Build on Broadband: A Winning Formula for the Millennium Development Goals

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Opening remarks
Key discussion points

- Infrastructure development and broadband services need to be given priority of similar weights to roads, ports, electricity and water.

- Awareness and capacity building at all levels to have ICT experts who can design and maintain ICT services our countries; importance of broadband services to our people (e.g. healthcare, education, market information, etc.).

- Establish information communication centers to facilitate those unable to buy ICT equipment.

- Local content development: Contents relevant to respective communities.

- Effective Coordination and harmonization of ICT initiatives, depending on the nature of a LDCs country.

- Collaboration between Governments and the private sector: Public Private Partnership's mechanisms (Universal communication policies).

- Flexible policies and regulatory framework (e.g. converged licensing framework).