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## **Partnership on Measuring ICT for** Development

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## **ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP**

The Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development is a multistakeholder initiative to build capacity for the collection and dissemination of internationally comparable ICT statistics. Its overall goal is to help produce more and better statistical information in the area of ICTs, which allow governments to make informed policy decisions for using ICTs as a tool for social and economic development.

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) has called upon countries and international organisations to produce official statistics to monitor the Information Society. This includes the collection and analysis of basic indicators.

The Partnership, which was officially launched at the occasion of UNCTAD XI in June 2004, has a number of concrete objectives to promote the advancement of comparable ICT data at the global level by:

- Define and analyse internationally comparable statistical ICT indicators and develop methodologies to collect these indicators.
- Assist developing countries in the collection of ICT statistics.
- Help countries to implement and promote their ICT policies.
- Develop a global database on ICT indicators.

Partners contribute their expertise and resources to the development and implementation of Partnership projects.

The Partnership actively seeks contribution from donors to support capacity building in developing countries.



## MAIN AREAS OF ACTIVITY

The Partnership contributes to closing the global ICT data gap by carrying out the following activities:

- A global stocktaking exercise provided valuable information on which countries collect statistical information on access and use of ICTs (2004).
- Contributions to the WSIS process (Geneva, 2003 and Tunis, 2005) and its follow-up.
- Standardisation of ICT data and the adoption of an internationally comparable set of core ICT indicators (February 2005).
- Development of methodological material on the collection of ICT statistics, in particular the core indicators (November 2005).
- Regional and global meetings and events to promote ICT measurement, to develop core indicators and to diffuse methodological standards.
- Development of an online knowledge management platform and forum for the dissemination of data and information and for an open and continuous discussion at the international level.
- Development of a web-based global database on ICT indicators.
- Publications:
  - Core ICT Indicators, New York/Beirut 2005.
  - Measuring ICT: The Global Status of ICT Indicators, New York/Geneva 2005.



Development assistance provided by the Partnership will focus on capacity enhancement of national statistical systems to compile statistics on the Information Society, based on the core set of ICT indicators. Assistance will be offered through:

- developing countries.
- collection efforts.

## **Assistance to Developing Countries**

Raising awareness among policy makers on the importance of statistical indicators for monitoring ICT policies and carrying out impact analysis.

Assisting statistical agencies in developing countries in their ICT data collection and dissemination efforts, including the development of national databases to store and analyze survey results.

 Development of a specialized training course on information society statistics, for practitioners in

Conducting technical workshops at the regional level to exchange experiences and discuss methodologies, definitions, survey vehicles and data