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In the present document, certain modal verbs have the following meanings:

**shall** indicates a mandatory requirement to do something

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**should** indicates a recommendation to do something

**should not** indicates a recommendation not to do something

**may** indicates permission to do something

**need not** indicates permission not to do something

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**can** indicates that something is possible

**cannot** indicates that something is impossible

NOTE 4: The constructions "can" and "cannot" shall not to be used as substitutes for "may" and "need not".

**will** indicates that something is certain or expected to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

**will not** indicates that something is certain or expected not to happen as a result of action taken by an agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

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**might not** indicates a likelihood that something will not happen as a result of action taken by some agency the behaviour of which is outside the scope of the present document

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**is** (or any other verb in the indicative mood) indicates a statement of fact

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the stage 3 protocol and data model for the Nnef southbound Service Based Interface. It provides stage 3 protocol definitions and message flows, and specifies the API for each service offered by the Network Exposure Function (NEF).

The 5G System stage 2 architecture and procedures are specified in 3GPP TS 23.501 [2], 3GPP TS 23.502 [3] and 3GPP TS 23.288 [14].

The Technical Realization of the Service Based Architecture and the Principles and Guidelines for Services Definition are specified in 3GPP TS 29.500 [4] and 3GPP TS 29.501 [5].

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
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- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 23.501: "System Architecture for the 5G System; Stage 2".
- [3] 3GPP TS 23.502: "Procedures for the 5G System; Stage 2".
- [4] 3GPP TS 29.500: "5G System; Technical Realization of Service Based Architecture; Stage 3".
- [5] 3GPP TS 29.501: "5G System; Principles and Guidelines for Services Definition; Stage 3".
- [6] OpenAPI: "OpenAPI Specification Version 3.0.0", <https://spec.openapis.org/oas/v3.0.0>.
- [7] 3GPP TR 21.900: "Technical Specification Group working methods".
- [8] 3GPP TS 33.501: "Security architecture and procedures for 5G system".
- [9] IETF RFC 6749: "The OAuth 2.0 Authorization Framework".
- [10] 3GPP TS 29.510: "5G System; Network Function Repository Services; Stage 3".
- [11] IETF RFC 9113: "HTTP/2".
- [12] IETF RFC 8259: "The JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) Data Interchange Format".
- [13] IETF RFC 9457: "Problem Details for HTTP APIs".
- [14] 3GPP TS 23.288: "Architecture enhancements for 5G System (5GS) to support network data analytics services".
- [15] 3GPP TS 29.522: "5G System; Network Exposure Function Northbound APIs; Stage 3".
- [16] 3GPP TS 29.571: "5G System; Common Data Types for Service Based Interfaces; Stage 3".
- [17] 3GPP TS 29.520: "5G System; Network Data Analytics Services; Stage 3".
- [18] 3GPP TS 29.517: "5G System; Application Function Event Exposure Service; Stage 3".
- [19] 3GPP TS 29.551: "5G System; Packet Flow Description Management Service; Stage 3".

- [20] 3GPP TS 29.541: "5G System; Network Exposure (NE) function services for Non-IP Data Delivery (NIDD) and Short Message Services (SMS); Stage 3".
- [21] 3GPP TS 29.554: "5G System; Background Data Transfer Policy Control Service; Stage 3".
- [22] 3GPP TS 29.523: "5G System; Policy Control Event Exposure Service; Stage 3".
- [23] 3GPP TS 29.256: "Uncrewed Aerial Systems Network Function (UAS-NF); Aerial Management Services; Stage 3".
- [24] 3GPP TS 26.531: "Data Collection and Reporting; General Description and Architecture".
- [25] 3GPP TS 26.501: "5G Media Streaming (5GMS); General description and architecture".
- [26] 3GPP TS 26.512: "5G Media Streaming (5GMS); Protocols".
- [27] 3GPP TS 23.273: "5G System (5GS) Location Services (LCS); Stage 2".
- [28] 3GPP TS 29.572: "5G System; Location Management Services; Stage 3".
- [29] 3GPP TS 29.122: "T8 reference point for northbound Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)".
- [30] 3GPP TS 29.519: "5G System; Usage of the Unified Data Repository service for Policy Control Data, Application Data and Structured Data for Exposure; Stage 3".
- [31] 3GPP TS 37.355: "LTE Positioning Protocol (LPP)".
- [32] 3GPP TS 29.504: "5G System; Unified Data Repository Services; Stage 3".

## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

### 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

### 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in 3GPP TR 21.905 [1].

|      |  |
|------|--|
| 5GMS | 5G Media Streaming                     |
| AF   | Application Function                   |
| API  | Application Programming Interface      |
| ASP  | Application Service Provider           |
| DCCF | Data Collection Coordination Function  |
| EAS  | Edge Application Server                |
| EHE  | Edge Hosting Environment               |
| GMLC | Gateway Mobile Location Centre         |
| GPSI | Generic Public Subscription Identifier |
| LCS  | LoCation Services                      |
| LMF  | Location Management Function           |
| NEF  | Network Exposure Function              |

|       |                                   |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| NF    | Network Function                  |
| NWDAF | Network Data Analytics Function   |
| SMF   | Session Management Function       |
| SUPI  | Subscription Permanent Identifier |
| URI   | Uniform Resource Identifier       |

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## 4 Services offered by the NEF

### 4.1 Introduction

The NEF offers to other NFs the following southbound services:

- Nnef\_EventExposure
- Nnef\_PFDManagement
- Nnef\_SMContext
- Nnef\_SMSservice
- Nnef\_Authentication
- Nnef\_EASDeployment
- Nnef\_TrafficInfluenceData
- Nnef\_ECSAddress
- Nnef\_DNAIMapping
- Nnef\_UEId

NOTE 1: The northbound services offered by the NEF are defined in 3GPP TS 29.522 [15], e.g. the northbound requirement of Nnef\_EventExposure service or Nnef\_EASDeployment.

NOTE 2: The services offered by the NEF (e.g. Nnef\_EventExposure service) as specified in the present specification are only applicable for Nnef southbound services.

NOTE 3: The Nnef\_PFDManagement service offered by the NEF southbound is defined in 3GPP TS 29.551 [19].

NOTE 4: The Nnef\_SMContext service and the Nnef\_SMSservice offered by the NEF southbound is defined in 3GPP TS 29.541 [20].

NOTE 5: The Nnef\_Authentication service offered by the NEF southbound is defined in 3GPP TS 29.256 [23].

### 4.2 Nnef\_EventExposure Service

#### 4.2.1 Service Description

##### 4.2.1.1 Overview

The Nnef\_EventExposure service, as defined in 3GPP TS 23.502 [3], is provided by the Network Exposure Function (NEF). When the UE Application data is collected via the Data Collection AF, the Application Function Exposure Service, as defined in 3GPP TS 26.531 [24], 3GPP TS 26.501 [25] and 3GPP TS 26.512 [26], is provided by the Data Collection AF instantiated in the 5GMS AF for the Event Consumer AF instantiated in the 5GMS ASP.

This service:

- allows NF service consumers to subscribe to, modify and unsubscribe from application events reporting; and
- notifies NF service consumers with a corresponding subscription about observed events at the NEF.