



During the next four years, I see the following imperatives for ITU and TSB:

- •ITU-T must continue to provide **a neutral and impartial** platform, collaborating with other standards development organizations and UN agencies, and keeping ITU united through a **consensus-based** process.
- 2. Inclusion remains a high priority through bridging the standardization gap to effectively contribute to the WSIS Tunis action lines and achieve the sustainable development goals (SDGs); by increasing gender balance in staff and delegates; and by providing accessibility for persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs.
- **3.** ITU-T must quickly **react and adapt to the ever-changing telecommunication and information and communication technologies landscape** to develop relevant international standards.
- **4.** TSB must play a key role in **transparently** providing the required data and guidance to help membership find the optimal structure for the years to come.
- 5. The new ITU building in Geneva requires a **careful management of the transition** period to ensure continuity of service to membership, and is an opportunity for accelerating ITU digital transformation, and increasing ITU's environmental sustainability.
- **6.** Considering **COVID-19** and its aftermath, continue the **working methods** transformation to support ITU standards development.

All these imperatives for the ITU require a **trusted**, **innovative**, **and experienced leader as TSB Director** who deeply understands the technologies being standardized, who has practiced the ITU standards development processes, who has the required trust, **diplomacy**, **and neutrality** to help find consensus among membership, who has exercised the ITU rules and policies, who can understand the diverse needs of developing and developed countries and communicate clearly in multiple languages of the union, and who has a proven management track of the diverse ITU staff and scarce financial resources.

If elected, I will strive for an ITU-T that develops relevant international standards for interoperable networks and services to connect the world and enable the digital transformation through an inclusive, collaborative, and continuously improving standardization process, balancing the needs of developing and developed countries as well as large and small private sector stakeholders; leading TSB staff in a team formation with the other ITU elected officials through competence, integrity, transparency, and accountability.



## Experience and achievements

# International Telecommunication Union 2010-2022

**Among Others** 



I offer 27 years of my professional experience: 15 years in the private sector as Director of Standards and 12 years in ITU as the Chief of the Study Groups Department in TSB to take on the challenges of the post of TSB Director to best serve ITU Members.



#### Private Sector at Nortel Networks, 1994-2009

With increasing responsibilities

- Leading the Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) program.
- Facilitation of consensus building in the development of standards.
- Efficient allocation of international numbering resources for mobile, fixed telephony, and Internet of Things to network and service operator members.
- Diplomatic mediation when necessary, and bimonthly publication of the ITU Operational Bulletin in six languages.
- Advice to chairpersons, management teams, and delegates from the 193 Member States and 800 members of the private sector at ITU major conferences.
- Promotion of ITU and its standards, as a spokesperson, speaker, moderator, and organizer of conferences, workshops, symposia, and webinars.
- Promoting and attracting new members of the standardization industry through new standardization initiatives related to emerging technologies.
- Increasing financial inclusion globally, creating a framework to develop digital payment guidelines and standards in collaboration between the telecommunication and finance sectors. Securing and managing a multi-million-dollar grant to ITU from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (2014-2020).
- Cooperation and collaboration with other relevant standardization bodies and UN bodies.
- Management of ITU internal operation: Chairman of the ITU Health Insurance Management Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Joint Advisory Committee (Service Orders), Chairman of Disciplinary Chambers, Member of Intersectoral Task Force
- Organization of WTSA-16 and Master of Ceremonies of ITU GSS-16 hosted by the Tunisian Government, Hammamet Tunisia, November 2016.
- Efficient management of staff from several countries, cultures, and speaking different languages with a view to harmonization, high productivity, and gender balance
- Co-Organizer and Master of Ceremonies of ICT4ALL Forum (WSIS+2007-2015) co-organized, by ITU and the Tunisian Government, Hammamet Tunisia.
- Director of standardization
- Director of University Research and Advanced Technologies
- Director of Data Network Engineering
- Systems and Software Engineer



**Nationality:** Tunisian

Born: Sfax, Tunisia, April 7, 1967

Marital status: Married and father of three children

**Languages :** Fluent in Arabic, French, and English.

Basic in Spanish and German.

**Education :** Doctor and Engineer in Computer Engineering specializing in communications networks, graduate from the Pennsylvania

State University USA (PhD 95, MS 92, BS 89).

Inventions: Granted 23 patents in the fields of data and optical networks,

wireless networks, and quality of service.

Honors: Distinguished Member of Technical Staff,

Nortel Networks; Teamwork award Nortel,

Professional Engineer of Ontario, Senior Member IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering).

### Career



#### 2010-Present:

Chief of the Study Groups Department at the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, International Telecommunication Union, Geneva - Switzerland.

#### 1999-2009:

Director of Standardization, Nortel Networks, Billerica Massachusetts - USA.

#### 1994-1999:

Senior Systems and Software Engineer, Bell Northern Research, Nortel, Ottawa ON - Canada.

#### 1989-1994:

Teaching and Research Assistant at the Pennsylvania State University - USA.

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