Universal Service Wireless Broadband Opportunities and Challenges

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The scale of a country's digital divide reflects the condition of its economy. In spite that digital divide extends beyond connectivity, connectivity is a main challenge for US policy makers. Enhancement of Universal access towards broadband access could change behavior of market players in considering broadband coverage for wider areas. In this process the role of US policy and regulatory measures are crucial. The presentation emphasizes US broadband opportunities and challenges for countries in transition and also discusses the way how to deploy wireless technologies for the broadband access for rural areas.