

ITU EXECUTIVE-LEVEL TRAINING FOR HEADS OF REGULATORY AUTHORITIES: STRATEGIC IMPACT OF COST MODELING AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS

ITU Headquarters Geneva, Switzerland, Room H 27 - 28 June 2011

PROGRAMME

Monday, 27 June 2011			
STRATEGIC IMPACT OF COST MODELING			
	09.00 - 09.30	Delegate registration	
	09.30 - 09.45	Opening Ceremony	
	09.45 – 10.45	 Session 1: Introduction to the economics of competition, competition law and regulation Why does competition create benefits for the economy and citizens alike? Methods to determine static and dynamic welfare effects of competition How to ensure a competitive environment? General concepts of competition law and merger control (abuse of market power, cartels) 	
	10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break		
	11.00 – 12.00	 Session 2: Defining markets correctly - Structure and purpose of market reviews Market definition: services, geographical extension, segmentation Analyze the structure of markets, Significant Market Power (SMP), instruments to designate SMP Description of possible remedies for certain types of imperfect competition: transparency, non discrimination, regulatory accounting, access obligations, price controls Introduction to the role play exercise 	
	12.00 – 12.30	Role play exercise	
	12.30 – 14.00 Lunch		
	14.00 -15.15	 Session 3: Defining a regulatory accounting and cost modeling strategy - Selecting the best approach in accordance with the national context Principles of regulatory accounting and accounting separation; strategic role of regulatory accounts for monitoring pricing Cost modeling strategic approach: from FDHC (fully distributed historic costs) to FLRIC Overcoming data collection challenges - its importance and the key role of the regulator Establishment of a "Costing Team" in charge of implementing the costing strategy 	
	15.15 – 15.30	Presentation on Regulatory Accounting and Cost Modeling Strategy - Jamaican Experience by Mr. Zia Mian, Head Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR) of Jamaica	
	15.30 – 15.45 Coffee break		
	15.45 – 16.45	 Session 4: Price controls and its relation to cost modeling, accounting and regulation Types of price controls, price controls and creation of competition Price controls and investment incentives How to use regulatory accounts to determine regulated prices Which information is critical for the calculation of correct price ceilings? Impact of convergence and NGN on price controls: is it time to refocus? 	
	16.45 – 17.30	Role play exercise	

Tuesday, 28 June 2011			
DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS			
	09.30 – 09.45	Introduction to the Dispute Resolution Sessions Resourcing Dispute resolution in ICTs ITU ICTDec Part I – Alessandra Pileri BDT Regulatory tools and activities – Carmen Prado-Wagner and Nancy Sundberg	
	09.45 – 10.45	 Session 5: Dispute resolution mechanisms in the current ICT environment, current practices, public/private roles and the role of regulators Main trends in ICT dispute resolution The importance of a robust dispute resolution scheme to ensure a fair and competitive environment Roles and responsibilities in dispute resolution Courts and Tribunal The telecom/ICT regulator Arbitration panel Expert determination Mediators Dispute resolution bodies- private actors Setting the legal and regulatory framework for dispute resolution (Communications law, licensing agreements, commercial agreements, reference interconnection offer, etc.) 	
	10.45 – 11.00 Coffee break		
	11.00 – 12.30	 Session 6: Mechanisms applied to resolve disputes Overview of the different dispute resolution mechanisms When and how to use alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms Understanding the processes (facts findings, timeframe, appointment procedures for arbitrators, mediators and experts, rules of evidence, investigation powers, decision making, confidentiality and public consultation, enforcement and appeals) Mediation/conciliation Arbitration Hybrid dispute resolution techniques 	
	12.30 – 14.00 Lunch		
	14.30 -15.30	Session 7: Role play exercisePractical example of an interconnection dispute	
	15.30 - 15.45 (Coffee break	
	15.45 – 16.15	Presentation and discussion of results from the Role play exercise	
	16.15 – 16.45	 Session 8: Resourcing Dispute resolution in ICTs - Institutions and service providers available to regulators WIPO Arbitration and Mediation Center – Ignacio Decastro ITU ICTDec Part II – Alessandra Pileri 	
	16.45 – 17.00	Concluding remarks	

Annex 1