



Global Standards Collaboration Roundtable: Building Bridges

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Building bridges is in ITU's mandate



- Bridging the Standardization Gap:
 - Plenipotentiary Resolution 123
 - WTSA-08 Resolution 44

ITU facilitates access to info and meetings



- Free access to ITU-T Recommendations
 - Before: a few thousands sold
 - Now: millions downloaded
- Regional groups established in Africa, the Americas, Arab states and Asia-Pacific
- ITU-T's WTSA-08 and GSS in Africa
- ITU study group meetings and workshops increasingly held in developing countries
- Remote participation tools
 - ITU-T: close to 100 remote meetings in 1st half of 2008

Regional Development Forums in 2008



ITU provides funding



- Partial fellowships for all ITU-T study groups in new study period
- Voluntary fund >USD 200,000 for bridging the standardization gap
 - So far: Korea Communications Commission, Nokia Siemens Networks, Microsoft and Cisco
 - To support organization of ITU-T study group meetings / workshops in developing countries

Developing countries are going to drive innovation



- Safaricom Kenya's M-PESA: send money by phone. Anywhere. Anytime.
 - No bank account or bankcard needed
- Expect a wave of innovation from developing countries ...
 - ... requiring standards ...
 - ... and ever greater co-ordination among standards bodies