# Introduction

## Focus Group

### Number
SDFG

### Name
Standard Development Focus Group

### Charter
- O-RAN outputs, such as architecture, specifications, open reference design and open source codes are de facto standards.
- It’s extremely desirable for O-RAN to coordinate with other SDOs and entities so that O-RAN outputs, as applicable, are considered for the standards developed by those SDOs/entities.
- SDFG plays the leading role on working out the standardization strategies of O-RAN ALLIANCE.
- Each WG is responsible to coordinate with other related SDOs and entities under the standardization strategies by SDFG.
- O-RAN ALLIANCE will send liaison statements to other SDOs/entities, however, contributions to other SDOs and entities must be made through multi-company contributions of individual members of those entities that participate in O-RAN.

### Scope
- Work out standardization strategies of O-RAN.
- Coordinate standardization related activities and outputs across O-RAN WGs to ensure specifications made by O-RAN be submitted to related SDOs in a timely manner with a unified voice.
- SDFG tracks the related activities of other SDOs/entities, and reports according to the Strategy.

### Authority to make decisions (granted by TSC)
- If the liaison or contribution does not contain O-RAN proprietary/copyright material nor a request for the SDO to initiate new work or O-RAN’s income/expenditure, SDFG can quickly approve sending the liaison/contribution to the external group, and will notify the EC of this action.
- If the liaison or contribution contains O-RAN proprietary/copyright material or a request for the SDO to initiate new work or O-RAN’s income/expenditure:
  - SDFG will review and if agreed by consensus, endorse the liaison/contribution.
  - SDFG co-chairs will request the EC to approve sending the liaison/contribution externally.
  - Including required approval date to meet the external meeting submission target
  - If the external contribution includes most or all of an O-RAN specification or a request to initiate new work or O-RAN’s income/expenditure, the EC may further ask the Board to review and approve.

### Focus Group Co-Chairs
- AT&T (ATT): Peter Musgrove
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