3GPP TSG RAN Meeting #98-e
Electronic Meeting, December 12 – 16, 2022

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Endorsed meeting plan from RAN#95-e (in RP-220857)

* For RAN2 Ad-hoc in April, please refer to RP-213608 for more details

RAN WG meetings in 2022 and 2023

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- **All RAN WG meetings in Q3 except RAN1 were electronic**

- **For RAN1, the August meeting was held as a face-to-face meeting with remote participation**
  - For the F2F participants, the meeting was definitely more efficient than an e-meeting with less burden due to a shorter duration and clear work hours (from 8:00am to 7:30pm each day)
  - However, we don't expect F2F + remote participation to be as efficient a F2F meeting before COVID19

- **During DM#5, the following was decided**
  - For November 2022, all WG meetings are face-to-face meetings with remote participation
  - For 2023, there will be 4 face-to-face meetings and 2 electronic meetings per WG
    - *Although not decided yet, we expect at least the first 1~2 F2F meetings will need to have remote participation*

Moving forward

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- **Note that current Rel-18 schedule was decided in Dec 2021 under the assumption that RAN WGs will return to full face to face meetings when Rel-18 starts**
  - Reality is quite different – substantial portion of Rel-18 meetings will still be electronic

- **Under the circumstances, it will be very difficult to meet Rel-18 completion target date**
  - RAN should start consideration on the timeline for Rel-18 (e.g. shift completion target date and/or add more WG meetings, etc)