



# **Wireless Innovation Forum Regulatory Advisory Committee Charter Version 3.0**

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## ***Introduction***

Next generation radio systems, accompanying spectrum management innovations and evolving regulatory frameworks will, in the coming years, have profound positive and lasting impacts on the information and communications technology industry, with ensuing benefits to the broader society. While new paradigms may be needed for these changes to realize their full potential, early incremental steps must be taken to proactively identify and remove regulatory barriers and misconceptions that may impact the ability of the Wireless Innovation Forum's members to pursue new business opportunities or other objectives. The Forum's Regulatory Advisory Committee works with the regulatory and public policy community to establish a global regulatory framework promoting the adoption of advanced wireless technologies.

## ***Description***

The Regulatory Advisory Committee has been established to provide advice and guidance to the Forum in support of the work of the Advanced Technologies Committee. The Regulatory Advisory Committee is made up of regulatory and public policy officials and experts from around the world who are working on or knowledgeable about issues relevant to advanced wireless and radio technologies.

## ***Objectives***

The purpose of the Regulatory Advisory Committee is to foster Forum collaboration with the regulatory and public policy community. This group provides a venue for regulators, policy experts and Forum members who have an interest in the development and deployment of advanced wireless technologies. In addition, it presents an opportunity to enhance informal communications among the regulators and policy experts who are Regulatory Advisory Committee members. To achieve these objectives, the Regulatory Advisory Committee members are asked to provide publicly available information, e.g. findings, plans, analysis and recommendations on various activities of domestic and international regulatory bodies of interest to Forum members. The Forum, in turn, is able to provide Regulatory Advisory Committee members information, data and analysis on the state of the art technologies relevant in the creation of advanced wireless systems.

## ***Membership***

Regulatory Advisory Committee membership primarily consists of current and former government officials in regulatory or policymaking roles and whose agencies have/had oversight of, or a keen interest in, the deployment of advanced wireless technologies. Regulatory Advisory Committee membership may also be extended to policy experts who possess specialized knowledge or experience on particular regulatory or policy issues. The goal is to have a balanced and diverse membership from various agencies from each of the ITU Regions. After consultation

with the Forum's Board of Directors, the Chief Regulatory Officer invites eligible individuals to serve as Regulatory Advisory Committee members for two-year, renewable terms. Regulatory Advisory Committee members who are not already affiliated with a member of the Winn Forum are encouraged to have their organizations join the forum to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations. In accordance with the Forum's Policy on Participation in the Winn Forum by Non-members (Winn Forum Policy 014), Regulatory Advisory Committee members whose organizations are not permitted to join the forum are entitled to all rights, preferences and privileges of Forum membership, except voting rights, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations. These Regulatory Advisory Committee members are also encouraged to participate in other Forum committees and groups.

## ***Policies and Procedures***

The Regulatory Advisory Committee is an adjunct group of experts associated with and managed by the Forum's Advanced Technologies Committee, but reporting to the Forum's Board of Directors. The Forum's Chief Regulatory Officer serves as the chair of the Regulatory Advisory Committee unless he or she, in consultation with the Forum's chair and CEO, appoints another member of the Advanced Technologies Committee or the Regulatory Advisory Committee to serve as the chair. The chair of the Regulatory Advisory Committee may appoint a vice chair who may take minutes of committee meetings, keep a roll of participating attendees, assure that participants are members, conduct meetings in the absence of the chair, disseminate minutes and reports, and assist the chair in the operation of the committee

The Regulatory Advisory Committee may meet on a regular or ad hoc basis by teleconference or face-to-face. Such meetings may take place on at least a quarterly basis and in conjunction with meetings of the Advanced Technologies Committee or separately. Participation in Regulatory Advisory Committee activities and information exchanges will also be by electronic means utilizing the Wireless Innovation Forum group portal (<https://workspace.winnforum.org/home>). To the extent that advice or recommendations are sought from the Regulatory Advisory Committee, the objective is to obtain consensus-based views of the group as a whole, without attribution to any individual Regulatory Advisory Committee member.

In light of the fact that many, if not all, of the Regulatory Advisory Committee members are government officials who are subject to certain ethical obligations and restrictions, the Forum, the Advanced Technologies Committee and Regulatory Advisory Committee members must at all times be aware of, sensitive to and in compliance with such obligations and restrictions. Accordingly, it is recognized that a Regulatory Advisory Committee member may not be allowed to participate in certain matters or receive certain member benefits that may raise a conflict of interest concern or that may otherwise be restricted by applicable laws and regulations.