



AP-IS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

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IMPROVING REGIONAL BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY THROUGH THE
ASIA-PACIFIC INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

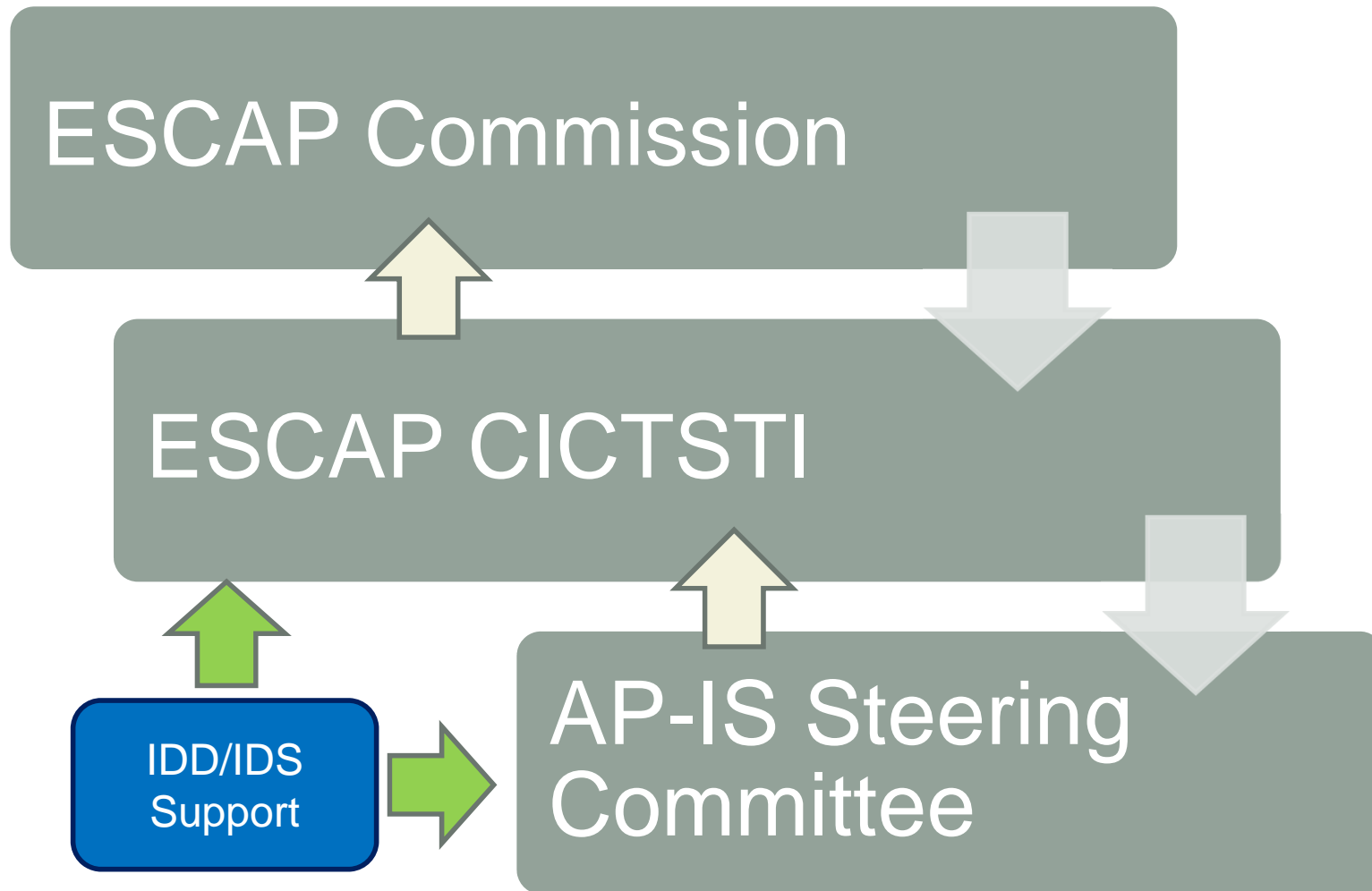


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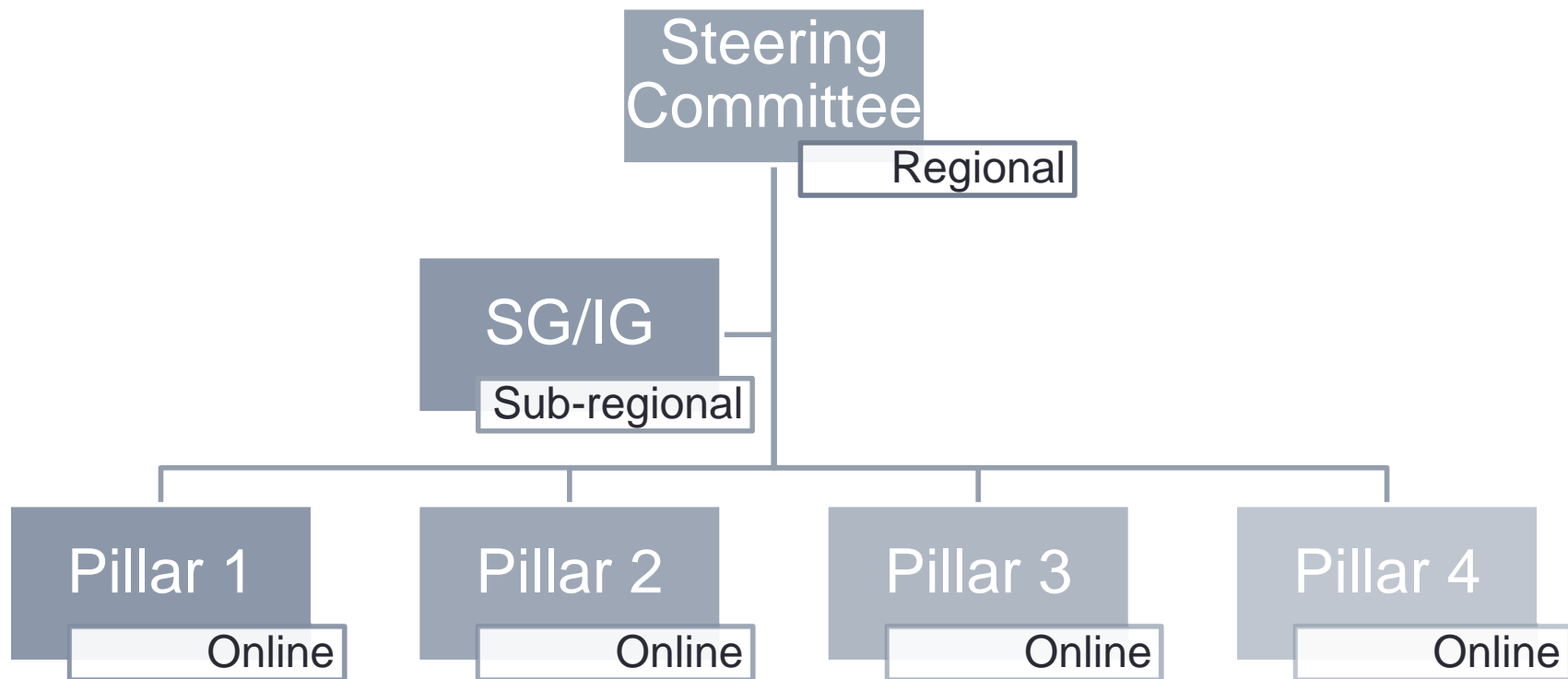
- (a) **Accord priority** to the implementation of the Master Plan for the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway, including the **support to members and associate members for their implementation**;
- (b) **Encourage the participation of various stakeholders** in the implementation of activities of the Master Plan;
- (c) Continue to **conduct research and analysis and capacity development to identify challenges and opportunities** associated with the four pillars of the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway initiative;
- (d) Maximize opportunities for collaboration with SROs/Ris
- (e) Report to CICTSTI in 2018 and 75th Commission session in 2019



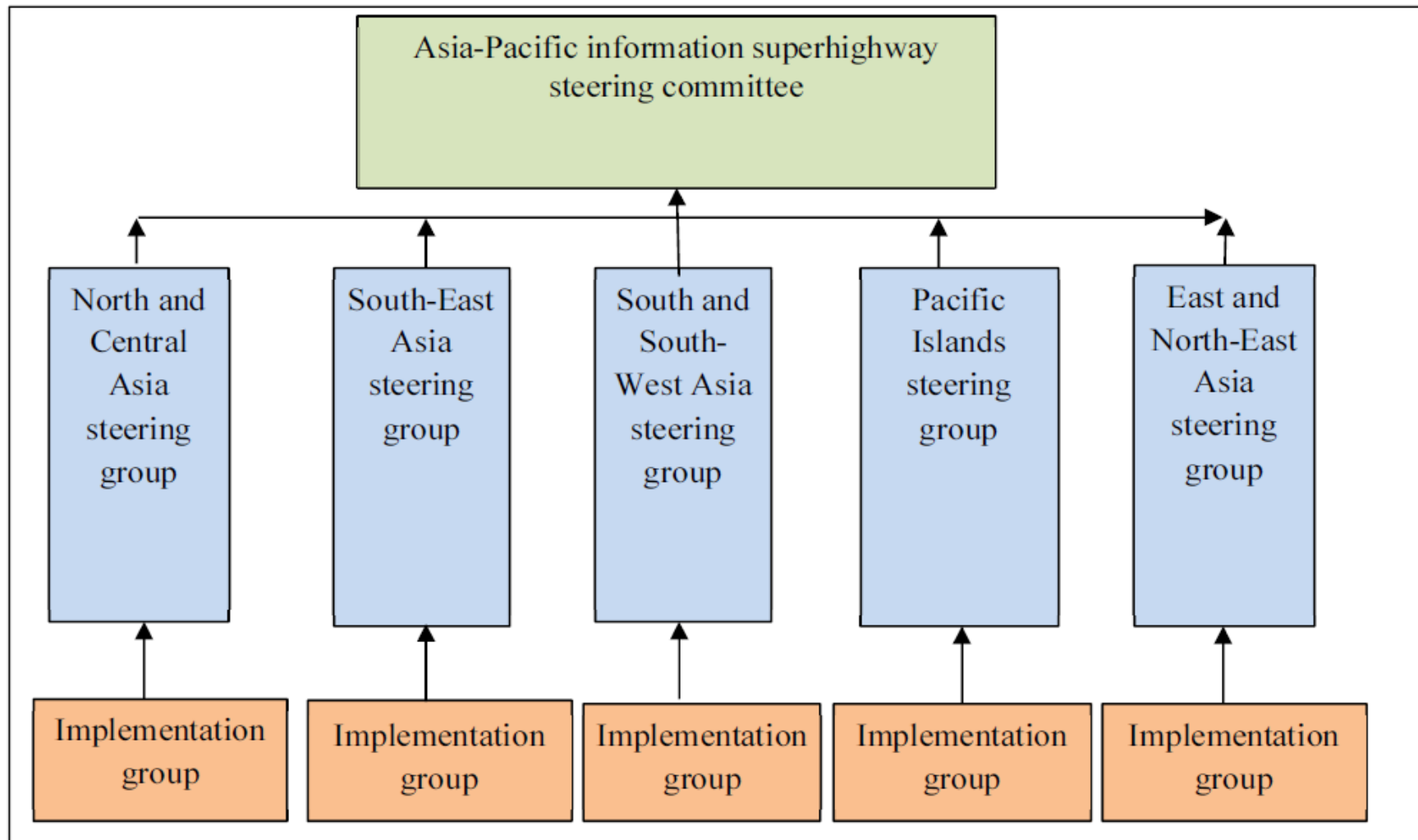
AP-IS Governance Structure within Commission



AP-IS Pillars



AP-IS SG by sub-region



North and Central Asia

Armenia
 Azerbaijan
 Georgia
 Kazakhstan
 Kyrgyzstan
 Russian Federation
 Tajikistan
 Turkmenistan
 Uzbekistan

South and South-West Asia

Afghanistan
 Bangladesh
 Bhutan
 India
 Iran (Islamic Republic of)
 Maldives
 Nepal
 Pakistan
 Sri Lanka
 Turkey

East and North-East Asia

China
 Democratic People's Republic of Korea
 Hong Kong, China
 Japan
 Macau
 Mongolia
 Republic of Korea
 Taiwan

South-East Asia

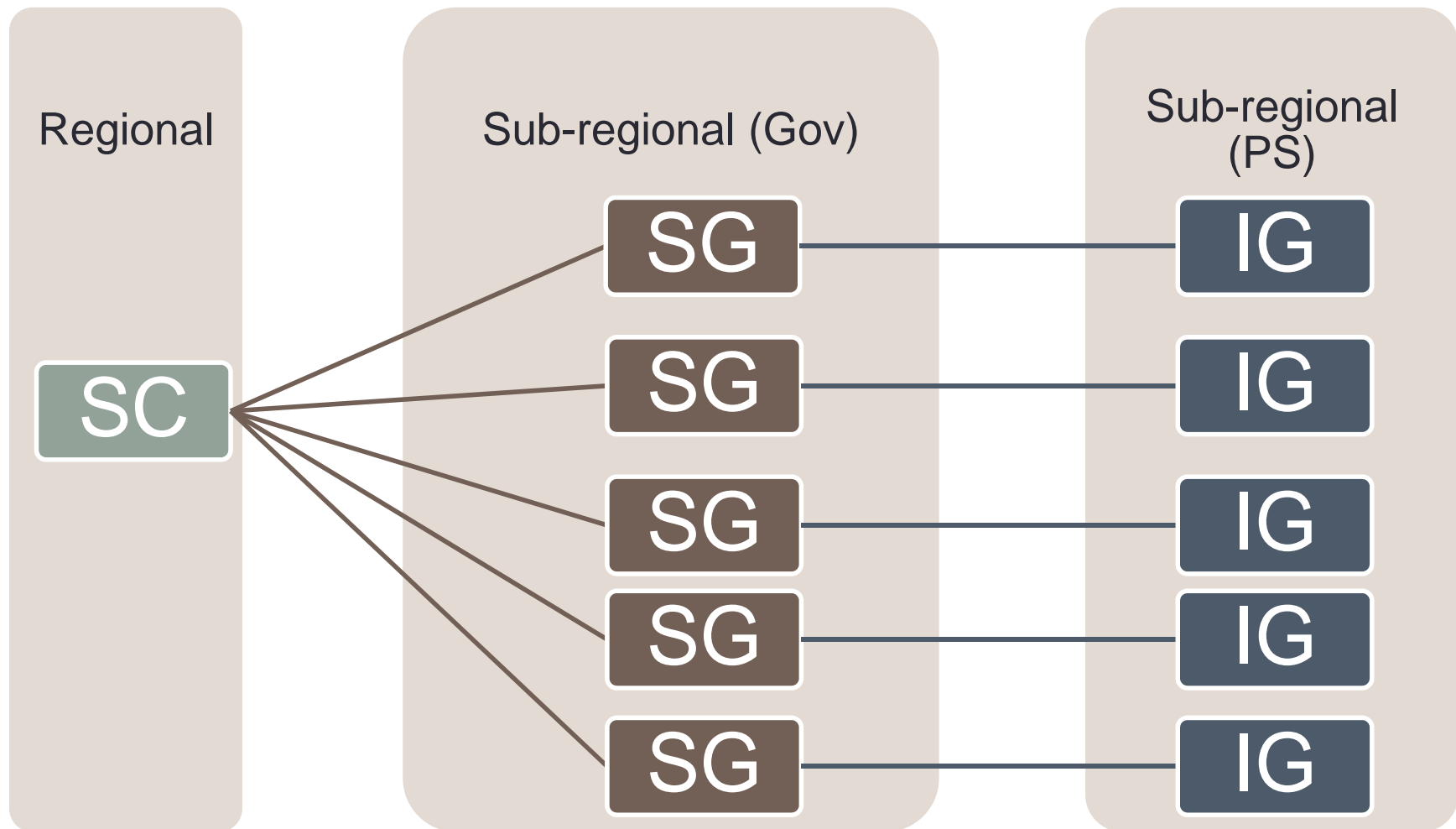
Brunei Darussalam
 Cambodia
 Indonesia
 Lao (People's Democratic Republic)
 Malaysia
 Myanmar
 Philippines
 Singapore
 Thailand
 Timor-Leste
 Viet Nam

Pacific

American Samoa
 Australia
 Cook Islands
 Fiji
 French Polynesia
 Guam
 Kiribati
 Marshall Islands
 Micronesia (Federated States of)
 Nauru
 New Caledonia
 New Zealand
 Niue
 Northern Mariana Islands
 Palau
 Papua New Guinea
 Samoa
 Solomon Islands
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 Vanuatu



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Operationalization of Governance in the Master Plan

- Activities will be developed around the four pillars which should facilitate the implementation of subregional and national ICT initiatives.
- Steering Groups will discuss and identify issues pertaining to four pillars.
- Membership of Steering Group is open to all ESCAP member States.
- SC = monitoring, coordination and advisory functions, report to CICTSTI and Commission session



Steering Committee (SC) ToR

- Membership: all member States of the ESCAP, non-profit organizations and research institutes with policy and technical expertise and experts from member country Governments
- The Bureau to be elected by SC members for one year.
- The SC meet once a year.
- The Chair of SC be elected by the members of the SC
- SC shall monitor the implementation of the MP and RCFD for the AP-IS, coordinate subregional work, provide policy guidance
- SC may set up a technical advisory group, if needed.



Proposal for SC ToR

- Each year, members and partners will be asked to fill 1) activities for implementation in the coming years, 2) activities undertaken along the strategic initiatives and along pillars, 3) proposed partnerships, to be presented to the SC meeting
- ESCAP secretariat prepares the consolidated report of the above per Pillar and per subregion.
- SC will also review issues, recommendations and needed actions from Pillar leads and SG Chairs.
- At the end of the implementation year (2018), the governance structure and implementation will be assessed and discussed at the SC, to lead to the update to the Master Plan for the next 4 years.
- Bureau will represent the AP-IS SC at various international and regional venues if and when necessary and inform the members accordingly.



Activities for each Pillar

- Member countries and partners are invited to participate in the online communities per Pillar.
- A lead will be identified to each Pillar every year, confirmed at SC meetings.
- Online communities aim to 1) share information, news, articles, reports on the topic of Pillar, 2) encourage interactions among participants as well as among Pillars, 3) identify possible regional-level issues, solutions and approaches, 4) serve as a window to SG and IG on specific subregional issues
- The lead reports to the SC meeting on the activities.
- Online communities are supported by ESCAP secretariat.



Steering Group (SG) ToR

- Membership: member States of the ESCAP from the concerned subregion as well as any other ESCAP member States interested in subregional work
- The bureau of each SG be elected by ESCAP member States (from the subregion) for one year.
- Interested partners are also invited to and confirmed by the SG.
- The chair of each SG be elected by the members of that steering group and report to SC on the progress.
- SG monitor the implementation of subregional ICT projects, provide policy guidance and, if necessary, set up an implementation group (IG) consisting of telecom operators

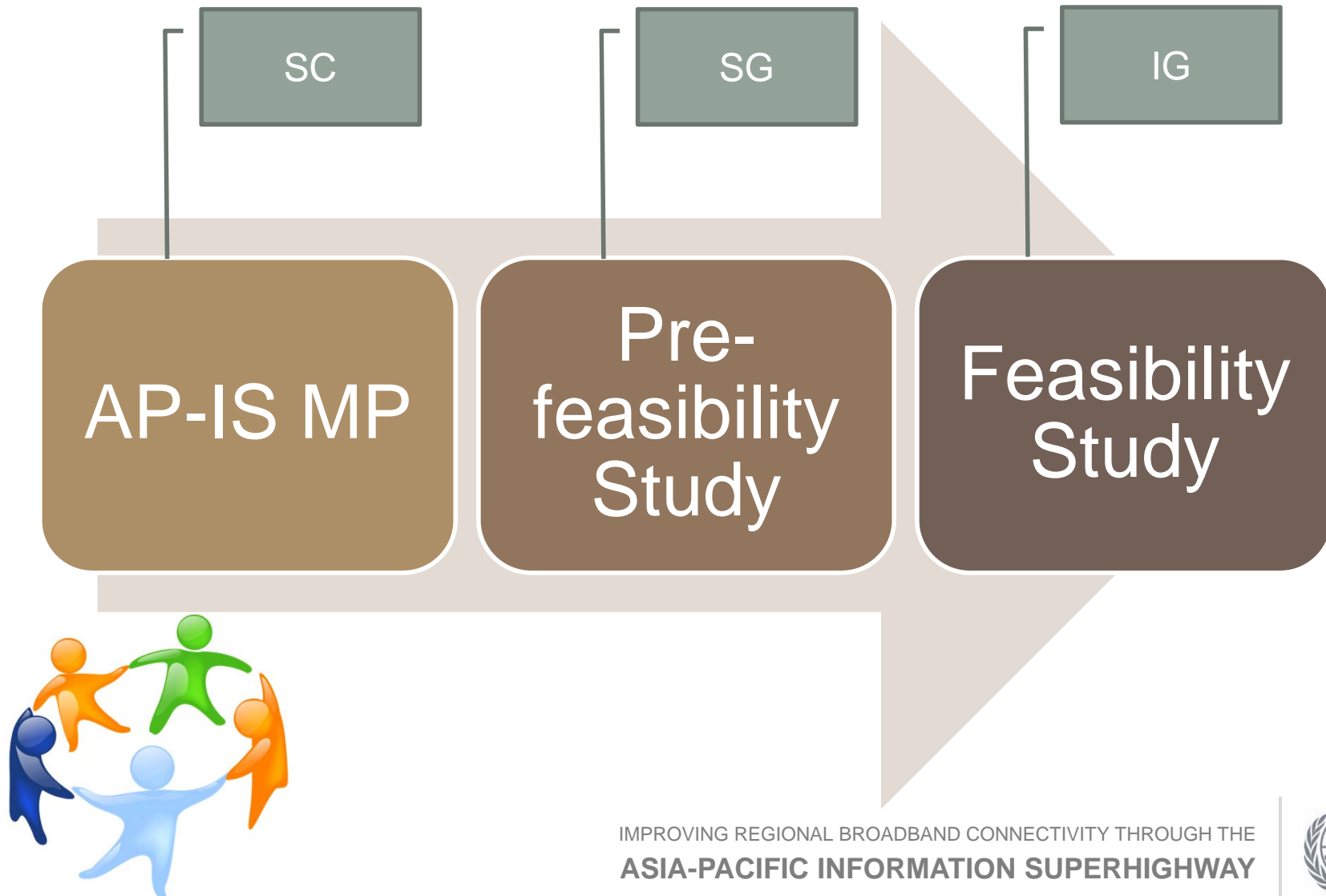


Proposed SG ToR

- Invitation on the SG membership to be sent after the 1st SC meeting to all member countries, coordinated by the ESCAP secretariat.
- Invitations to the SG meetings will be sent to all ESCAP member countries.
- Memberships can be confirmed or updated at SC meetings.
- Venue of SG meetings is decided by the SG members and ESCAP secretariat, in conjunction with existing subregional meetings and structures, including that of ESCAP SROs.
- SG will support existing regional and subregional initiatives.
- Implementation Group (IG) will be established by the SG as needed, and composition and terms of membership would be determined by SG based on the principles enshrined in the AP-IS Master Plan and Regional Cooperation Framework Document.



AP-IS Main Deliverables



Pre-feasibility study for each sub-region

Objectives

- To provide a high-level overview of the sub-region's ICT connectivity development and digital divide
- To identify gaps, challenges and opportunities
- To identify synergies with existing initiatives
- To prepare for a feasibility study

Partners

- Sponsored by any member country or organization
- Implemented together with sub-regional organization or member countries
- Involve SG and IG members, including financial institutions

Scope

- Geographic (for each sub-region)
- Focuses on affordability, resilience, digital divide and digital economy, among others
- Quality of networks could be tested wherever available and possible

Expected outcomes

- Gaps in physical links, Internet traffic management, e-resilience and inclusive broadband identified
- Contributes to the implementation of the MP
- Leads to overall consensus on the way forward



Feasibility study

Objectives

- To present a specific project based on the pre-feasibility study findings
- To identify solutions in the form of a project
- To facilitate the implementation and partnerships
- To align with priorities determined by SG

Partners

- Developed and implemented by SG and IG members, including think tanks, research institutes and financial institutions
- Encourage a wider sub-regional, national and local partners, such as media and academia

Scope

- Geographic (site specific)
- Specific (physical infrastructure etc.)
- Includes detailed design and topology, costing, resource requirements (including capacity), policy and regulatory updates, technology options, duration, financing and implementing partners

Expected outcomes

- Concrete fundable projects mapped out for the implementation of AP-IS MP
- Partnerships forged and expanded
- Deepened understanding and knowledge
- RoI estimated



Discussion Points

- ToR of SC and subregional SG
- Election of SC bureau for 2017
- Pillar leads
- Plans and proposals for the 2017-2018 implementation plans
- Explore broad-based engagements with the private sector, academia and CSOs
- Other matters
 - next venue, date etc. for the 2nd SC meeting in 2018
 - Subregional SG meetings

