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Attention

Agenda Item 13

Purpose For Discussion, For Endorsement

To: TSG_CN

Title: Meeting schedule
Role of TSG_N plenary

Introduction

The meeting dates of the groups N1 and N2 are listed below as stated in their respective reports. In general meetings of these groups are held every two months. The meeting dates for group N3 beyond mid march are currently unknown.

Frequency of plenary meetings / role of the plenary

The annexed EXCEL based overview sheet proposes a meeting frequency of 8-10 weeks in between the plenary meetings.

Several Parameters determine the frequency of the TSG_CN plenary meetings

How much technical co-ordination between the working groups?

- TSG_CN internal

During the initial meetings the need for co-ordination between the working groups was identified at least for N1 and N2.

This co-ordination task is assigned by the PCG to the plenaries of each of the TSG's.

To fulfil the co-ordination task proper the plenary meetings have to take place rather often to offer "just in time" the proper platform for co-ordinative discussions/decisions.

Alternatively the affected groups might call for joint sessions/meetings to solve WG crossing issues.

In my view Mobility Management is such an issue which can not yet be assigned clearly to the one or the other working group WG1 or WG2.

The more general question is whether TSG_CN should have only one group which faces other 3GPP groups or whether each WG interacts directly with other TSG working groups.

Depending on the answer to this either a technical coordination function (=plenary – level?!) would be needed or not.

The relation between TSG_CN and SA2 was already identified to need more clarification (agenda item10)

SMG 12 /SA1 want to move the responsibility for 03.03 and 03.60 to TSG CN. If TSG_CN accepts again the question comes up on where to put these specs. GSM 03.03 could be homed in the plenary without great problems whereas the GPRS stage2 specification is difficult to be allocated to WG1, 2 or 3 entirely since it spans various aspects.

Relation / Co-ordination to/with TSG_SA in general

It is identified that currently there is no overall coordination between the TSG's but proposals exist to allocate such a task to the TSG_SA.

TSG_SA plenary would have the role to align work item schedules, work packages, ... and to maintain completion of WI's / work packages.

Option1

This would imply that TSG_CN has to report to this group to present the status from the core network side with the consequence that TSG_CN has to have plenary meeting prior to these meetings.

Option2

Alternatively TSG_CN plenaries could be scheduled after TSG_SA meetings to forward the respective information guidelines/requirements to the core network groups and distribute work to the CN working groups.

Option3

Plenary meetings are hold before and after TSG_SA plenaries to serve both requirements. Consequence is with this proposal more Travelling.

Here is again the linkage to the role of the TSG_CN plenary as a technical co-ordinating body or as a management matters oriented meeting.

The attached excel sheet proposes to apply in general the 3rd option to cater for the full information exchange.

This is a proposal for discussion which seeks endorsement either with or without modifications.

It is essential to have asap a rather confirmed meeting calendar for the rest of 1999 which does not exclude the cal for ad-hoc meetings if the need is identified.

1999 MEETING CALENDAR FOR SMG3 / TSG N AND SOME RELATED GROUPS

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