

## Regional Regulators' Associations

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<b>Africa</b>	Telecommunications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa (TRASA)	1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- co-ordinate regulatory matters and to exchange ideas, views and experiences;</li> <li>- promote the establishment and operation of efficient, adequate, and cost-effective telecommunications networks and services;</li> <li>- facilitate a uniform level of understanding regulatory matters; and</li> <li>- maximise the utilisation of scarce resources in specialist areas of telecommunications.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.trasa.org.bw">http://www.trasa.org.bw</a> Constitution, vision, mission: <a href="http://www.trasa.org.bw/article.php?articleid=14&amp;sectname=abouts&amp;deptid=29">http://www.trasa.org.bw/article.php?articleid=14&amp;sectname=abouts&amp;deptid=29</a>
	African Telecommunication Regulators Network	2000	To promote modernization of the sector, intensify cooperation, harmonize national regulatory practices, coordinate national positions, and exchange information.	
	West Africa Telecommunications Regulators' Association (WATRA)	2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To encourage the establishment of modern legal and regulatory structures for telecommunications service; and to encourage the separation of policy, regulation, and operations, and the establishment of distinct, independent and adequately empowered National telecommunications regulatory agencies;</li> <li>- To seek the development and harmonization of regulations;</li> <li>- To promote the establishment and operation of efficient, adequate, and cost-effective telecommunications networks and services;</li> <li>- To encourage increased liberalization and competition initiatives in networks development and to enhance efficiency in telecommunications service delivery;</li> <li>- To contribute to the development of policies to enhance universal access and telecommunication penetration in rural and under-served areas in the sub-region;</li> <li>- To facilitate the exchange of ideas, views and experiences among members on all aspects of regulation of the telecommunications sector.</li> </ul>	<a href="http://www.watra.org">http://www.watra.org</a> WATRA Constitution <a href="http://www.watra.org/Constitution.htm">http://www.watra.org/Constitution.htm</a>
	Association of Regulators for Information and Communication Services of Eastern and Southern Africa (ARICEA)	2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchange ideas, views and experiences on all aspects relating to facilitating and regulating the development and application of ICTs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No web site as of June 2003 Constitution can be accessed from the African Connection</li> </ul>

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			<p>ICTs;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote the sustainable development and application of efficient, adequate and cost-effective ICT networks and services;</li> <li>- Coordinate cross-border regulatory issues on ICTs;</li> <li>- Contribute to the achievement of sub-regional and regional integration;</li> <li>- Promote the maximisation of the utilisation of scarce resources in the ICTs sector.</li> </ul>	<p>Site  <a href="http://www.africanconnection.org/pub_docs/detail.cfm?Doc_ID=20">http://www.africanconnection.org/pub_docs/detail.cfm?Doc_ID=20</a></p>
	Réseau francophone de la régulation des télécommunications (FRATEL) (Francophone Telecommunication Regulatory Network)	2003	<p>Le Réseau francophone a pour mission :</p> <p>de promouvoir l'échange d'informations, de contribuer dans la mesure de ses possibilités aux efforts de formation, la coordination, la coopération technique entre ses membres, ainsi que de contribuer à l'étude de toute question relative à la régulation des télécommunications.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.art-telecom.fr/symposium/bamako/indexdbamako.htm">http://www.art-telecom.fr/symposium/bamako/indexdbamako.htm</a> (in French)</p>
<b>Americas</b>	Eastern Caribbean Telecommunications Authority (ECTEL)	2000	<p>promotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- open entry, market liberalisation and competition;</li> <li>- harmonised policies for telecommunications and an objective and harmonised regulatory regime;</li> <li>- a universal service, so as to ensure the widest possible access to telecommunications at an affordable rate by the people and to enable the people to share in the freedom to communicate over an efficient and modern telecommunications network;</li> <li>- fair pricing and fair competition.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.ectel.info/about/ECTEL%20Treaty.pdf">http://www.ectel.info/about/ECTEL%20Treaty.pdf</a></p>
	Latin American Telecommunications Regulators Forum (REGULATEL)	1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To facilitate the exchange of information about the regulatory framework, the telecommunications market and services</li> <li>- To promote harmonization of telecommunications regulation</li> <li>- Identify and defend the regional interests looking for common positions in international fora.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.regulate.org/info/public/CONSTITUTIVA_2001.htm">http://www.regulate.org/info/public/CONSTITUTIVA_2001.htm</a></p>
	Organization of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR)	2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To assist in the improvement of utility regulation in member countries (including enhancing regulatory methods and practices);</li> <li>- Foster development of transparent and stable utility regulation through autonomous</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.oocur.org">http://www.oocur.org</a></p>

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			and independent regulators; and - Foster cooperation among utility regulators.	
<b>Arab States</b>	Arab Regulators Network	2003	to co-ordinate regulatory matters and to exchange ideas, views and experiences on all aspects of regulation of the telecommunications sector throughout the Arab region. This effort is intended to foster the exchange of ideas regarding common elements that are a part of the regulators' activities in every country, as well as political, regulatory, technological and other issues raised by stakeholders.	In the process of being created. <a href="http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/Events/Seminars/2003/Algeria/">http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/Events/Seminars/2003/Algeria/</a>
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	The South Asian Telecommunications Regulators' Council	1998	- To discuss and coordinate issues (e.g., radio frequency co-ordination, standards, regulatory trends and issues, strategies, etc.) relating to regulation of telecommunications. - Identify and promote areas of potential co-operation in telecommunications - The Council functions under the auspices of the Asia Pacific Telecommunity.	<a href="http://www.aptsec.org/satrc/satrc.htm">http://www.aptsec.org/satrc/satrc.htm</a>
	Asean Telecommunication Regulators' Council	1995	The Council provides a forum for the discussion of regulatory issues and for setting domestic and regional policies for the sector. Key aims include ensuring seamless roaming of services within ASEAN, facilitating intra-ASEAN trade in telecommunication equipment and services, enhancing interconnectivity and interoperability of ASEAN networks and strengthening the region's profile in the international community. Specific objectives include the harmonization of frequency allocation and type-approvals processes across ASEAN and the development of human resource expertise.	

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<b>Europe</b>	European Regulators Group (ERG)	2002	Established by the European Commission (EC) decision 2002/627/EC as a mechanism for encouraging cooperation and coordination between national regulatory authorities and the Commission, in order to promote the development of the internal market for electronic communications networks and services, and to seek to achieve consistent application, in all Member States, of the provisions set out in the Directives of the new regulatory framework	<a href="http://www.erg.eu.int/">http://www.erg.eu.int/</a>
	Independent Regulators Group (IRG)	1997	The Independent Regulators Group - IRG - was established in 1997 as a group of European National Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities (NRAs) to exchange experiences and develop common views on essential issues with the overall goal of harmonized implementation	<a href="http://irgis.icp.pt/site/en/index.asp">http://irgis.icp.pt/site/en/index.asp</a>