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4.5.3 *cdma2000*

The cdma2000 air interface proposal to ITU is the result of work in TR45.5 on the evolution of IS-95 towards the third generation. The cdma2000 proposal is based partly on IS-95 principles with respect to synchronous network operation, common pilot channels, and so on, but it is a wideband version with three times the bandwidth of IS-95. The ITU proposal contains further bandwidth options as well as the multi-carrier option for downlink. The cdma2000 proposal has a high degree of commonality with the Global CDMA 1 ITU proposal from TTA, Korea.

The cdma2000 multi-carrier option is covered in more detail in Chapter 13, as being currently standardised by 3GPP2.

4.5.4 *TR46.1*

The WIMS W-CDMA was not based on work derived from an existing second generation technology but was a new third generation technology proposal with no direct link to any second generation standardisation. It was based on the constant processing gain principle with a high number of multicodes in use, thus showing some fundamental differences but also a level of commonality with WCDMA technology in other forums.

4.5.5 *WP-CDMA*

WP-CDMA (Wideband Packet CDMA) resulted from the convergence between W-CDMA N/A of T1P1 and WIMS W-CDMA of TR46.1 in the US. The main features of the WIMS W-CDMA proposal were merged with the principles of W-CDMA N/A. The merged proposal was submitted to the ITU-R IMT-2000 process towards the end of 1998, and to the 3GPP process at the beginning of 1999. Its most characteristic feature, compared with the other WCDMA-based proposals, was a common packet mode channel operation for the uplink direction, but there were also a few smaller differences.

4.6 Creation of 3GPP

As similar technologies were being standardised in several regions around the world, it became evident that achieving identical specifications to ensure equipment compatibility globally would be very difficult with work going on in parallel. Also, having to discuss similar issues in several places was naturally a waste of resources for the participating companies. Therefore initiatives were made to create a single forum for WCDMA standardisation for a common WCDMA specification.

The standardisation organisations involved in the creation of the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP) [9] were ARIB (Japan), ETSI (Europe), TTA (Korea), TTC (Japan) and T1P1 (USA) as shown in Figure 4.2. The partners agreed on joint efforts for the standardisation of UTRA, now standing for Universal Terrestrial Radio Access, as distinct from UTRA (UMTS Terrestrial Radio Access) from ETSI, also submitted to 3GPP. Companies such as manufacturers and operators are members of 3GPP through the respective standardisation organisation to which they belong.

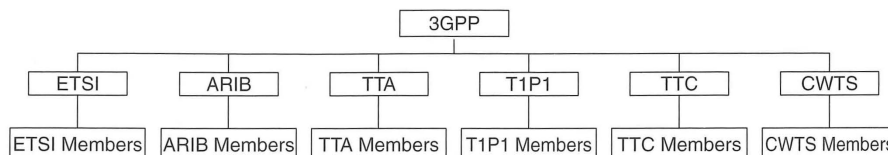


Figure 4.2. 3GPP organisational partners

Later during 1999, CWTS (the China Wireless Telecommunication Standard Group) also joined 3GPP and contributed technology from TD/SCDMA, a TDD-based CDMA third generation technology already submitted to ITU-R earlier.

3GPP also includes market representation partners: GSM Association, UMTS Forum, Global Mobile Suppliers Association, IPv6 Forum and Universal Wireless Communications Consortium (UWCC). In [9] there are up-to-date links to all participating organisations.

The work was initiated formally at the end of 1998 and the detailed technical work was started in early 1999, with the aim of having the first version of the common specification, called Release-99, ready by the end of 1999.

Within 3GPP, four different technical specification groups (TSG) were set up as follows:

- Radio Access Network TSG
- Core Network TSG
- Service and System Aspects TSG
- Terminals TSG

Within these groups the one most relevant to the WCDMA technology is the Radio Access Network TSG (RAN TSG), which has been divided into four different working groups as illustrated in Figure 4.3.

The RAN TSG will produce Release-99 of the UTRA air interface specification. The work done within the 3GPP RAN TSG working groups has been the basis of the technical description of the UTRA air interface covered in this book. Without such a global initiative, this book would have been forced to focus on a single regional specification, though with many similarities to those of other regions. Thus the references throughout this book are to the specification volumes from 3GPP.

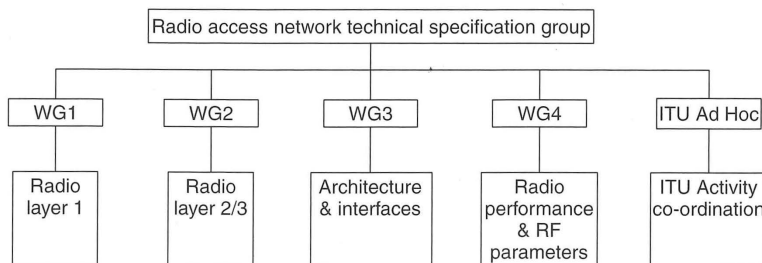


Figure 4.3. 3GPP RAN TSG working groups

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