security
- Technologies for integrated sensing and communication
- Technologies for integrated terrestrial and non-terrestrial communications
- Technologies for integrated access and super sidelink communications
- Technologies to enhance adaptability and sustainability
- Technologies for efficient spectrum utilization
- Terminal technologies
- [Technologies to support a wide range of new use cases and applications] Note: This section may be moved to the new "VISION" document

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New Vision for “IMT for 2030 and beyond”

- ITU-R WP 5D has sent out the inviting CL to External Organisations (~50)
 - “*Systems beyond IMT-2020*” → “*IMT for 2030 and beyond*”
- Input can be provided until WP 5D meeting #41 (06/2022) latest

IMT Vision – Framework and overall objectives of the future development of IMT for 2030 and beyond

- Current (draft) contents
 - **Trends** of IMT for 2030 and beyond
 - User and application trends
 - Technology trends
 - Studies and technical feasibility of IMT in bands above 100 GHz
 - Spectrum implications
 - **Evolution and role** of IMT for 2030 and beyond
 - **Usage scenarios** for IMT for 2030 and beyond
 - **Capabilities** of IMT for 2030 and beyond
 - **Timelines**

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Summary / How to contribute?

The work of ITU-R has two main aspects during the period between WRC's

1. to study spectrum related topics and regulatory procedures that will be submitted to WRC for possible inclusion into Radio Regulations → **global regulation**
2. to update existing technologies and studying new ones to thrive the technology development → **harmonised technologies**

For the next IMT-generation (“IMT for 2030 and beyond”)

- The **Future Technology Trends report** does drive specification work
- The **new “Vision”** will describe the overall objectives incl. use cases

It is important to receive according contributions from external organisations and in return, they can participate in ongoing discussions within ITU-R.

The future is bright – share your ideas with ITU-R and be part of the IMT-spearhead



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Helpful links

More about ITU

<https://www.itu.int/en/about/Pages/default.aspx>

Beyond 5G: What's next for IMT?



<https://www.itu.int/en/myitu/News/2021/02/02/09/20/Beyond-5G-IMT-2020-update-new-Recommendation>

More about IMT-2020

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/rwp5d/imt-2020/Pages/default.aspx>

Details about IMT-2020 submission & evaluation

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/rwp5d/imt-2020/Pages/submission-eval.aspx>

Recommendation ITU-R M.2150

<https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-M.2150/en>

ITU-R WP 5D is responsible for IMT



<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/rsg5/rwp5a/Pages/default.aspx>

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