

**First Meeting of the WirelessMAN-Advanced Transposing Organizations (WATO)
15 March 2011
Marina Bay Sands Hotel, Singapore**

Reza Arefi, on behalf of IEEE 802.16 Working Group (WG), opened the meeting at 09:30 by going over the agenda as communicated with WATO members in document **IEEE L802.16-10/0129r1**.

Following attendees were present:

Name	Representation
Mr. Takashi Shono	ARIB
Ms. Elly Kim	TTA
Dr. Roger Marks	WiMAX Forum
Ms. Terry DeCourcelle	IEEE (by phone)

After approving the agenda, Reza Arefi presented background material on WATO and updates on the status of finalization and approval of 802.16m.

The following points were presented on status of 802.16m approval.

- *Since Session # 71 (January 2011), two Sponsor Ballot recirculation were conducted:*
 - *Recirculation #5 (27 Jan - 11 Feb) on P802.16m/D11*
 - *Recirc #5 resulted in no new Disapprove votes but had five disapprove comments (from a single voter). The Ballot Recirculation Committee decided that Recirc #6 was required.*
 - *Sponsor Ballot Recirculation #6 on P802.16m/D12*
 - *Opened on 18 February; Closed on 2 March.*
 - *No comments were received. No votes were changed to Disapprove.*
- *The 802 Executive Committee (EC) granted unconditional approval during this week to forward to IEEE-SA RevCom*
- *Anticipating approval of IEEE Std 802.16m by IEEE-SA on 31 March 2011, followed by publication*

Reza Arefi also updated WATO members on finalization of IEEE's contribution towards development of M.[IMT.RSPEC] as follows.

- *Development of IEEE contribution towards M.[IMT.RSPEC] continued at our Session #71 (January 2011)*
- *The material proposed for overview section of Annex 2 was further edited for accuracy and reduction in size to bring it in line with guidelines from WP 5D*
- *It was felt that further reduction in size was needed*
 - *A correspondence group was formed to achieve this goal in between Sessions #71 and #72*
- *WG's ITU-R Liaison Group will complete the task based on input contribution*

Next, *Certification B* and relevant deadlines in the process, including deadline of 21 September 2011 for submission of *Certification C* by Transposing Organizations (TOs), were reviewed.

Next on the agenda, WATO members presented their plans for transposition of WirelessMAN-Advanced. TTA presentation slides are contained in document **IEEE L802.16-11/0007**. Other presentations were verbal. All members confirmed that they will transpose WirelessMAN-Advanced by the deadline set by ITU-R.

In response to questions raised by members, IEEE representative confirmed that all transposition requirements are covered under existing agreements between IEEE on one side and ARIB and TTA on the other side. It was clarified that any regional deviations from the IEEE WirelessMAN-Advanced specification requires adherence to the agreements by provision of proper front matter. Arrangements with the WiMAX Forum would be based on the precedence from IMT-2000. The WiMAX Forum noted that its transposition is expected to be limited to radio specifications.

On the issue of 802.16m publication, it was clarified by Dr. Roger Marks that, in the unlikely case that approval of 802.16m/D12 is delayed, there should be no impact on the ITU-R process, including transpositions. The technical content of the 802.16m draft is final. In case any procedural issues cause delays, such issues should be resolved in time for transposition deadline of 21 September.

Regarding future meetings, it was decided that, on a regular basis, one WATO meeting per year would suffice. That meeting, however, needs to occur at a time suitable for internal processes of WATO members prior to transposition deadline of the ITU-R. As a result, the second meeting of WP 5D in every year, usually held around June/July of each year, was perceived to provide good opportunity for the annual WATO meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting of WATO will occur during WP 5D #11, to be held 7-14 July 2011 in Hawaii, USA. Exact date and logistical details will be decided in time through electronic means.

The meeting closed at 13:30.