

**Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)**Circular Letter
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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members,
ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 5 and
ITU Academia**Subject: **Meetings of Working Parties 5A, 5B and 5C
(e-meetings, 15 November-10 December 2021)**

- **Working Party 5A: Land mobile service above 30 MHz (excluding IMT); wireless access in the fixed service; amateur and amateur-satellite services**
- **Working Party 5B: Maritime mobile service including Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS); aeronautical mobile service and radiodetermination service**
- **Working Party 5C: Fixed wireless systems; HF and other systems below 30 MHz in the fixed and land mobile services**

1 Introduction

By means of this Circular Letter, I wish to announce that meetings of ITU-R Working Parties 5A, 5B and 5C, due to the continuing exceptional circumstances caused by the Coronavirus ([COVID-19](#)) outbreak, will be convened fully electronically (remote participation only / virtual meeting) on the dates indicated in the table below:

Groups	Meeting dates	Deadline for contributions 1600 hours UTC	Opening session (Geneva time)
Working Party 5A	15-26 November 2021	Monday, 8 November 2021	Monday, 15 November 2021 at 1200 hours
Working Party 5B	29 November - 10 December	Monday, 22 November 2021	Monday, 29 November 2021 at 1200 hours
Working Party 5C	15-26 November 2021	Monday, 8 November 2021	Monday, 15 November 2021 at 1200 hours

2 Programme of the meetings of Working Parties

Draft agendas for the meetings are contained in the Annex.

The status of texts assigned to the Working Parties can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/md/R19-SG05-C-0001/en>

The Working Parties will conduct their work in English.

The working hours of the meetings are scheduled to be **1200 to 1600 hours Geneva time**. In view of the circumstances, the above-mentioned working hours will be applicable – on an exceptional basis – also to Friday’s session. These working hours were chosen to accommodate the participation of delegates from various time zones. Other relevant information will be published on the Working Parties websites, as well as in administrative and information documents.

3 Contributions

Contributions in response to the work of Working Parties 5A, 5B, and 5C are invited. These will be processed according to the provisions laid down in Resolution ITU-R 1-8.

The deadline for reception of contributions not requiring translation* (including Revisions, Addenda and Corrigenda to contributions) is seven calendar days (1600 hours UTC) prior to the start of the meeting. **The deadlines for reception of contributions for these meetings are specified in the table above.** Submissions received later than these deadlines cannot be accepted. Resolution ITU-R 1-8 provides that contributions which are not available to participants at the opening of the meeting cannot be considered.

Members are encouraged to submit their contributions as early as possible and possibly include a contact name and email address to facilitate the discussion (cf. § A2.2.4.4 of Resolution [ITU-R 1-8](#)).

Participants are requested to submit contributions by electronic mail to:

rsg5@itu.int

A copy of each contribution should also be sent to the Chairman of the relevant Working Party and to the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Study Group 5. The pertinent addresses can be found on:

<http://itu.int/go/rwp5a/ch>

<http://itu.int/go/rwp5b/ch>

<http://itu.int/go/rwp5c/ch>

<http://itu.int/go/rsg5/ch>

4 Documents

Contributions will be posted “as received” within one working day on the Working Party webpages established for this purpose. The official versions will be posted on <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rsg5/en> (see “contributions” of the relevant Working Party) within 3 working days.

In accordance with Resolution [167](#) (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, **the meetings will be completely paperless.**

5 Webcast

In order to follow the proceedings of ITU-R meetings remotely, an audio webcast of the Working Party plenary sessions will be provided through the ITU Internet Broadcasting Service (IBS). Participants do not need to register for the meeting to use the webcast facility, however an ITU TIES account is required to access the webcast.

* Where translation is required, contributions should be received at least three months prior to the meeting.

6 Registration for the event

Registration to this event is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively on-line via Designated Focal Points (DFPs) for ITU-R event registration. **The Radiocommunication Bureau has deployed, since May 2019, a new event registration platform where participants must first complete an online registration form and submit their registration request for approval by the corresponding focal point.** An ITU/TIES account is required from participants to submit a registration request and obtain registration approval from the corresponding focal point.

The list of ITU-R DFPs (TIES protected) as well as detailed information on this new event registration system, etc. can be found at:

www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events

7 Connecting to virtual meeting sessions

Access to virtual meeting sessions is restricted to event registered participants only. Delegates must access Working Parties 5A, 5B and 5C virtual meeting sessions from the webpage for restricted virtual events:

<https://www.itu.int/en/events/Pages/Virtual-Sessions.aspx>

These virtual meeting session connections will be available 30 minutes before the starting time of each session.

No specific test sessions will be scheduled before the virtual meetings. However, delegates wishing to troubleshoot remote participation connectivity issues can do so during the 30 minutes period prior to the start of the first session of the day. It is highly recommended to verify the connections particularly for those delegates who intend to actively participate in the discussions.

Since all ITU-R meetings will be convened as virtual meetings there is no need to contact the Bureau to request remote participation.

For further questions relating to this Circular Letter, please contact Uwe Löwenstein, SG 5 Counsellor, at uwe.loewenstein@itu.int.

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Director

Annex: 1

Annex

Draft agenda for the meeting of Working Party 5A

(E-meeting, 15-26 November 2021)

- 1** Opening remarks
- 2** Approval of the agenda
- 3** Report of the last meeting of Working Party 5A (Document [5A/359](#))
- 4** Adoption of work program for the meeting
- 5** Report from Rapporteurs and Correspondence Groups
- 6** Any other business

José M. COSTA
Chairman, Working Party 5A

Draft agenda for the meeting of Working Party 5B

(E-meeting, 29 November - 10 December 2021)

- 1** Opening remarks
- 2** Approval of the agenda
- 3** Report of the last meeting of Working Party 5B (Document [5B/355](#))
- 4** Reports from Rapporteurs and Correspondence Group
- 5** Establishment of Working Groups and assignment of documents
- 6** Introduction of input documents
- 7** Consideration of output documents
- 8** Next meeting
- 9** Any other business

John METTROP
Chairman, Working Party 5B

Draft agenda for the meeting of Working Party 5C

(E-meeting, 15-26 November 2021)

- 1** Opening remarks
- 2** Approval of the agenda
- 3** Report of the last meeting of Working Party 5C (Document [5C/192](#))
- 4** Review of liaison with other Working Parties
- 5** Reports from Rapporteurs and Correspondence Groups
- 6** Review of possibilities for development of draft Recommendations and Reports
- 7** Adoption of work program for the meeting
- 8** Establishment of Working Groups and assignment of documents
- 9** Any other business

Pietro NAVA
Chairman, Working Party 5C