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**ITU Regional Workshop on ICT Accessibility for Persons
with Disabilities for the Africa Region**

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Overview of the Workshop

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Special Initiatives

- An Initiative out of WTDC-06 creating awareness & skills to mainstream disability issues.

- Equal opportunities for People with Disabilities (PwDs).

- Supporting member states meet obligations under Article 9 of the UN Convention for Rights of Persons with disabilities.



Promoting ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities



In addition, provides training to policy makers, regulators, operators and other stakeholders working to address ICT needs for people with disabilities.

BDT & its partners develop tools to assist countries:

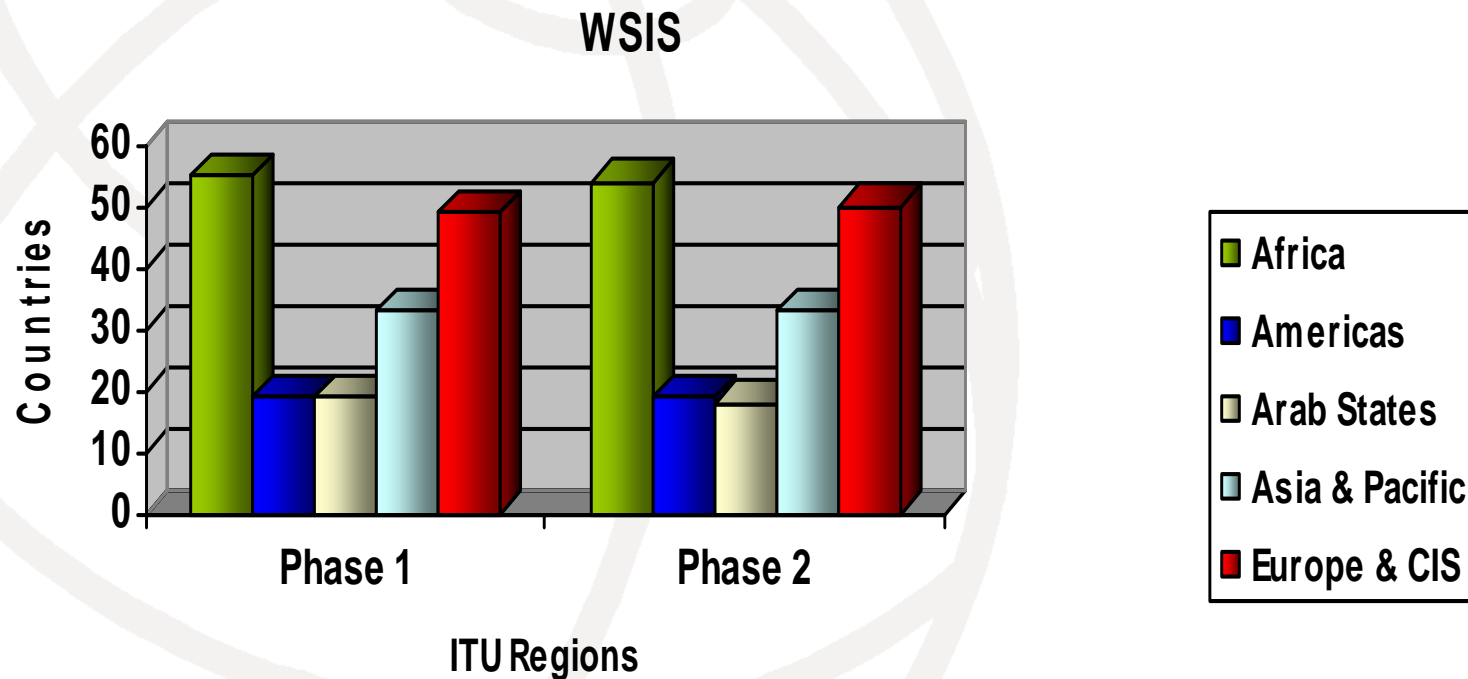
- Guidelines for policy makers & regulators.

- An on-line toolkit for capacity building, a platform to share experiences and best practice.

- Supports project implementation for PwDs.

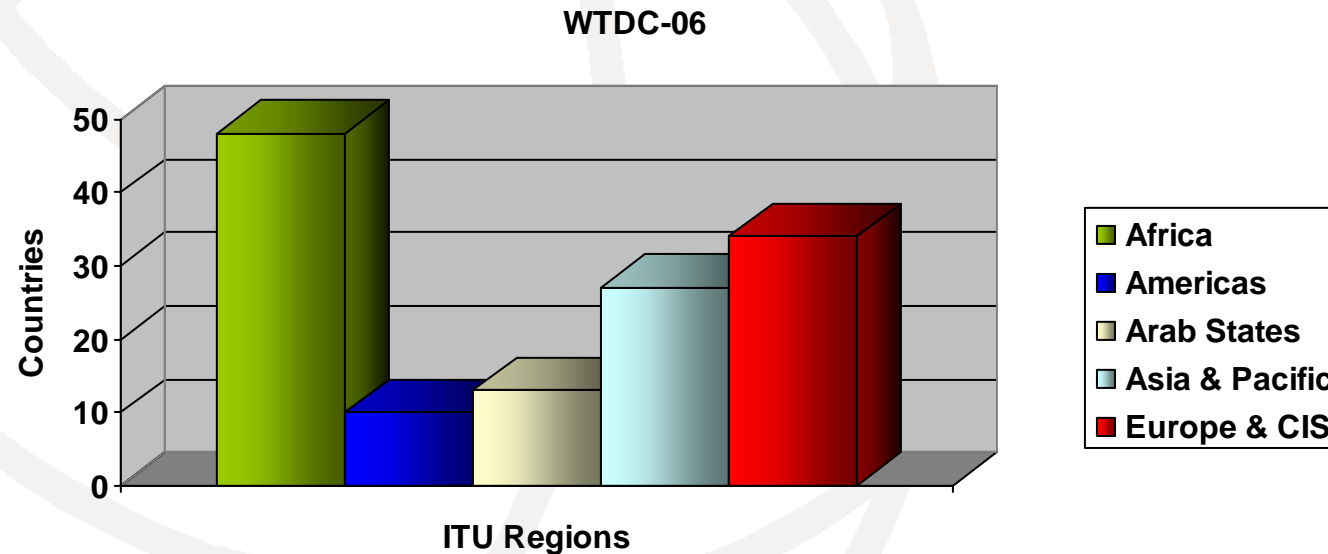
Mandates on ICTs for PwDs

- WSIS Phase (Geneva 2003)
- WSIS Phase 2 (Tunis 2005)

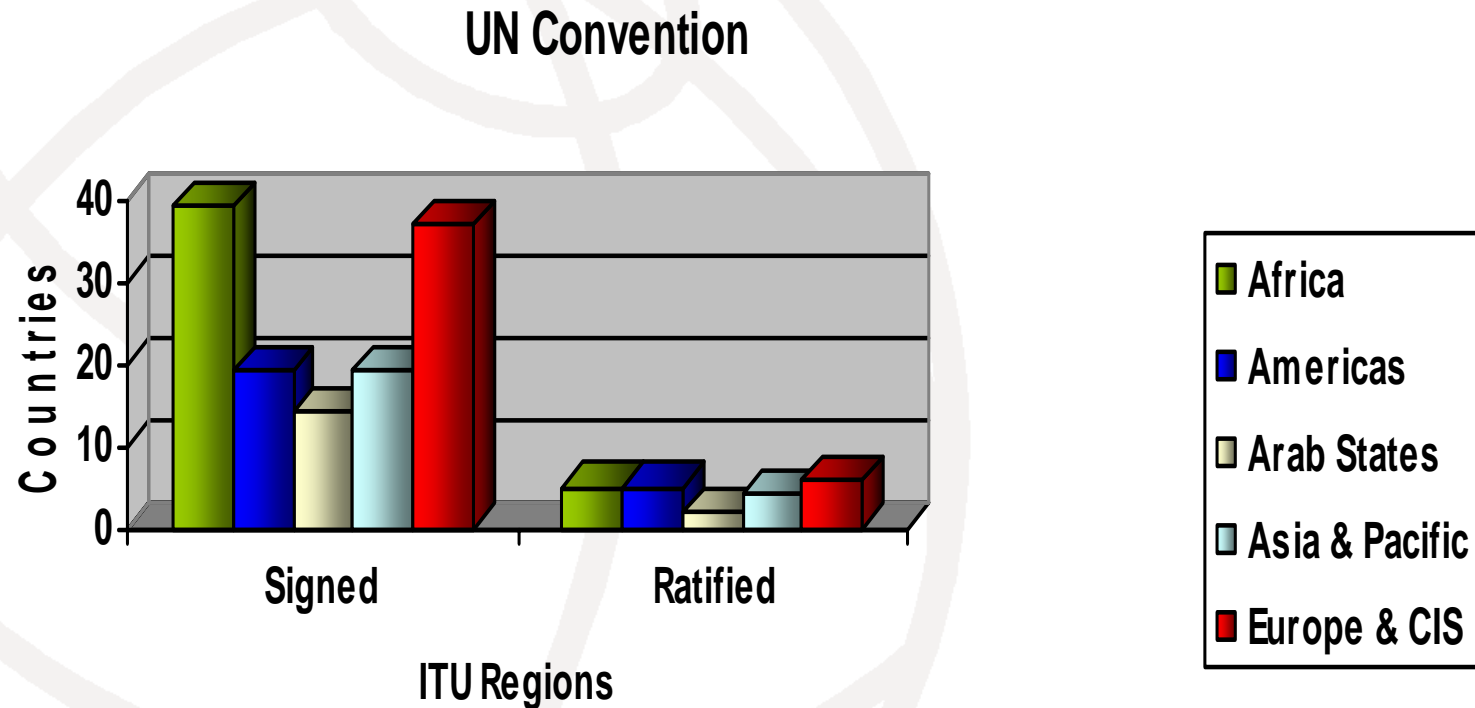


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- **ITU-D WTDC Resolution 56 (Doha, 2006)**



UN Convention on the Rights of PwDs (UNGA 2006)



Objectives

- Highlight policy issues and trends in accessible ICTs
- Review current structures and technologies and future trend.
- Identify priorities for accessible ICTs for all.
- Share experiences on best practices

Workshop Structure

- Policies
- Technologies
- 8 country presentations
- Applications
- 3 tutorials
- Adoption of the Report
- Closing

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