



# **Caribbean Telecommunications Union**

## **10<sup>th</sup> Caribbean ICT Regulators Forum**

**ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group of the Americas (ITU-T  
SG2RG-AMR)**

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# International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

## Who are we?:

- ITU is the UN specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs), it is a meeting place for 194 Member States and over 1,000 other member organizations to collaborate to connect the world.

## What is ITU's role?:

- The ITU enables global connectivity by managing radio spectrum, setting technical standards, and expanding digital access, especially in underserved areas, through international collaboration.

## Why does this matter?:

- ITU is working with its partners towards universal connectivity and sustainable digital transformation.





# Value proposition of ITU

ITU offers:

- **Unique forum** for governments/regulators, private sector and academia.
- **Impartial, open standards** agreed through **consensus**, within clear **IPR policies**.
- **Coordination** of gaps/overlaps with other standards development organizations.
- **Badge of quality** and trust conferred by ITU's **United Nations status**.

It does this using:

- **Efficient processes** designed to meet the **needs of industry, on a timely basis**.
- Advanced **remote participation** tools to save travel costs and impact.
- **Efficient and accessible facilities** for face-to-face and virtual meetings.
- **Multilingual** Secretariat staff across 12 offices **worldwide**.





# Sectors of ITU

The ITU **Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T)** is a platform for governments and the private sector to coordinate development of the telecommunication networks and services that connect the world. It does this by enabling technical, policy and regulatory frameworks to boost ICT development.

ITU-T complements the other Sectors to achieve ITU's strategic goals:

- **Radiocommunication (ITU-R):**  
coordinates global use of radio spectrum and geostationary satellite orbits.
- **Development (ITU-D):**  
works to improve the telecommunication infrastructure in the developing world.
- **General Secretariat:**  
high-quality and efficient services to ITU Members.





# Vision: Committed to Connecting the World

ITU-T is driven to remain the pre-eminent worldwide telecommunication standards body:

- Developing interoperable, non-discriminatory **international standards**.
- **Bridging the Standardization Gap** between developed and developing countries (WTSA Res.44, Rev. New Delhi, 2024).
- Allocating and managing **International Numbering Resources**.
- Fostering **knowledge-sharing** about ITU-T's standardization activities.
- Facilitating **international, regional and national cooperation**.





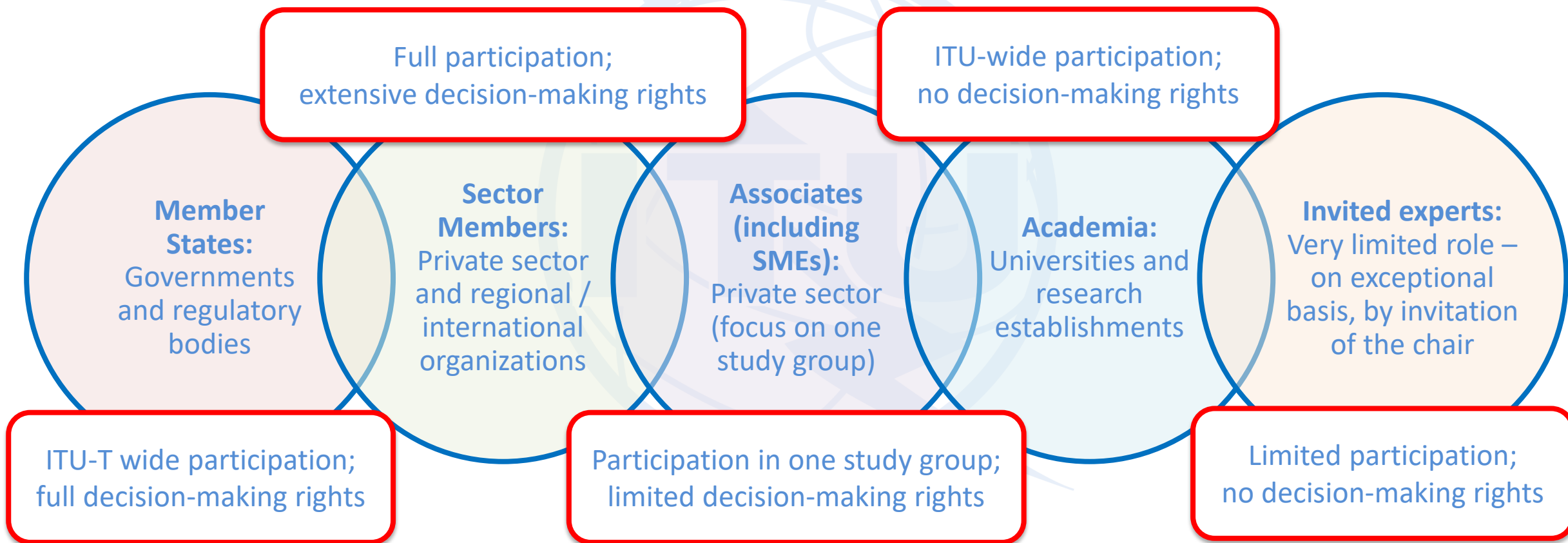
# Importance of global standards

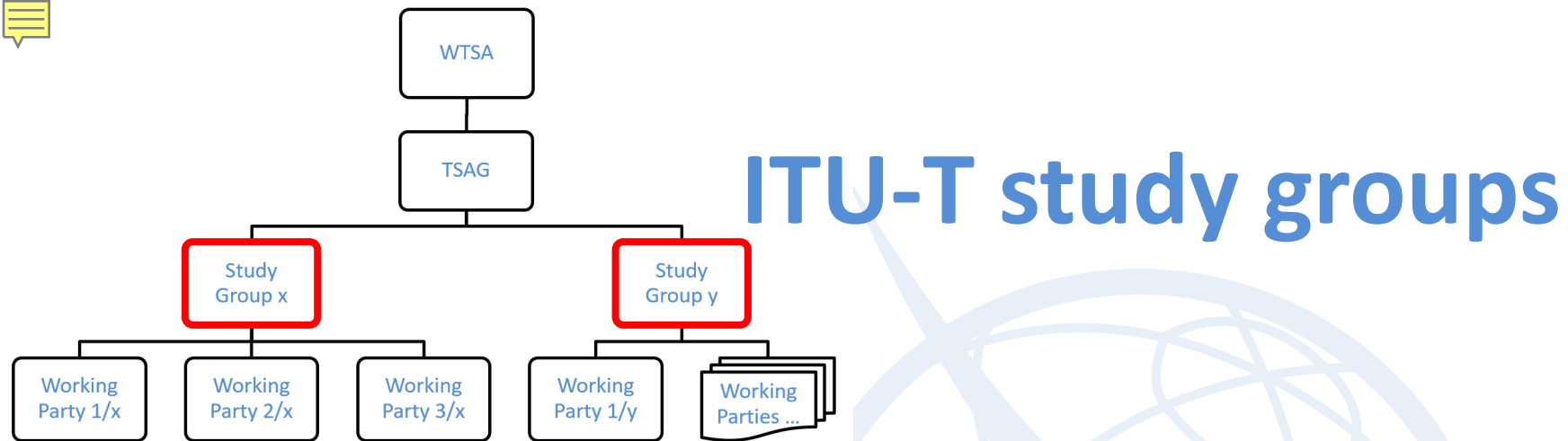
Manufacturers, network operators and consumers all benefit:

- International communication.
- Technical Barriers to Trade (WTO TBT).
- Interworking and interoperability, and economy of scale.
- Competitiveness and...
- ...Collaboration, efficiency and innovation.
- Lower prices and increased availability.



# Membership





# ITU-T study groups

Each study group has its own:

- Area of responsibility; leadership team; Work Programme.
- Authority to initiate, develop and propose approval of deliverables.

The study group mandate is:

- Defined by WTSA, normally every four years (WTSA Resolution 2).
- Implemented via “Questions” (specific work projects).
- May be refined during the “study period” between WTSAAs.

ITU-T’s work is continuous, dissociated from WTSA.







# Study group 2

## Operational aspects of telecommunications and ICTs, which includes:

- International Numbering, Naming, Addressing and Identification standards
- International numbering resources database
- Management of telecom services, networks and equipment
- Recently, Study Group 2 has started looking into the use of AI for the various aspects of network management
- leads ITU's work on standards in support of telecommunications for disaster relief/early warning, network resilience and recovery



# Study group 2 work programme 2025 - 2028

Includes:

- International numbering, naming, addressing and identification:
  - International country code assignment to satellite providers
  - ENUM
  - Misuse of numbering resources
  - Number portability
- Definition of OTT – joint working group with study group 3.
- Artificial Intelligence is telecommunication operations and management.
- Telecommunications for disaster relief/early warning, network resilience and recovery



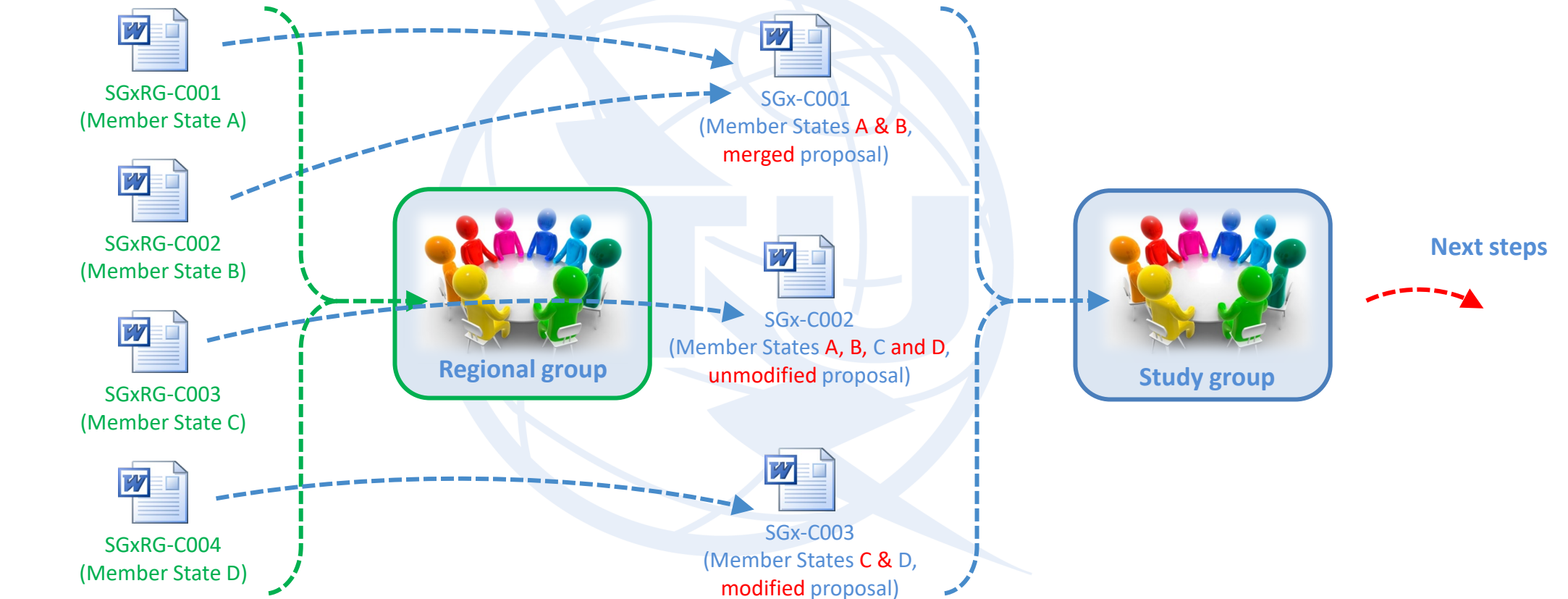


# Regional groups

- WTSA Resolution 54 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024) supports the creation of regional groups of the study groups.
- Regional groups **encourage participation**, particularly among **developing countries**, focusing on **regional issues**.
- Regional group meetings foster discussion, consensus-building and collaboration, e.g., **joint Contributions to parent study group meetings**.
- Unlike study groups, regional groups are not linked to a specific study period, their mandate and leadership team continue until a decision is made to change.



# Contribution flow: Regional group to study group



1) Regional group  
Contributions (individual)

2) Regional group  
Discussions/Ad hocs

3) Plans to modify &  
co-sign Contributions

4) Study group  
Contributions (so-signed)

5) Study group  
Discussions

# Current regional groups



**Africa Region**



**Americas Region**



**Arab Region**



**Asia & Pacific  
region**



**EECAT Region**

SG2RG-AFR

SG3RG-AFR

SG5RG-AFR

SG11RG-AFR

SG12RG-AFR

SG13RG-AFR

SG17RG-AFR

SG20RG-AFR

SG2RG-AMR

SG3RG-AMR

SG5RG-AMR

SG12RG-AMR

SG20RG-AMR

SG2RG-ARB

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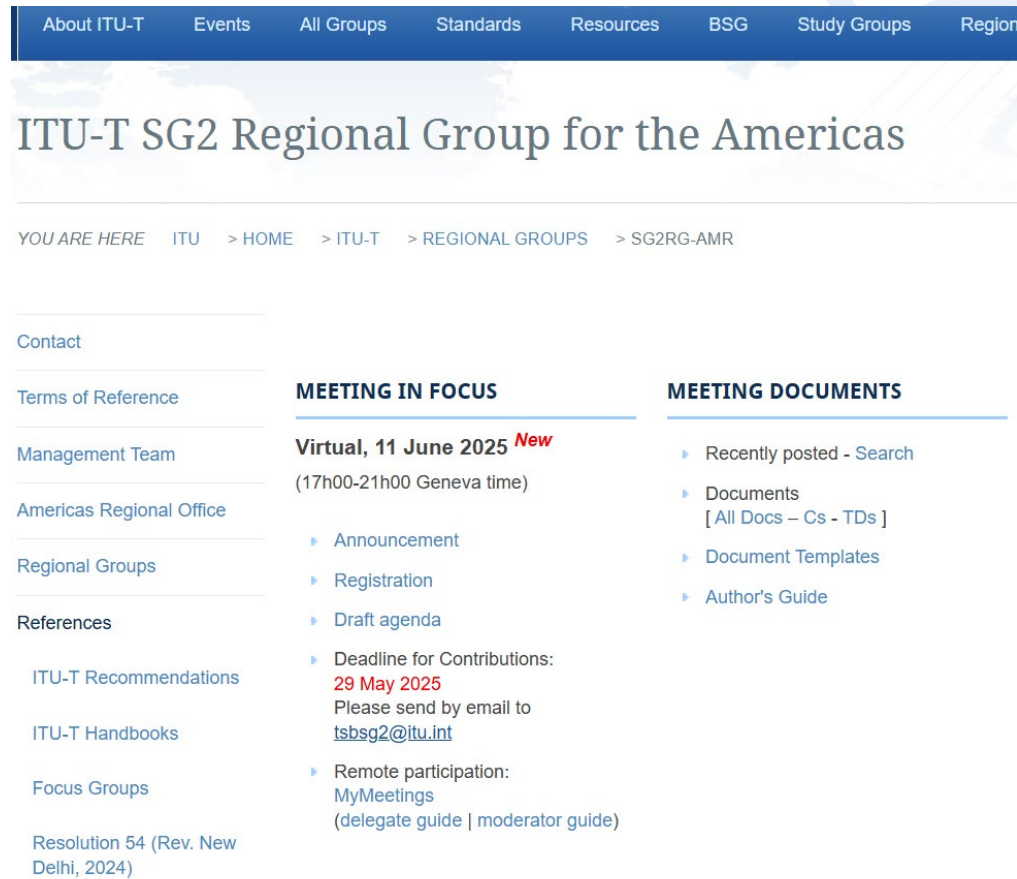


# Regional groups and Contributions

Regional group meetings give an opportunity for experts to:

- Identify common regional interests.
- Provide feedback and quality improvements on regional Contributions.
- Consolidate similar ideas and feedback into outputs.
- Increase visibility of Contributions within the region.
- Build and reflect the level of support by co-signing output Contributions.  
(High quality, co-signed and well supported Contributions are stronger!)

# Study Group 2 Regional Group of the Americas



The screenshot shows the ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Americas website. The top navigation bar includes links for About ITU-T, Events, All Groups, Standards, Resources, BSG, Study Groups, and Region. The main heading is "ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Americas". Below this is a breadcrumb trail: "YOU ARE HERE ITU > HOME > ITU-T > REGIONAL GROUPS > SG2RG-AMR". On the left is a sidebar with links: Contact, Terms of Reference, Management Team, Americas Regional Office, Regional Groups, References, ITU-T Recommendations, ITU-T Handbooks, Focus Groups, and Resolution 54 (Rev. New Delhi, 2024). The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "MEETING IN FOCUS" and contains information about a virtual meeting on 11 June 2025, marked as "New". It lists topics like Announcement, Registration, Draft agenda, and Deadline for Contributions (29 May 2025). The right column is titled "MEETING DOCUMENTS" and lists links for Recently posted - Search, Documents [All Docs - Cs - TDs], Document Templates, and Author's Guide.

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### MEETING IN FOCUS

**Virtual, 11 June 2025 *New***  
(17h00-21h00 Geneva time)

- Announcement
- Registration
- Draft agenda
- Deadline for Contributions:  
**29 May 2025**  
Please send by email to [tsbsg2@itu.int](mailto:tsbsg2@itu.int)
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## Key Agenda matters:

- Re-introduce attendees to the work of ITU-T SG2
- 2025 – 2028 work programme
- Matters of importance for Americas region



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