



# GILF 09 Chairman's Report

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# General Themes

- Spectrum, spectrum, spectrum
- Fair, stable, predictable regulatory environment
- Light touch regulatory approach
- Avoid over-taxation which could reduce investment in networks/services
- ICTs are part of the climate change solution

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# Financial Crisis

- Invest in broadband for economic recovery and future growth
- Need predictable, stable regulation
- Harmonize regulation frameworks regionally where beneficial to support new investment
- Leverage harmonized radio-frequency spectrum, re-farming as counter-cyclical investment

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# Universal Access

- USF is good concept. Need more industry role in implementation. Also need to release funds for network roll-out.
- Tech neutrality – allow investors to choose to reach under/unserved
- Sustainable business models needed

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# IP/Telecom Convergence

- Need long term horizon view
- Set aside significant spectrum to support future growth, convergence, new services
- Experiment with “innovation zones” of spectrum to test new technologies/approaches
- Lighter regulation and flexibility to allow for tech/market evolution
- Avoid prescribing specific business models
- As ITU to assist Members with spectrum efficiency measures, including potential use of “white spaces”

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# Conclusions

- Industry ready and willing to work with regulators and ministries
- Seeking collaborative engagement
- Identify areas of common interest
- Aim for a vibrant sector to help connect the unconnected