

## ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs for Member Countries of the Regional Group for Africa

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# 1.0 Introduction

- Snapshot of prevailing situation on cost modelling for tariffs and interconnection in Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Discuss stakeholders in ICT and challenges for harmonization of cost modelling.

## 2.0 Overview of Africa, SADC ICT Penetration

### 2006

- World population–6.6billion people      Penetration – 60.15
- Africa population–923million      Penetration – 30.94
- SADC population–257.7million      Penetration – 32.20

### Gross Domestic Product and GDP – Per capita - 2006

- World – US\$48,800 billion      Per Capita – US\$7,393.94
- Africa – US\$996 billion      Africa – US\$1,079.00
- SADC – US\$348.1 billion      SADC – US\$2,342.67

## Revenue and Investment

	Revenue (US\$)	Investment (US\$)
<b>World</b>	1,287 B	196.8B
<b>Africa</b>	37B	8.1 B

### 3. Challenges to Increased/ Improved Penetration

- ☞ Large penetration gap on world and Africa
  - Small gap in Africa and SADC
- ☞ World per capita – US\$7,393.94 vs US\$1,079.00 for Africa
  - SADC – US\$2,342.67
- ☞ Population distribution and economics
- ☞ Uneven telecommunication reforms
- ☞ Uneven economies
- ☞ Literacy rates



## 4.0 Stakeholders

- ☞ Need for coordinated action.
- ☞ Who are the stakeholders:
  - Operators
  - National regulatory agencies
  - Taxation automobiles
  - Capital sector
  - Government
  - Consumers
  - Regional agencies, e.g CRASA

## 5.0 ICT Challenges for SADC

As much as SADC seems to be moving ahead, there are challenges.

- SADC's penetration is 32.2 per 100 inhabitants against 60.15 per 100 inhabitants in the world
- Target of single currency in 2018 will there be time and resources for ICT.
- Big brother situation – a positive or negative?
- Idea exchange – how fluid is it – given cases of Seychelles, Mauritius and South Africa penetration situations.



## 6.0 Moving Forward

- CRASA to vigorously promote best practice.
- Capacity building on ICT for stakeholders
- CRASA linkages with training institutions on ICT.
- Improve member State regulatory compliance
- Funds mobilization for capacity building, data collection, corrective measures
- Assist member States falling behind.

## 7.0 Conclusion

- Great opportunity for Africa, SADC to increase penetration.
- ICT to be major contributor to socio, economic development and poverty alleviation.

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