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# The challenges of Switchover



# Legal and Political issues

 Program editors, Licensing, number and ownership of Multiplexes, Network Operators, Public TV services, commercial TVs, local TV Standards, Analogue Switch Off (ASO), etc

### Technical issues

 Standards, compression system (MPEG2/MPEG4), Spectrum availability, network planning (MFN/SFN), coverage areas, end users equipment (Set-Top Box/ D-TV), etc.

### Economical related issues

 Introduction of new business model, transition costs, subsidizing vulnerable people, etc.

# Allocation of Digital dividend

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# ITU Activities for the Transition



- Regional Radiocommunication Conference 2006 (RRC-06)
  - > Frequency plan for the digital terrestrial broadcasting
  - Deadline to switch over for region 1 countries: 17 June 2015 (some countries and bands 2020)
- Software Packages for spectrum management
  - Compatibility analysis in the GE 06 Frequency bands
  - Spectrum Management Systems for Developing Countries (SMS4DC)
- Recommendations, Reports and Handbooks on digital broadcasting technologies
- ITU-D Question 11-3/2
- Workshops, trainings
- Roadmap assistance to Members States in the developing countries.

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# **Digital Migration Background**



- > RRC 04
  - ITU consultations on Digital broadcasting for regions 1 and part of region 3 of ITU member administrations
  - Draft digital plan was produced for the whole planning region
- > RRC 06
  - ITU coordinated Conference on Digital Migration that focused on adoption of the digital plan
  - Adoption of Digital Migration Strategies and Principles
  - Set a deadline for analogue television switch off i.e. June 2015 in UHF band and 2020 for VHF band

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# In Europe + Africa: GE06 Agreement. Objectives

- > Agree on date for Transition to Digital
- Establish a digital frequency plan (120 countries)
- Adopt an Agreement that sets out the procedures for making changes to the frequency plan and to bring the frequency assignments into operation.

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# Europe + Africa: GE06 Agreement

- > TV frequency bands in question:
  - VHF Band III: 174-230 MHz
  - UHF Bands IV & V: 470-862 MHz
- Technology: Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB-T)
  For television with four reception modes:
  fixed, mobile, portable indoor and outdoor

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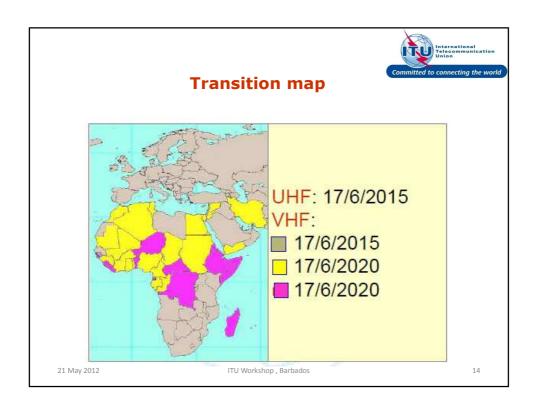
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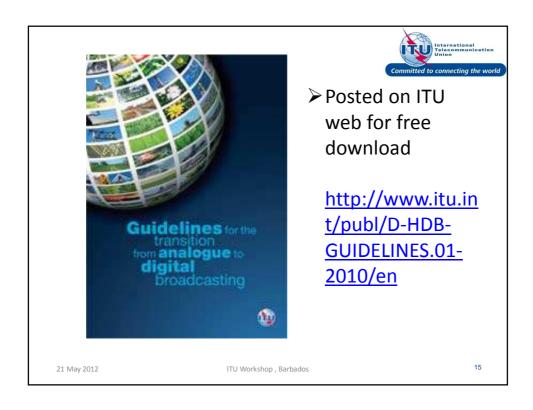
- > The Agreement entered into force on 17 June 2007
- Transition: 17 June 2015, but some countries preferred an additional five-year extension for the VHF band (174-230 MHz)
- ➤ At the end of the transition period, countries may continue to operate analogue broadcasting stations provided that these stations

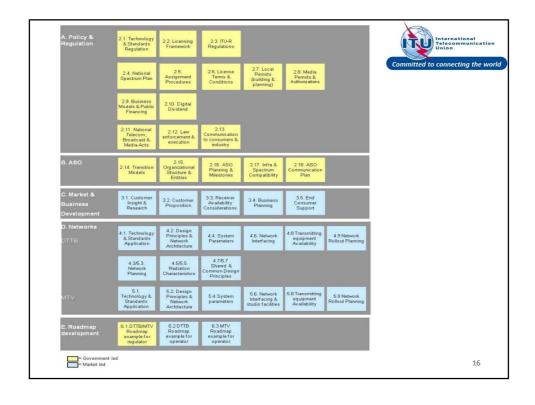
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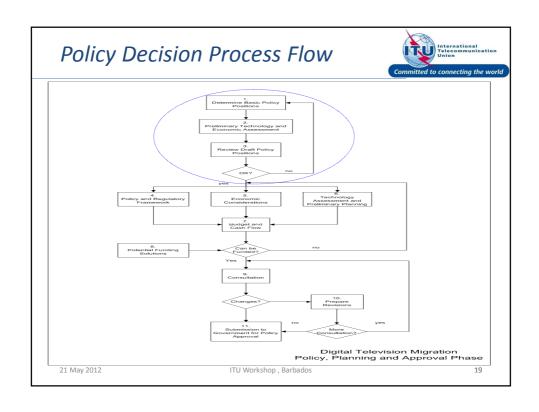


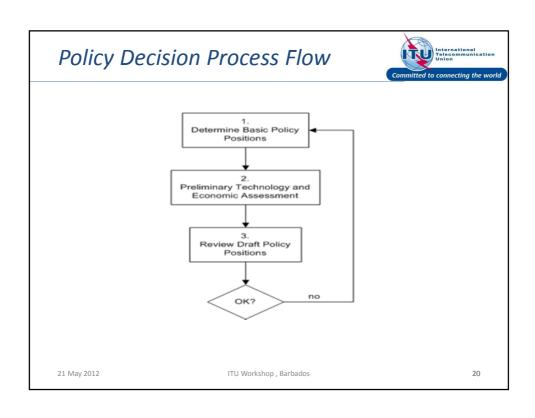


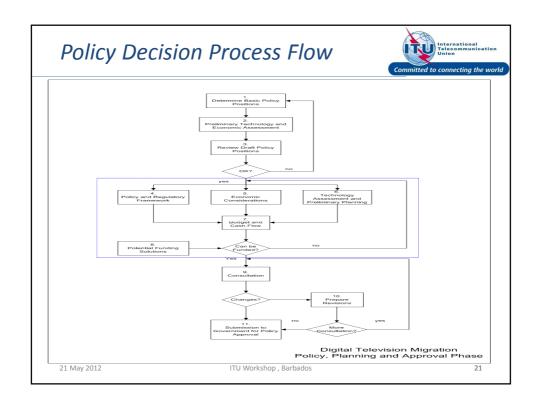


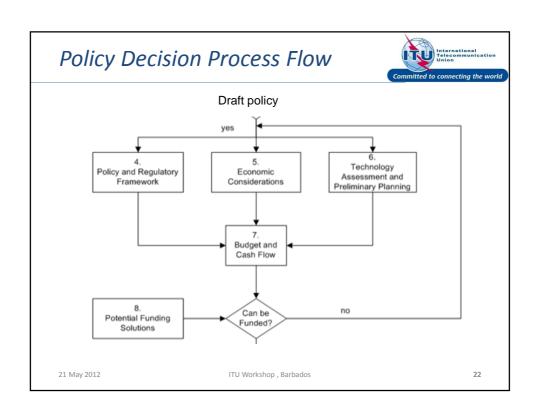
# Guideline: Scope and objective Guidelines on Transition from analogue TV to Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting (DTTB) Introduction of Mobile Television Broadcasting (MTV) Identification of Scope The policy, economic and technology choices Their potential impact DTTB and MTV introduction Providing many practical examples and references to documents for additional or more detailed information To assist the African countries in making their own roadmap - To shift smoothly from analogue to DTTB and MTV Objective To provide information regarding the cost benefit analysis of policy decisions and best practices 21 May 2012 ITU Workshop , Barbados

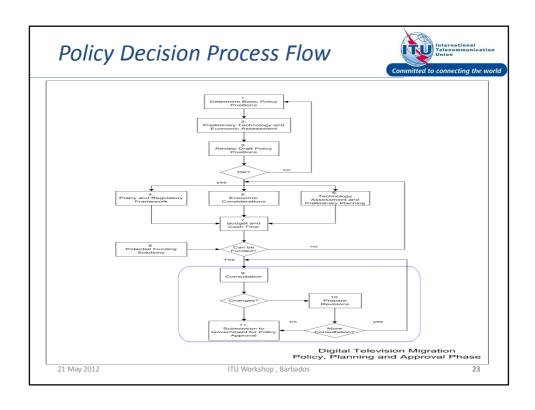
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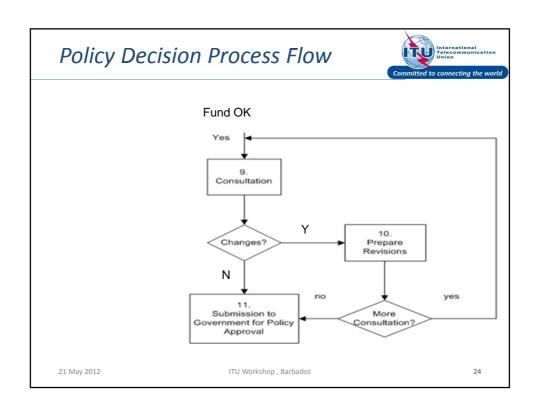


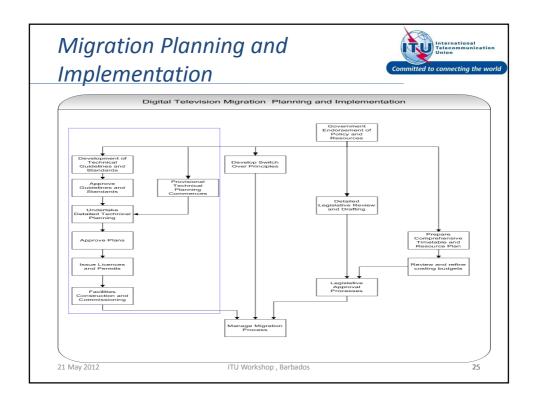


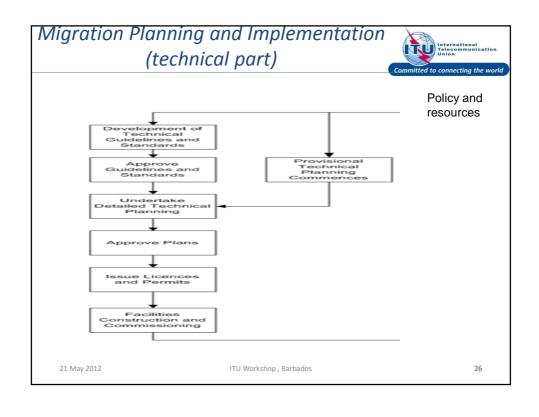


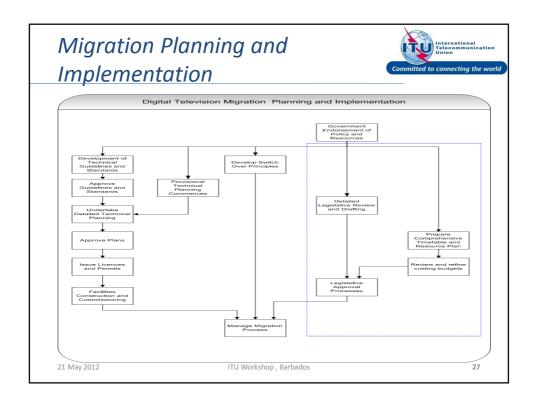


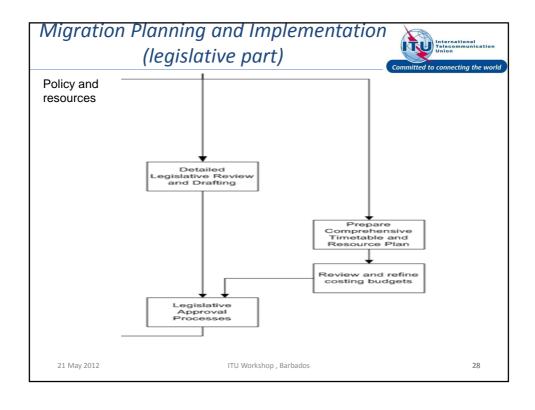


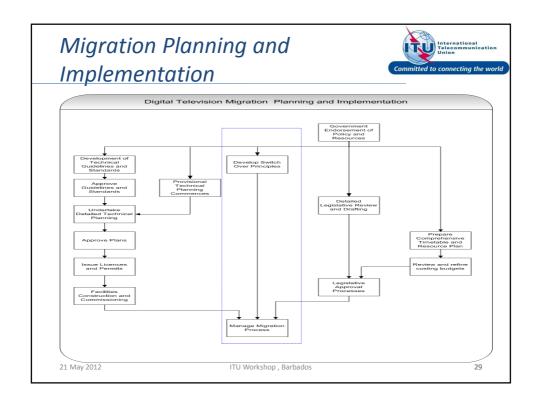


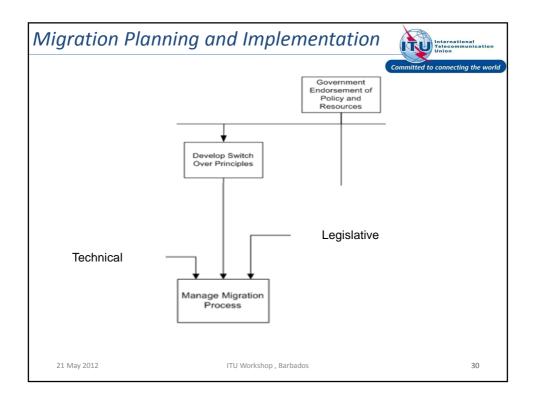












# Assistance provided by BDT



## **Africa**

- Guidelines
- Three countries selected for implementation of the Guidelines (i.e. preparation of the roadmap)
  - Ethiopia, Mali, Angola
- Additional assistance:
  - Zambia (workshop)
  - Congo, Uganda, Swaziland, Burkina Faso (assessment)
  - Rwanda (policy)
- ITU-ATU Summit and Workshops (November 2011, Nairobi, March and April 2012 Bamako and Kampala)
- Next Summit: 2012 September
- AUB: Afro-vision (planned project)

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### Asia Pacific

- Guideline extension for Asia Pacific which includes also:
  - guideline for transition analogue archives to digital
  - Five countries selected for implementation of the Guidelines
    - Mongolia , Cambodia, Tonga, Sri Lanka, Nepal
    - Cooperation with ABU
- Additional assistance:
  - Bhutan (assessment)
  - Co-organizing workshops, seminars with ABU and AIBD
- Workshop in Vietnam in May 2011
- Training and workshop in Bangkok February/March 2012)
- Cooperation agreement among ITU-ABU-AIBD

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## CIS

- Assistance:
  - Coordination of terrestrial digital TV broadcasting in the border area of Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan Republic and Uzbekistan Republic:

solution of the frequency allotments coordination problems in the border areas during the implementation of digital television in the above mentioned countries

- · Georgia (assessment)
- Organizing workshops, seminars in the region
- Project in Kyrgyzstan
  - Interactive Multimedia Digital Broadcasting (IMDB) Networks in the Kyrgyz Republic (area with mountainous terrain)

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## **EUR**

- PP Resolution 126
  - Assisting Serbia
- Ministerial Roundtable in Belgrade, Serbia, 2009
- Regulatory Roundtable in Györ, Hungary, 2011
- Workshops in Romania, Serbia, Poland, Greece
- · Web portal (Romania)

### **Americas**

- Suriname: workshop
- Participation at the CBU General Assembly (2010)
- CoE workshops (Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, 2010 Dec)
- CBU-ITU workshop in Barbados (2011 August)

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# Accessibility



## Report

• Making Television Accessible

http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/sis/PwDs/Documents/Making TV Accessible-E-BAT.pdf

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### International Telecommunication Union

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# Regional initiatives

- In all the regions Digital broadcasting and transition
  - Africa
  - Asia Pacific
  - Arab
  - Americas
  - Europe (Central and Eastern Europe)
  - CIS

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# **Conclusions**



- Transition to DTTB and the introduction of MTV services is a complex process
  - Involving decisions on key topics and choices of 41 functional building blocks
- A successful transition to DTTB and the introduction of MTV services requires:
  - Strong leadership of government
  - Firm decision of analogue TV switch-off date
  - Close cooperation of Regulator and market parties
  - Clear and timely regulatory framework (including decisions on the "Digital Dividend")
  - Adequate information and assistance to viewers

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