PCC.I/RES. 246 (XXVI-15) [1]

**REGIONAL STANDARDIZATION FORUM (RSF) FOR THE AMERICAS OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION (ITU)**

The XXVI Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communication Technologies (PCC.I),

RECOGNIZING:

a)   That the Dubai Declaration of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) stated that greater participation among developing countries in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) activities to bridge the standardization gap is required to ensure that they reap the economic benefits associated with technological development, and that the needs and interests of developing countries in this regard should receive greater attention;

b)   That at PCC.I there is a Working Group on Deployment of Technologies and Services (WGDTS) that is working on topics of telecommunications standardization/information and communications technology,

WHEREAS:

a)   ITU Plenipotentiary Conference Resolutions 25 and 123 (Rev. Busan, 2014) refer to strengthening the regional presence and bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries;

b)   The PCC.I meetings XXIV and XXV discussed the proposal for a Regional Standardization Forum and the possibility of implementing the Forum, and received favorable positions from the CITEL members;

c)   The overall goal of the ITU Bridge the Standardization Gap (BSG) Program is to facilitate increased involvement in standardization among developing countries, to ensure that developing countries reap the economic benefits of the associated technological developments, and that the needs and interests of developing countries in the standardization process be taken more into account;

d)   That the WGDTS deals with issues such as: Standards, Conformity and Interoperability; Telecommunications Numbering, Portability and Addressing; and Technological Innovation and Trends, where valuable contributions on the topics of Internet of Things (IoT) and Machine to Machine communications (M2M) are made,

RESOLVES:

1.   To approve the ITU Regional Standardization Forum (RSF) for the Americas, to take place on Monday during the week of the XXVII Meeting of Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunications/Information and Communications Technology, depending on budget availability for this purpose.

2.   To designate Mr. Wayne Zeuch, from the Administration of United States of America, and Mr. Sergio Trabuchi, from the Administration of Argentina, as CITEL's points of contact to coordinate with the ITU for organizing the Forum;

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3.   To approve the Draft Agenda included in the Annex, as a starting point for discussions on the topics to be addressed during the Forum;

4.   To request that the CITEL Secretariat support the efforts of the Working Group named to organize the Forum;

5.   To request the active involvement of all CITEL Member States during the Forum, particularly in its discussions that could add new experiences to the issue of standardization.

ANNEX TO RESOLUTION PCC.I/RES. 246 (XXVI-15)

DRAFT AGENDA

ITU RSF Preliminary Schedule	
08:30–09:00	**Registration**
09:00–09:45	**Opening Session**
09:45–10:05	**Coffee Break**
10:05–11:15	**SESSION 1: Bridging the Standardization Gap: Establishing a National Secretariat for Standardization** This session will introduce the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) Guidelines on the Establishment of a National Standardization Secretariat, followed by an interactive discussion on how the countries of the Americas Region might establish a national standardization secretariat. **Speakers** - ITU Guidelines on the Establishment of a National Standardization Secretariat, Mr. Vijay Mauree, Program Coordinator, TSB, ITU - Two presentations by countries of the region to provide examples of how standardization Secretariats work - Panel discussion
11:15–12:45	**SESSION 2: Digital Financial Services** Recently, the ITU formed a Thematic Group on Digital Financial Services to act as a multi-sector platform for discussing policy/regulatory issues and innovations in digital finance and financial inclusion that might benefit from standardization. The central purpose for this session will be to outline the challenges faced by digital financial service providers in the developing world when offering such services, and to discuss how the Thematic Group on Digital Financial Services can help address some of these challenges. **Speakers**

	- ITU Thematic Group on Digital Financial Services, Mr. Vijay Mauree, Program Coordinator, TSB, ITU – 15 min. - Presentation by a mobile money operator in the region on challenges being faced– 20 min. - Presentation by a central bank or financial service organization of the region on issues of interoperability – 20 min. - Presentation by an ICT regulator of the region – 20 min. - Panel Discussion – 15 min.
12:45–14:00	**Lunch**
14:00–15:30	**SESSION 3: Prospects for Standardizing the Internet of Things** This session will provide an overview of current directions taken in standardizing the Internet of Things and related international issues. It will explore the status of various IoT standardization initiatives in the ITU and other standards developing organizations (SDOs). This session aims to facilitate global IoT expansion by better understanding of its trends, including a wide range of standardization work. **Speakers** - The Internet of Things: Description and Challenges – 20 min. - ITU-T standardization and collaboration with international initiatives – 30 min. - Strategies for adopting the IoT, infrastructure requirements, capacity building and sharing best practices (implementing Resolution 197 (Busan, 2014) Plenipotentiary Conference 2014) – 20 min. - Panel Discussion – 20 min.
15:30 –15:45	**Coffee Break**
15:45–17:20	**SESSION 4: Conformance and Interoperability** This session will center on implementation of Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) systems in the countries of OAS/CITEL. It will introduce the status of the ITU C&I Programme, including the main ITU-T activities and projects on C&I, events on testing, the Product Conformity Database, the Reference Table of ITU-T Recommendations on C&I tests, capacity building events, and guidelines regarding C&I. Finally, there will be a panel discussion among the attendants to identify the next steps for implementing the C&I system in the Americas region, capacity building and strategies to establish common C&I schemes, which benefit from the achievements of the ITU C&I Programme. **Speakers** • ITU C&I Programme: Pillars, Ms. Vijay Mauree, TSB, ITU– 15 min. • Developing ITU-T Standards with Test Specifications – 15 min. • Establishing common C&I schemes on a regional or subregional basis: National Laboratories, Regional Testing Centers and/or Mutual Recognition Agreements – 15 min. • PCC.I – Standardization and Conformance & Interoperability Activities in CITEL – 15 min. • Panel Discussion – 30 min.
17:20 – 17:40	**Closing Session**