



“In today's competitive markets, the NGN Forum has distinguished itself by accelerating 4G, SDP, IMS and Smart Grid service delivery.

Recognizing market and technology evolutions, the Forum focuses on mobile applications ecosystems including synergies among different industries.”

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The NGN Forum™ is the premier global telecommunications association devoted to Next Generation Networks (NGN), Applications Delivery and interoperable IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) architectures and solutions leveraging 4G, SDP (Service Delivery Platform), IT (Information Technology), Smart Energy and Smart Grid. The Forum provides to technical, marketing and business community a unique opportunity to participate in the development of NGN technologies, applications and business models.

Who We Are

The NGN Forum is a proactive group of industry leaders, experts and visionaries focused on revenue-generating services and best practices for all-IP applications convergence.

The Forum has developed over 100 business cases (including RoI), best practices, architectures. The Forum has completed 8 Plugfest interoperability testing events and reports for IMS, 3G and IP B/OSS.

The Forum brings together service providers, utilities, systems integrators, cable companies and content, software and equipment vendors committed to IMS/NGN standards conformance, interoperability and new applications development.

The NGN Forum association includes the IMS Forum®, SDP Forum™, NGN IT Forum™, Smart Grid Forum™, Smart Energy Forum™, Softswitch Consortium®, VoIP Council™, IP BSS/OSS (Business Support Systems / Operations Support Systems) and IPCC.

The Forum is the creator and organizer of the IMS Plugfests™, NGN Plugfests™ and Smart Grid Plugfest™, the industry's only testing events focused on demonstration and end-to-end verification of all-IP fixed and mobile applications and B/OSS interoperability through the NGN Certified™ programs.

Forum members develop cost-effective technical frameworks and architectural guidelines for converged NGN solutions. The combined organizations include over 2,000 executives, technical, business development and marketing professionals from global and emerging equipment vendors, integrators, apps developers, service providers, utilities and governmental agencies.

Our Mission

The Forum's mission since its inception in 1996 has been to promote and accelerate the deployment and interoperability of all-IP applications for fixed and mobile networks. Today, the NGN Forum focuses on the deployment and interoperability of 4G (HSPA+/WiMAX /LTE), IMS, SDP, NGN IT (machine-to-machine, cloud computing, IPv6 migrations, IP Video, unified communications) and Smart Energy/Smart Grid applications to enable enterprise and residential customers to benefit from the delivery of all-IP M-play™ and rich multimedia.



Forum Activities

- NGN Telecom Technology Technical Working Group develops guidelines, best practices, and reference architectures documents for Applications over fixed and wireless broadband networks. It will analyze impacts on BSS/OSS and Security.
- NGN IT Applications Working Group focuses on enterprise new services delivery and integrations.
- NGN Business and Marketing Working Group develops case studies, financial industry/media relations, analyst briefings, industry events, speaking engagements, and social networking groups.
- Plugfest Interoperability Testing (IOT) Working Group creates test methodologies, test plans/reports and test architectures for our NGN Plugfest technologies test events.
- NGN Service Provider and Integrator Committee provides direction and support for all technical and marketing activities.
- NGN Advisory Group provides consultancy, analysis and assessment activities for service providers, governments, vendors and financial industries.

Membership Benefits

- Showcase your company at major telecom, cable, wireless, apps, smart grid events in North and South America, Asia, Middle East and Europe
- Receive current market and technology deployment information through newsletters, reports and conferences
- Provides venue and inputs to appropriate national and international standards bodies
- Access to over 100 of our industry groups documents, guidelines and test reports including carrier research
- Join an exclusive network of professionals, consultants and accredited experts
- Gain additional visibility through the Forum's newsletter, speakers' bureau, press activities and marketing media programs (over 20,000 industry distributions)
- Join NGN business and technology Open Community and benefit from new applications and services with CIOs and CTOs (over 5,000 members)
- Participate in Forum Working Groups for all-IP applications and services
- Participate in industry Plugfest interoperability test events (through IMS Plugfest, NGN Plugfest and Smart Grid Plugfest) to verify and certify interoperability for customers and prospects to reduce interoperability costs and accelerate time to market

Membership

NGN Forum members include service providers, equipment and software vendors, systems integrators and applications developers delivering wireless, wireline, cable, smart grid, and enterprise solutions. Our members range from small and medium-sized companies to Fortune 100 enterprises.

To participate in Forum activities or for additional information please visit our website www.NGNForum.org or email info@NGNForum.org for a membership form.

Are you spending too much time and money on reaching all-IP IMS NGN interoperability? Learn about the benefits of Plugfest today.

All-IP Plugfests

Plugfests cover themes and test plans determined by our members.

The NGN Forum/IMS Forum is the only industry association dedicated to interoperability and certification of IMS and NGN all-IP applications, services and communications for fixed, mobile and cable networks.

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