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Rel-17 Meeting Schedule



Background

RAN planning in RP-210770 is endorsed with the following bullet points regarding e-meeting operation.

- Extend planning for E-meeting operation until and including RAN#95 (March/2022)
 - RAN#93, and all Q4/2021 RAN WG meetings confirmed as E-meetings
 - Q4/2021 E-meeting arrangement plans to be checked in June based on Q2/2021 experience
 - Final confirmation on RAN#94 (whether f2f or Electronic) to be done at RAN#92E (June)
 - Determination of Q1/2022 WG meetings and RAN#95 (whether f2f or Electronic) to be done latest at RAN#93E (September)

Based on this background, this contribution discusses the pending issues on Rel-17 meeting schedule.

E-meeting Observations

- RAN1,2,4 had 2 WG meetings in Q2
 - It is observed that it is efficient to have 2 shorter meetings with about a 3-week gap in between.
 - One week of inactive period in between the 2 meetings is sufficient.
 - Staggering was implemented for some topics which helped to reduce overall workload for each meeting.
- Pandemic situation of Covid-19 still persists worldwide. The situation has worsened in some regions.
 - While some countries have planned to lift or relax travel restrictions with vaccine passports, many other countries are still keeping strict travel restrictions including quarantine requirements. It is likely that quarantine requirements will still persist at least in 2021 in some countries.
 - It is still questionable if F2F meetings can be resumed in Q1 2022.

Proposal 1: Confirm that RAN#94 in December is an e-meeting.

Proposal 2: E-meetings are assumed in Q1 2022 for RAN planning.

- It is challenging to complete Rel-17 especially if e-meetings are assumed in Q1 2022. Two WG e-meetings in Q4 2021 for some WGs seem necessary.

Thanks



Tomorrow never waits

