

## **Common NFVI Telecommunications Taskforce**

### **Terms of Reference (the “ToR”)**

These ToR set forth the responsibilities and procedures for operation of the **Common NFVI Telecommunications Taskforce** (“CNTT”) administered by the **GSMA and Linux Foundation**. All Participants (as defined herein) in CNTT must comply with these ToR.

#### **1. CNTT Composition and Responsibilities**

- a. The scope of the CNTT is to establish a Common NFVi Framework document consisting of a global NFVi reference model, reference architecture, and global Virtual Network Function (VNF) certification lifecycle.
- b. The CNTT will operate as a committee and will be responsible for approving a Common NFVI Framework document (including various materials related thereto that may be approved and released by CNTT, the “Documents”).
- c. The CNTT is open to participation by any individual or organization that agrees to comply with these ToR (each such participant, a “Participant”).

Only individuals that are self-employed may participate as a Participant (in the case of an employed individual, their employer will need to agree to be a Participant).

- d. Responsibilities: The CNTT will be responsible for:
  - i. coordinating meetings and operations of the CNTT;
  - ii. developing and accepting contributions with respect to development of the Documents;
  - iii. approving as final any Document; and
  - iv. appointing representatives to work with other open source or open standards communities.

#### **2. CNTT Voting**

- a. Organizations that are Participants may send more than one representative to attend any meeting of the CNTT, but all Participants will designate one voting representative per group of Related Companies (each, a “Voting Representative”).
- b. Participants that are Related Companies (as defined here) are limited to one Voting Representative to represent all those Related Companies in any vote of CNTT.

- c. “Related Company” means any entity which controls or is controlled by a Participant or which, together with a Participant, is under the common control of a third party, in each case where such control results from ownership, either directly or indirectly, of more than fifty percent of the voting securities or membership interests of the entity in question. “Related Companies” are entities that are each a Related Company of a Participant.
- d. While the Project aims to operate as a consensus-based community, if any CNTT decision requires a vote to move forward, each Voting Representative will vote on a one vote per Voting Representative basis.
- e. A quorum is not required in the CNTT to conduct business. However, the CNTT may agree via consensus to observe a quorum requirement, provided such requirement is announced in the meeting notice. In case the CNTT agrees via consensus to observe a quorum requirement, one-third of the CNTT shall constitute a quorum for conducting business at a meeting.

### **3. Compliance with Policies**

- a. Participants will comply with the anti-trust policies of both GSMA (available here [https://www.gsma.com/aboutus/wpcontent/uploads/2012/04/GSMA\\_Antitrust\\_Policy\\_08-16.pdf](https://www.gsma.com/aboutus/wpcontent/uploads/2012/04/GSMA_Antitrust_Policy_08-16.pdf)) and the Linux Foundation (available here <https://www.linuxfoundation.org/antitrust-policy/>).
- b. All Participants must allow open participation from any individual or organization meeting the requirements for contributing under these ToR regardless of competitive interests. Put another way, the CNTT community must not seek to exclude any participant based on any criteria, requirement, or reason other than those that are reasonable and applied on a non-discriminatory basis to all Participants.
- c. CNTT will operate in a transparent, open, collaborative, and ethical manner at all times. The output of all CNTT discussions, proposals, timelines, decisions, and status should be made open and easily visible to all. CNTT meetings will be open to the public.

### **4. Intellectual Property Policy**

- a. Participants acknowledge that the copyright in all new contributions will be retained by the copyright holder as independent works of authorship and that no Participant or copyright holder will be required to assign copyrights to the Project.
- b. All contributions to CNTT must be made using the Apache License, Version 2.0, available at <https://www.apache.org/licenses/LICENSE-2.0> (the “License”).<sup>1</sup>

c. The Documents will be made available under the License.

**5. Amendments**

a. This charter may be amended by agreement of GSMA and the Linux Foundation.