

Regional Seminar on New Trends in Tariff Policies Bratislava, Slovakia 18-20 September 2001

Background

Current trends in technology and commerce, and changes in the telecommunication environment are having major repercussions on telecommunication tariffs, with the gradual opening up to competition of the telecommunication sector being set to oblige service providers to develop tariff policies, which take greater account of the actual costs of providing telecommunication services at both national and international levels. Therefore, cost-orientated pricing has become a prerequisite for durably enhancing the role of telecommunication tariffs for the sustainable development of telecommunications.

During the implemented Subregional Seminar on Tariffs for CIS Countries held in San Petersburg on May 2000, the participants expressed their interest that this type of Seminar would also be extended to all the region in view of promoting the development of telecommunications and large exchange of experience between stakeholders.

In this framework, and at the kind invitation of the Slovakia Telecommunication Administration, the ITU/BDT is organizing this Regional Seminar with the main objective to enhance the awareness of the Region and update their knowledge with the developments that occurred recently in cost model principles. It will also provide clarity on principles and basis for Costing of Telecom Services and the Implications for Universal Service Pricing as well as Interconnection Cost and IP Network Based Services throughout different Country Cases.
