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## **North American Broadcasters Association (NABA)**

### **DRAFT NEW RECOMMENDATION ITU-R BS.[CAP.RAD]**

#### **Digital radio broadcast service, captioned radio**

The North American Broadcasters Association (NABA, [www.nabanet.com](http://www.nabanet.com)) is an association of broadcasters in Canada, Mexico and the United States, and the NABA Technical Committee is its standing technical body. NABA is thus in a position to present the technical viewpoints of the most authoritative association of professional North American Broadcasters in television and sound programme production, post-production, and distribution for terrestrial, satellite, and cable broadcasting.

NABA is a Sector Member of ITU-R and a long-time participant in ITU-R Study Groups, Working Parties, Task Groups, Rapporteur Groups, etc. NABA numbers among its members Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of the above groups. NABA also participates widely in the ITU work on radio, television and multimedia services.

NABA notes that the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), now adopted by over 142 Administrations around the world, is dedicated to breaking down barriers in Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) on a global basis to better serve the estimated 650 million people worldwide with sensory disabilities. The International Telecommunication Union - Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) has recognized the fundamental importance of Bridging the Disabilities Digital Divide as a threshold initiative to improve access for all. The ITU-R has the opportunity to harmonize new digital broadcast service options to those with disabilities, through recognition and adoption of new service models by appropriate Study Group 6 work, to support a new ITU-R Recommendation formally establishing the parameters of such service innovations.

At the October 2009 meeting of Working Party 6A, NABA submitted Document 6A/235 which contained a proposal for a preliminary draft new Recommendation entitled "Digital Radio Broadcast Service, Captioned Radio". On the basis of input Document 6A/235 and a number of subsequent contributions, WP 6A further developed the PDNR which is contained in Annex 3 to Working Party 6A Chairman's Report (Document 6A/ 375).

Based on the thorough review of Document 6A/235 by the Experts present at the October 2009 and April 2010 meetings NABA is proposing that WP 6A adopt the PDNR of Annex 3 to Document 6A/375 as a draft new Recommendation.