

KEY GENERATION METHOD AND APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

A key generation method and an apparatus relate to the field of communication technologies, and are provided to enable an IAB donor and an IAB node to use same K_{IAB} in a dual connectivity scenario. The key generation method includes the following steps: A first access network device determines that a first device that registers with a 5G core network by using the first access network device is an IAB node. When a secondary base station needs to be selected for the first device, the first access network device determines whether the first access network device has an IAB donor function. If the first access network device has the IAB donor function, the first access network device selects a third access network device as the secondary base station of the first device. The first access network device generates a second IAB key K_{IAB2} based on a secondary base station key, where K_{IAB2} is used to establish a secure tunnel between the first access network device and the first device.

(Fig.16)