# The 1st Meeting of the APT Conference Preparatory **Group for WRC-23 (APG23-1)**

24 – 25 September 2020, Virtual Meeting

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### Thailand

## PROPOSED APG STRUCTURE AND WORK PLAN FOR THE PREPARATION OF WRC-23

#### 1. Introduction

The 1<sup>st</sup> APT Conference Preparatory Group Meeting for WRC-23 (APG23-1) is to be held from 24 to 25 September in 2020 to start the work towards WRC-23. Main objectives of the APG23-1 meeting are to adopt APG structure and work plan for preparation of WRC-23. This contribution proposes a structure and work plan for APG-23, taking into account the outcomes of the first session of the Conference Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23 (CPM23-1) and past experiences of APG works for previous WRCs.

#### 2. Proposal on structure of APG 2023 work

CPM23-1 was held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from the 25 to 26 November of 2019. It organized the preparatory studies for WRC-23 and proposed a structure for its Report to WRC-23. To be in alignment with the previous practice of APG, Thailand proposes that the structure of the Working Parties for APG-23 shall be consistent with the structure of the draft CPM Report to WRC-23, comprising 5 Working Parties together with their responsible agenda items, as shown in the table below.

## Proposed Structure of the Working Parties for APG-23

Structure of CPM Report		Agenda Item	Working Party
Chapter	Issues		
1	Fixed, Mobile and	1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5	Working Party 1
	Broadcasting issues		
2	Aeronautical and	1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.10, 1.11	Working Party 2
	maritime issues		
3	Science issues	1.12, 1.13, 1.14	Working Party 3
4	Satellite issues	1.15, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.19, 7	Working Party 4
5	General issues	2, 4 and 9.1 topics a) Res. 657	Working Party 5
		(Rev.WRC-19), b) Res. 744	
		(WRC-19), c) Res. 175	
		(WRC-19), and d)	

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Thailand also proposes that the Working Parties shall be able to establish their own Drafting Groups or entitle the Drafting Group Chairmen as necessary.

### 3. Proposal on work plan towards WRC-23

Thailand is of the opinion that it would be desirable to hold the APG meeting at least once a year taking into account meeting schedules of ITU-R Working Parties, in order to develop APT views and proposals on WRC-23 agenda items, as appropriate. In addition, some time slots are required for the preparation of RA-23 issues.

Taking into account past experiences of APG works for previous WRCs, Thailand proposes that APG hold 5 meetings during WRC-23 preparatory cycle. The proposed work plan is summarized in the table below.

Proposed APG Work Plan for the Preparation of WRC-23

APG Meeting	Month / Year	Related ITU-R meeting	Expected outputs of the APG meeting
APG23-1	24-25 September 2020	Relevant ITU-R Groups meetings	<ul> <li>Setup of Working Parties</li> <li>Appointment of Chairmen of Working Parties, and if possible, Drafting Groups</li> </ul>
APG23-2	[5] days in 2021	Relevant ITU-R Groups meetings	<ul> <li>APT Preliminary views on WRC-23 agenda items</li> <li>Proposal/contribution to ITU-R Study Group/Working Party/Task Group, if necessary</li> <li>A half day discussion of RA-23 issues, if necessary</li> </ul>
APG23-3	[5] days in 2022	Relevant ITU-R Groups meetings with draft CPM text	<ul> <li>Updated APT Preliminary views and draft proposals on WRC-23 agenda items</li> <li>Proposal/contribution to ITU-R Study Group/Working Party/Task Group, if necessary</li> <li>A half day discussion of RA-23 issues, if necessary</li> </ul>
APG23-4	[6] days in 2022/2023 (at least 3 months before CPM23-2)	CPM23-2	<ul> <li>APT common proposals and views to CPM23-2</li> <li>Designation of coordinator at CPM23-2 for each agenda item</li> <li>A half day discussion of RA-23 issues</li> </ul>

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APG23-5	in 2023	WRC-23	APT common proposals and views to WRC-23
	(at least 3 months		Arrangements for coordination among     APT member countries attending
	before WRC-23)		WRC-23 • A full day discussion of RA-23 issues

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