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Title: Long-Term evolution ad-hoc group -
Proposed Terms of Reference
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Introduction

At TSG SA#15 it was agreed that 3GPP should address the long-term evolution of the 3GPP standard. It was also agreed that at TSG#16 (June 2002) the ToR and agenda should be approved for a long-term evolution ad-hoc group along with the outline agenda for a workshop to be held during TSG #17 (Sept 2002). This contribution proposes the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the long-term evolution ad-hoc group.

Purpose of ad-hoc long-term evolution group

The long-term evolution ad-hoc group should define:

1. the initial version of a long-term, high level road map, encompassing business requirements, industry trends, enabling technologies and other relevant factors such that 3GPP has a longer-term plan against which to orientate its work programme;
2. a process for the ongoing enhancement of the high-level road map, which takes into account and evaluates new inputs (new requirements, new enablers, etc.) received in subsequent years.

Governance

Existence: Ad-hoc group, target completion date for initial draft of the 3GPP long-term, high level evolution road map is 3GPP SA#19 (March 2003)
Reports to: TSG SA (reporting under agenda item 8.9)
Chair: To be agreed.
Rapporteurs To be agreed.
Modus operandi: Email plus face-to-face meetings in conjunction with the TSG SA plenary meetings (e.g. at TSG SA#16) and a workshop at TSG#17.
Representation: Ideally one or two delegate[s] from each contributing member. Each delegate contributing actively to the work of the ad-hoc group.

Inputs / Sources of information

Within 3GPP The input to the Helsinki workshop and the concluding recommendations, TS_22.941 annex C.

Extra-mural All 3GPP TSGs, Organisational Partners, Market Representation Partners, individual 3GPP Members
Other standards / specification forums
(e.g. IETF, 3GPP2, ITU, OMA, research projects (Universities, government sponsored, commercial – e.g. IP², WWRF), etc.

Outputs / deliverables

“Living document”. A concise but complete high level road map (e.g. 10 pages maximum including an Executive Summary), encompassing relevant trends and potential / predicted influence on the 3GPP standard for the next six to seven years. This should take into account the following drivers (not an exhaustive list):

- emerging business drivers
- regulatory trends (e.g. open interfaces, spectrum use)
- service provision / management techniques
- emerging technologies (e.g. from R&D programmes)
- network deployment timescales and requirements
- end-user equipment and expectations
- trends in other, relevant specification / standards bodies.

The high level road map should also indicate the evolving scope of 3GPP and its relationship to other specifications/standards bodies and (by means of a time-line graph) the predicted content and timing of the above trends on 3GPP work programme.