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It is important that productive work in 3GPP can start as soon as possible. To achieve this, the first necessary step is to arrive at a first version of a common set of specification documents. This set of documents should then be used as a basis for further discussions. What is needed is then to align the descriptions or specifications that are today existing in the different Organizational Partners within 3GPP.

Specification structure

Use the specification structure from ETSI SMG2 for the first set of specification documents to be produced (see Tdoc 3GPP TSG#1(98)003).

Specification contents

The existing documentation of all the 3GPP Partners should form the basis of the start-up version of the 3GPP documentation. However, considering the proposed specification structure, content of ETSI SMG2 documents should be first reviewed and become the basis for leading discussion. More specific process to achieve the first version of 3GPP RAN documentation is proposed below. The resultant documentation will become the basis for further discussions in each WG.

Merging process

Using the SMG2 document structure, the objective at the first WG meetings should then be to fill the set of specification documents with technical content presently available in the different organisations. Below a process is described that can be used to create the first version of the 3GPP specifications.

The following process is a proposal on how to achieve the first set of 3GPP RAN TSG specification documents:

1. Before the WG-meetings all 3GPP Partners are asked to submit their existing RAN TSG documentation (specifications/descriptions) as input.
2. We agree at the first meeting (or before) to use the ETSI/SMG2 document structure as the 3GPP structure.
3. Each WG meeting reviews the documents submitted by all the 3GPP Partners and agrees upon the content of the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specifications. Each WG starts with the review of ETSI/SMG2 documentation and its content, which is in line with the applied document structure.
4. Each WG meeting goes through the related ETSI SMG2 set of documents on a chapter by chapter basis. Members from ARIB/TTC, TTA, and T1 are then asked if they basically AGREE or not to the content in the SMG2 document.
 - If all agrees, the content will be kept in the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specifications.
 - If any Member/Partner objects, or any has corresponding but different content in their documentation, try to solve the objection or the differences in a short time period (typically 5 minutes discussion). If this is not possible, keep the content, together with the possible alternatives from other 3GPP Partners (if exists), in the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specification, but within brackets. Then set up an action to this specific Chapter or Technical Item by establishing an Ad-Hoc group (one person appointed as responsible) to try to sort out the differences and come up with a proposal for the next related WG meeting (or earlier). The specific issue

statement should be at least drafted during the first WG meeting and kept in the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specifications.

5. The next step is to proceed in the same way, but instead ask if any Partner has ADDITIONAL INFORMATION than that written in the SMG2 documents, e.g., on a more detailed level. Then;
 - If all agrees, the content will be kept in the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specifications.
 - If any Member/Partner objects, or any has corresponding but different content in their documentation, try to solve the objection or the differences in a short time period (typically 5 minutes discussion). If this is not possible, keep the content, together with the possible alternatives from other 3GPP Partners (if exists), in the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specification, but within brackets. Then set up an action to this specific Chapter or Technical Item by establishing an Ad-Hoc group (one person appointed as responsible) to try to sort out the differences and come up with a proposal for the next related WG meeting (or earlier). The specific issue statement should be at least drafted during the first WG meeting and kept in the start-up version of 3GPP RAN specifications.