



International Telecommunication Union

DIGITAL DIVIDENDS FOR THE LDCs

Mid-Term Review on the Implementation of the BPOA
for the LDCs: 2001-2010
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Who are the LDCs?



UNVEILING THE L FACTOR

Lack of Infrastructure

Low Income

Literacy Deficiency

Landlocked & Rural based

Lacuna (Rural vs Urban)

**LDC
TRAP**

WHO WE ARE

ITU

Helping the World Communicate

190 Member States
700 Sector Members

ITU-T

Telecommunication
standardization
- network and service
aspects



ITU-R

Radiocommunication
standardization and
global radio spectrum
management

ITU-D

Assisting implementation
and operation of
telecommunications in
developing countries

Our programme

Least Developed Countries, Small Island
Developing States and Emergency
Telecommunications (Doha, 2006)

Vision



Quality and **timely** service aimed at integrating
LDCs into the world economy through ICTs



Priority Areas

- Universal access (infrastructure, introduction of new technologies, e-services, human resource development, policies and regulations)
- Rehabilitation and reconstruction of Telecommunication infrastructure for Countries in Special Need
- Emergency Telecommunications



Applications and Services

Leveraging the potential of Internet to meet the needs of various sectors by putting in place a conducive environment



STATE OF ICTs in LDCs: TELEDENSITIES (2005)

LDC countries above
10 total telephone
subscribers per 100
inhabitants



Gambia
Lesotho
Maldives
Mauritania,
Samoa
Senegal
Cape Verde
Lao P.D.R
Equatorial Guinea

LDC countries
between 5 and 10
total telephone
subscribers per 100
inhabitants



Angola, Bhutan, Burkina
Faso, Djibouti, Haiti,
Kiribati, Mali, Sao Tome
and Principe, Senegal,
Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania,
Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda,
Vanuatu, Yemen

LDC countries below
5 total telephone
subscribers per 100
inhabitants

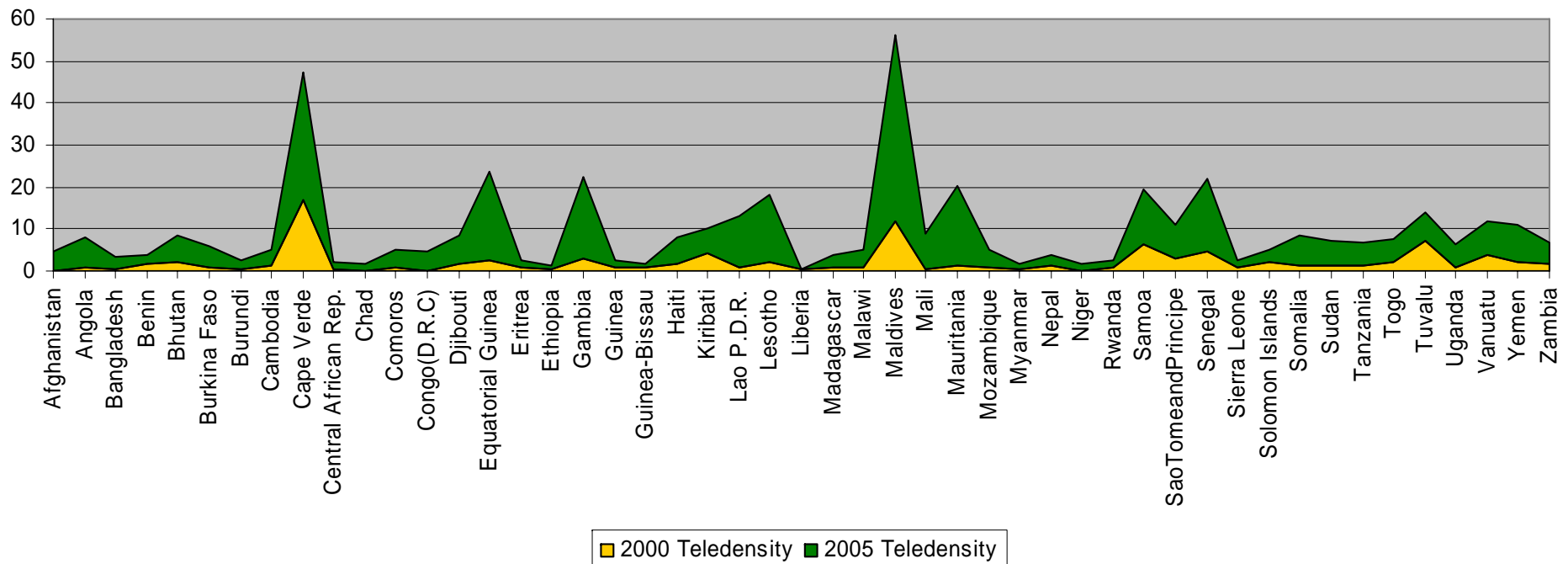


Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burundi, Cambodia,
Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Eritrea,
Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali,
Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra
Leone, Solomon Islands, Zambia

* 2005 figures

Growth of teledensity in LDCs doubled: 2000 - 2005

Growth of teledensity in LDCs from 2000 to 2005



STATE OF ICTs in LDCs: INTERNET PENETRATION (2005)

LDC countries above 10 total telephone subscribers per 100 inhabitants



Sao Tome and Principe
Tuvalu

LDC countries between 5 and 10 total telephone subscribers per 100 inhabitants



Benin, Cape Verde, Haiti, Maldives, Sudan

LDC countries below 5 total telephone subscribers per 100 inhabitants

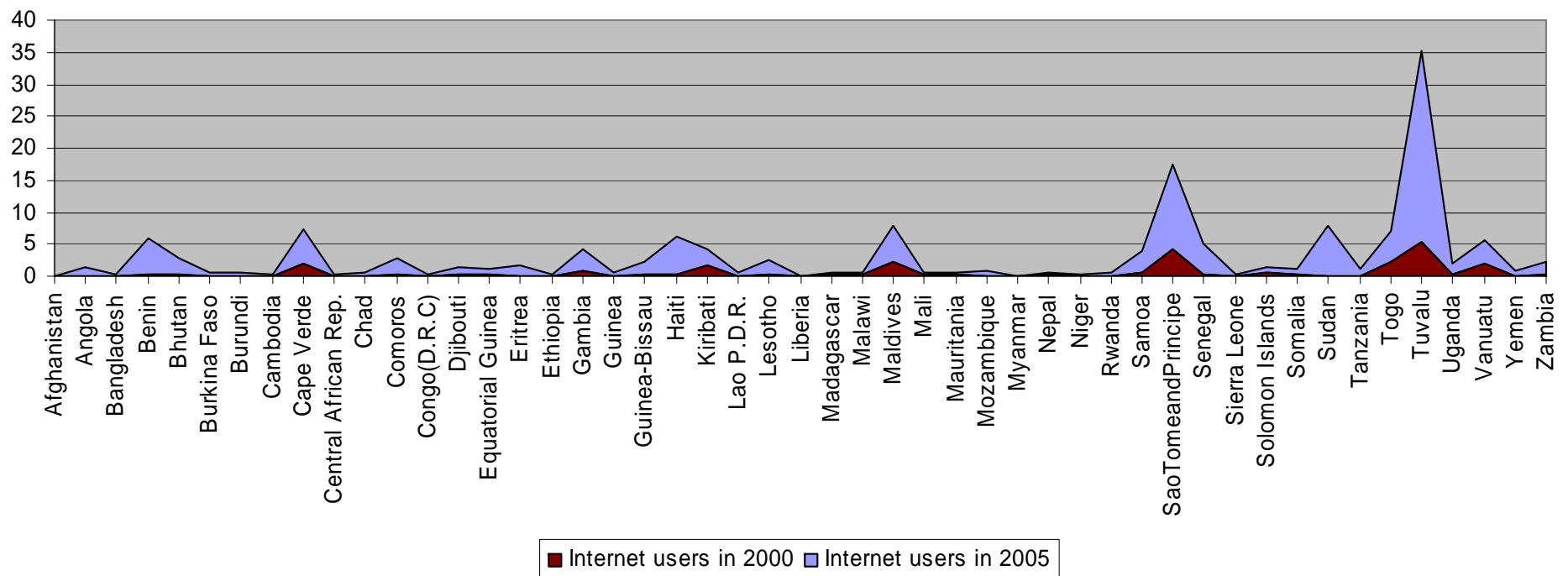


Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Central African Rep., Chad, Comoros, D.R. Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kiribati, Lao P.D.R, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Samoa, Senegal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia

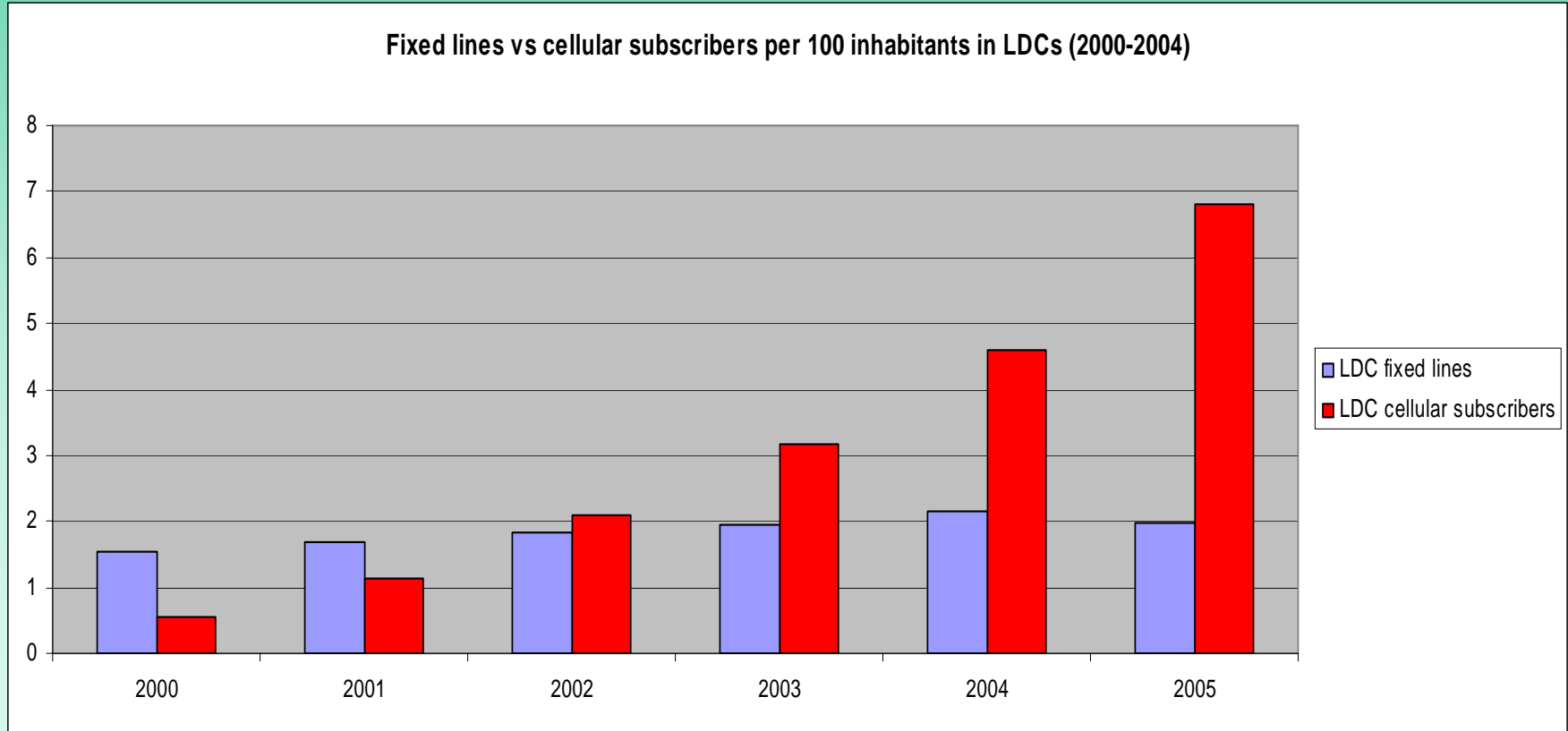
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Growth of Internet penetration in LDCs (2000-2005)

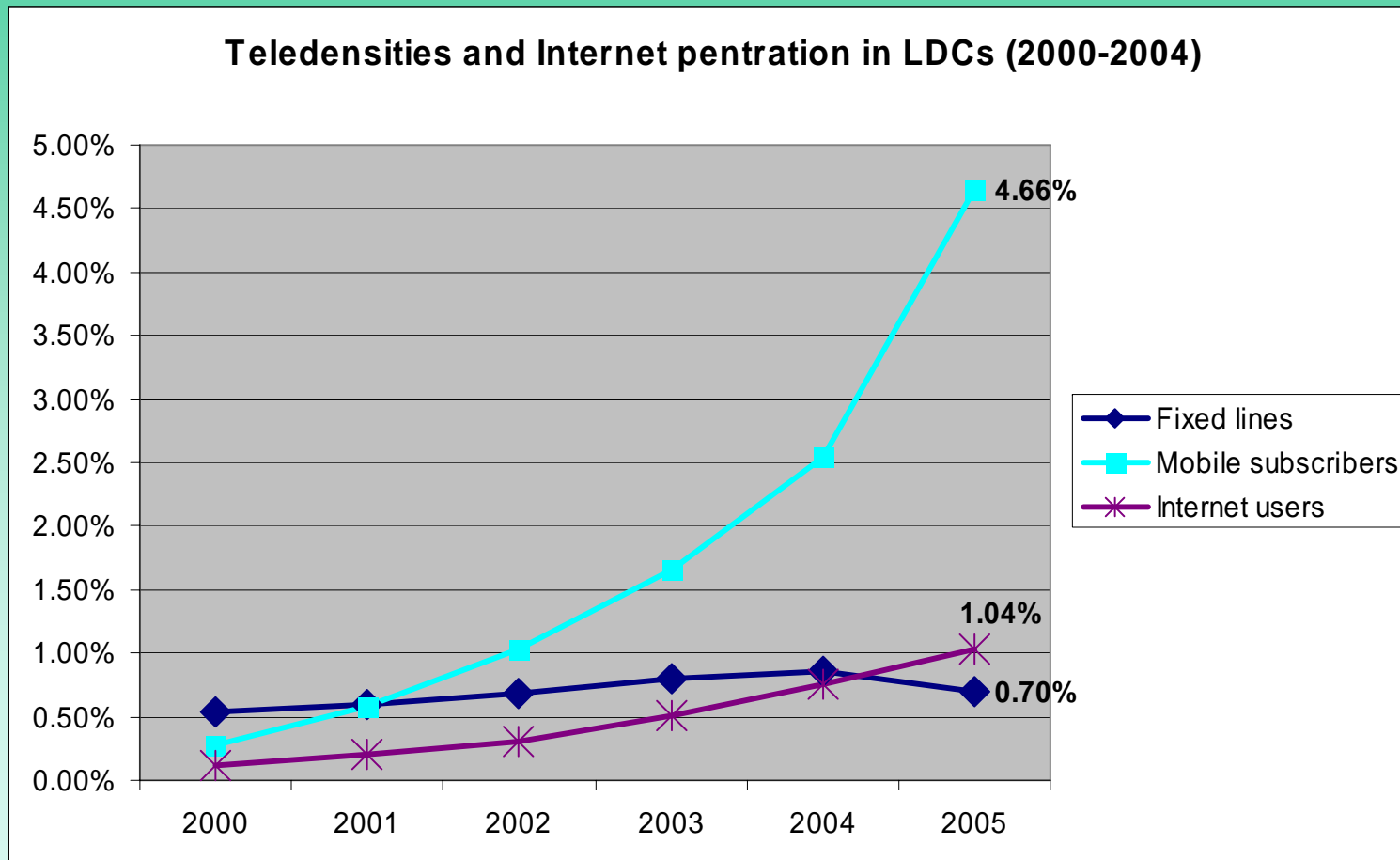
Internet penetration in LDCs (2000-2004)



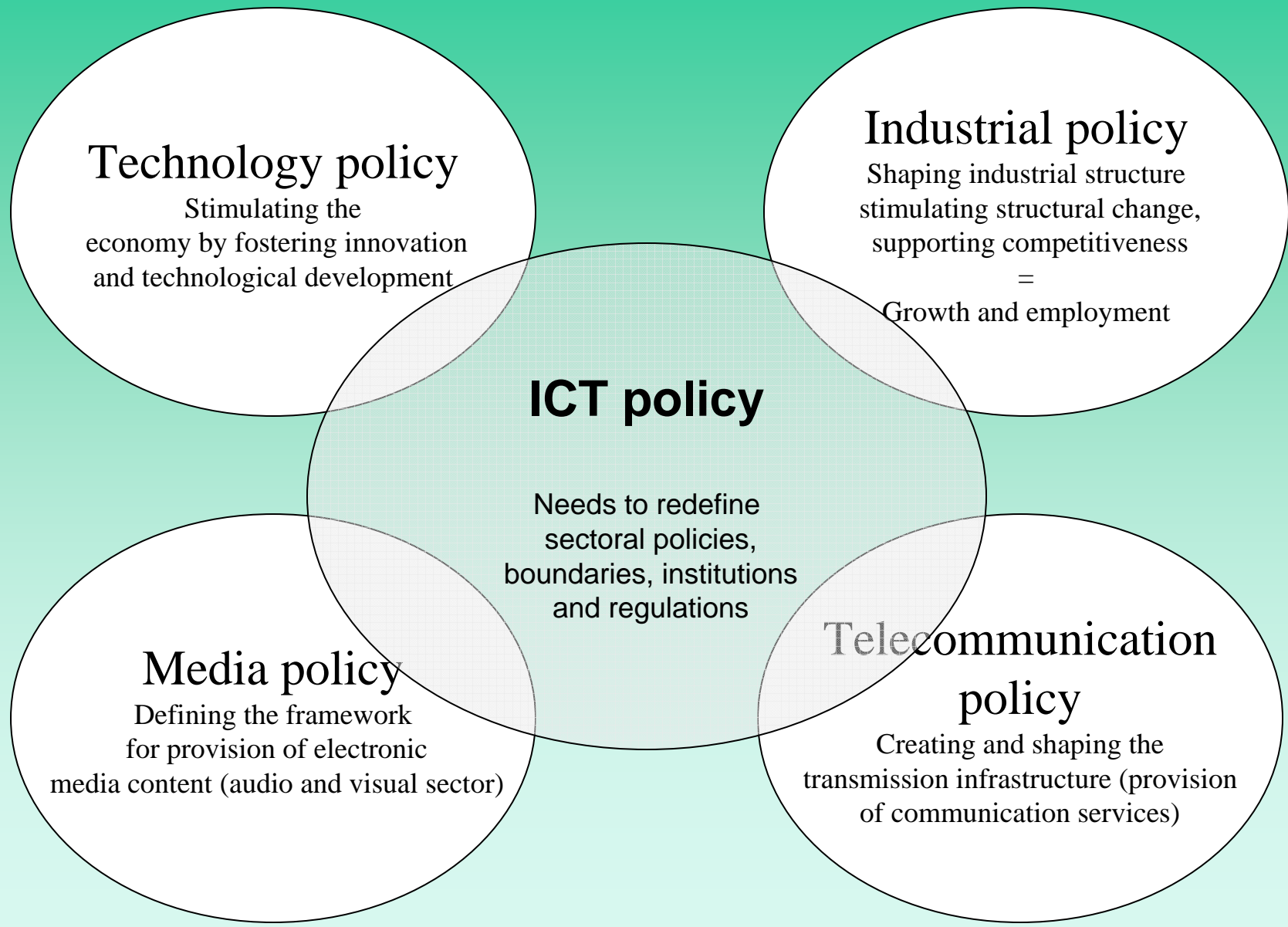
Fixed vs Mobile



Fixed, Mobile and Internet

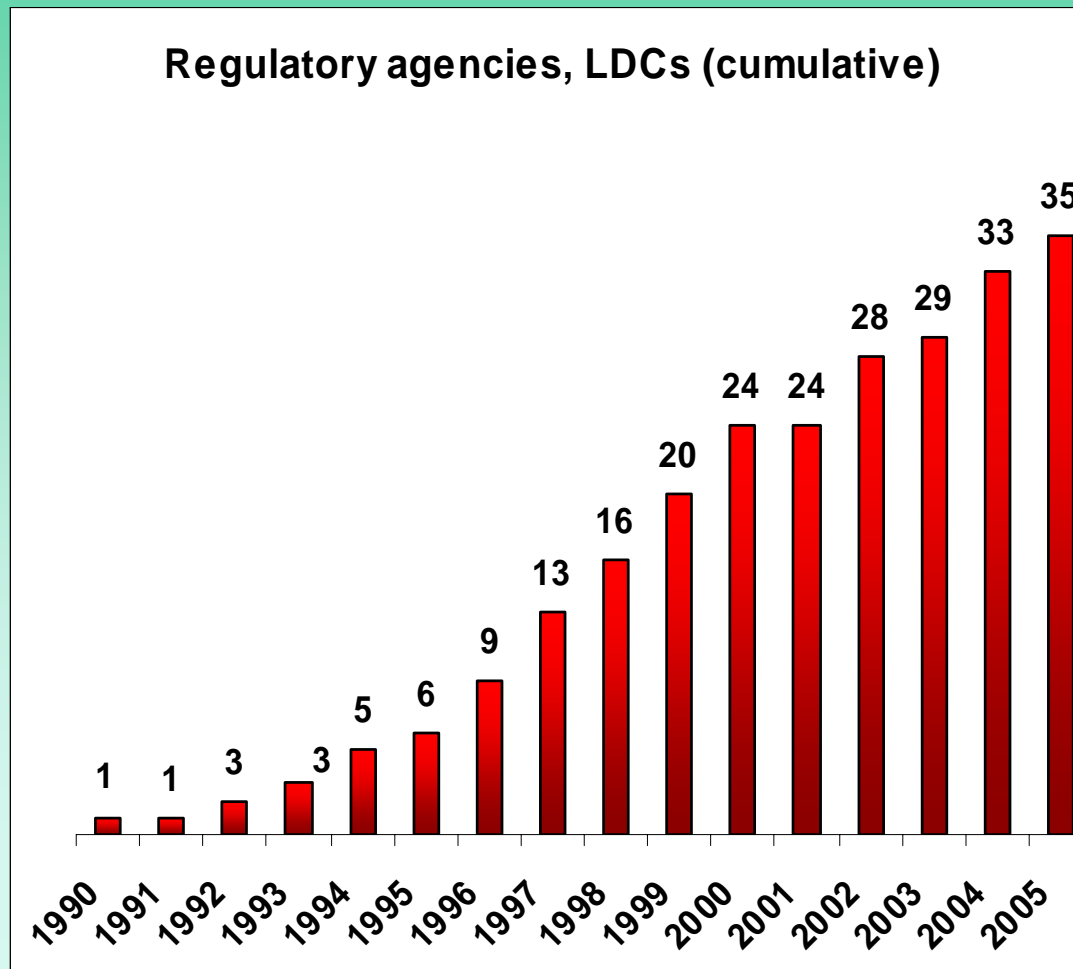


Drivers to growth: Policy intervention



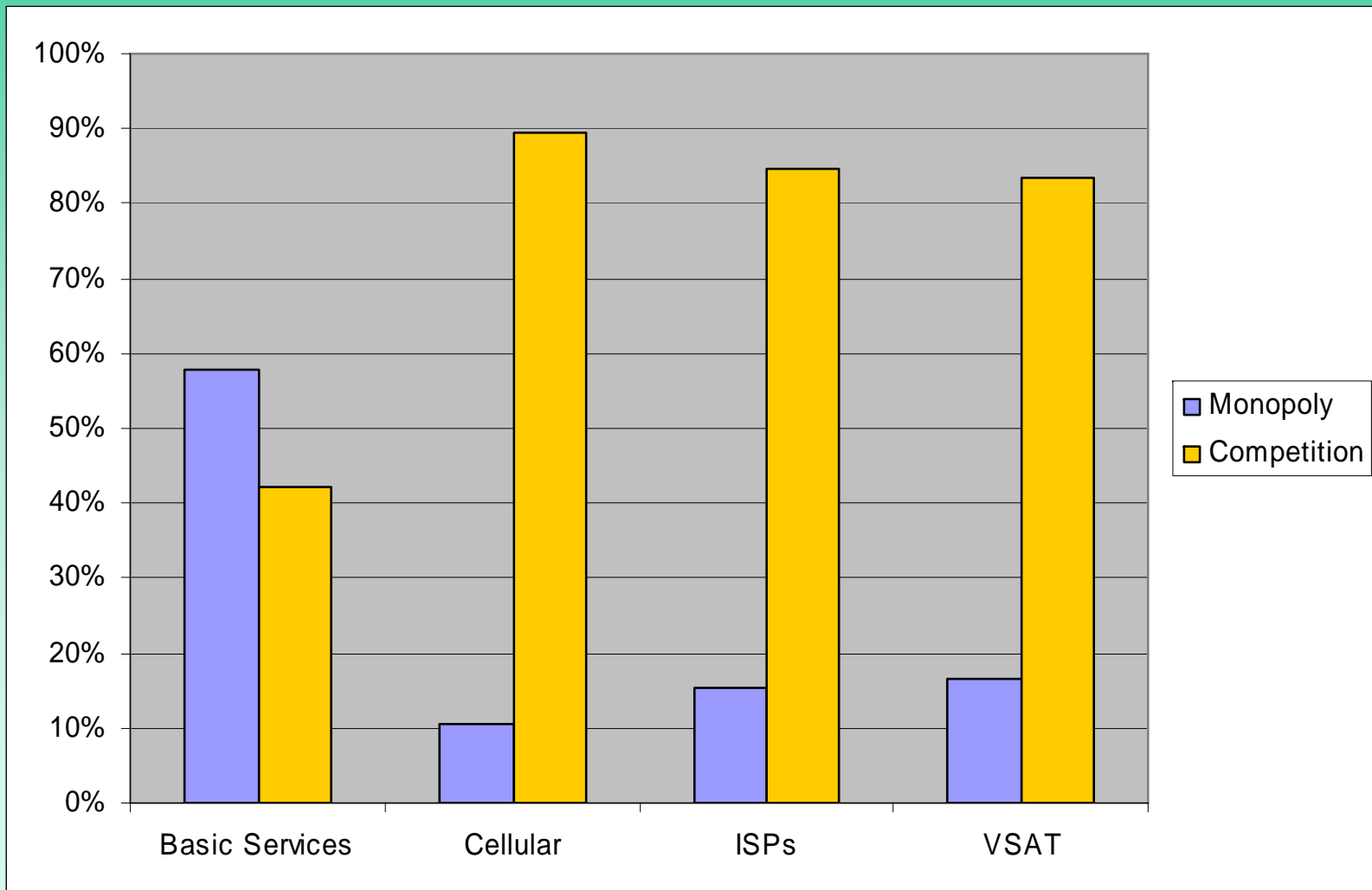
Drivers to growth: Regulation

Growth of Regulatory agencies in LDCs from 1990 to 2005



Drivers to growth: Competition

Level of competition in selected services and networks in the LDCs, 2004



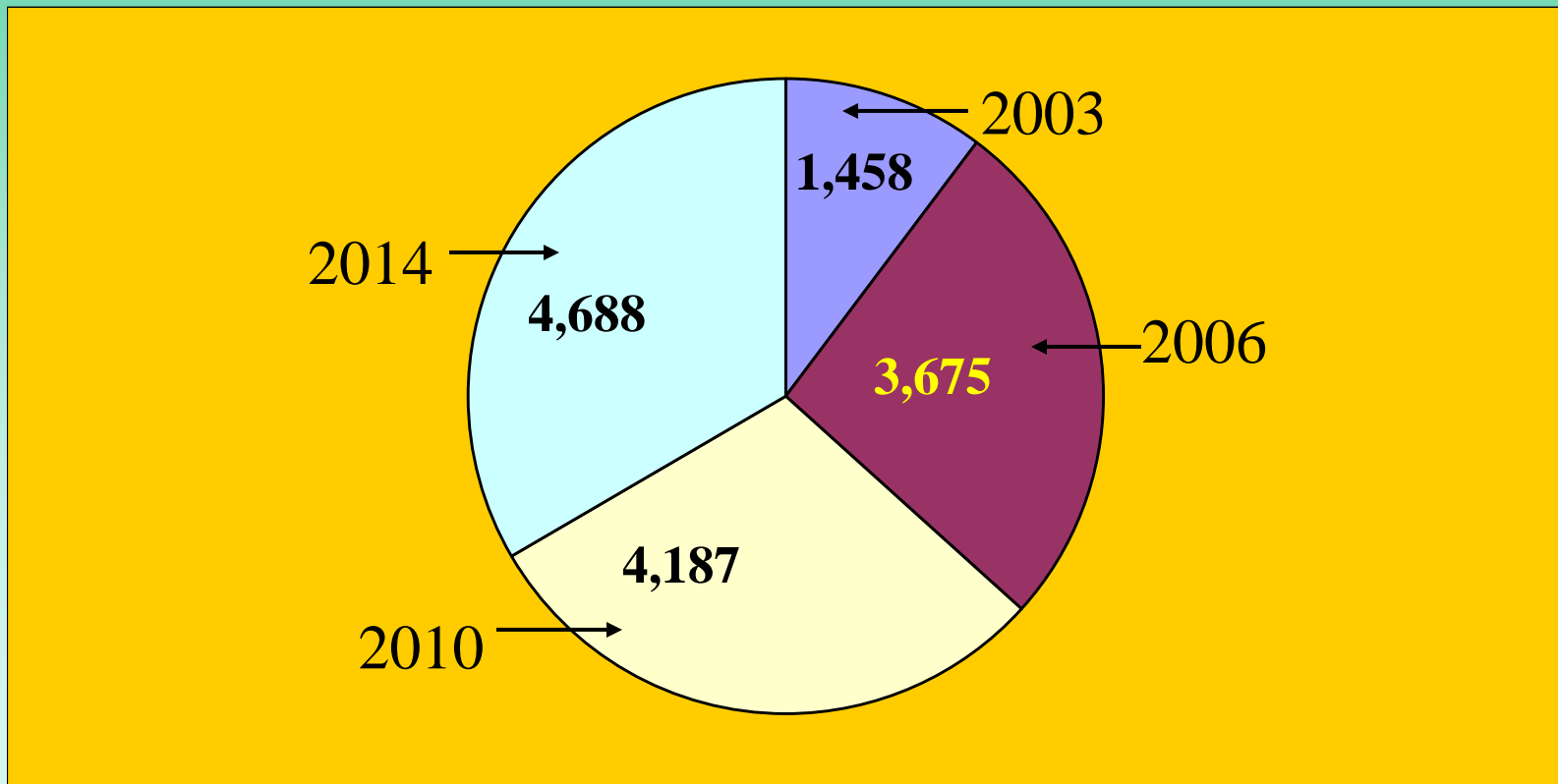
The future is bright



- Political will in LDCs
- New, low cost and affordable technologies (wireless)
- Increased competition: More inflows
- High awareness on role of ICTs

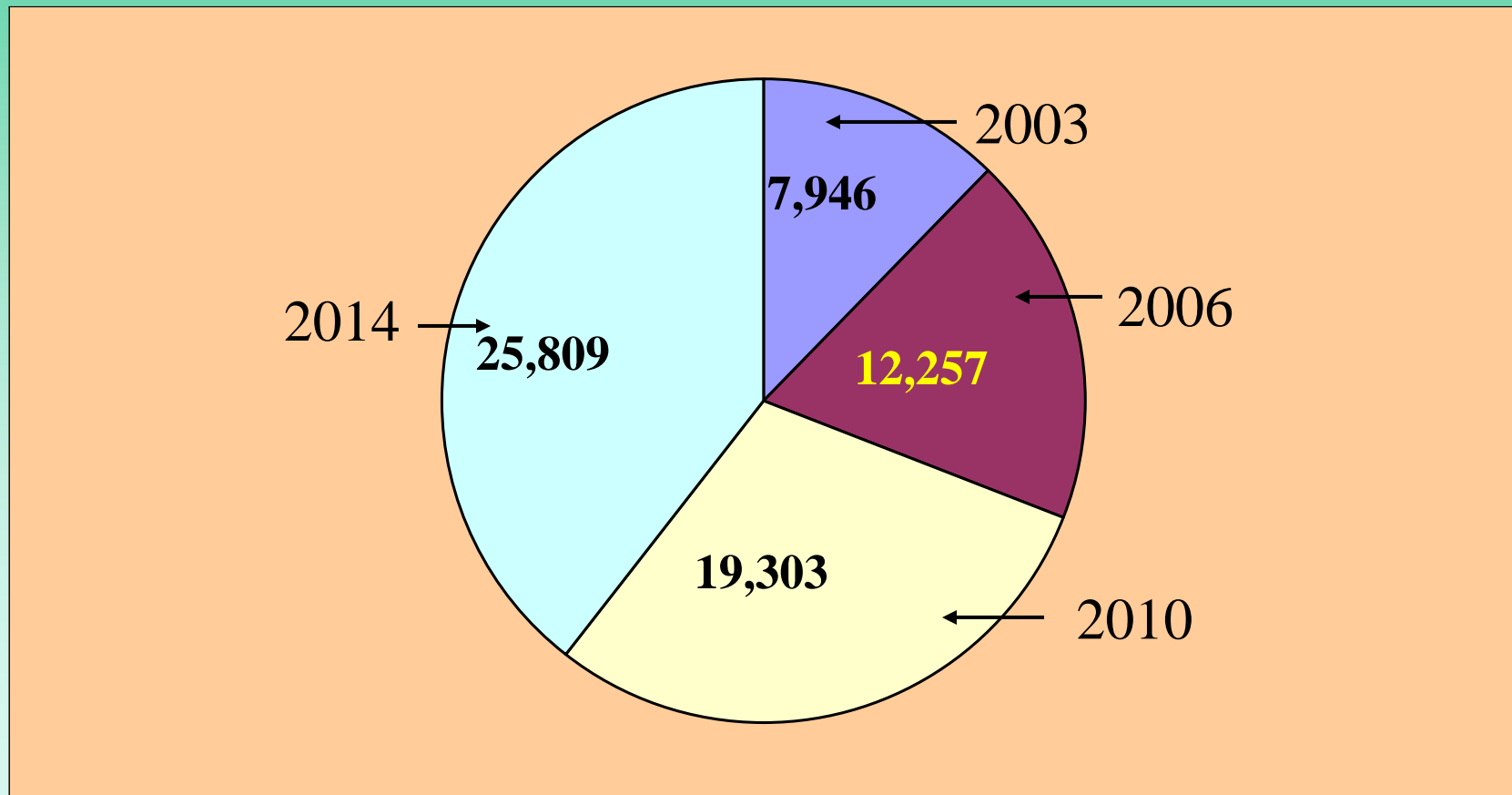
FUTURE OUTLOOK (2014)

LDC CAPEX Estimates (US\$ 'M')

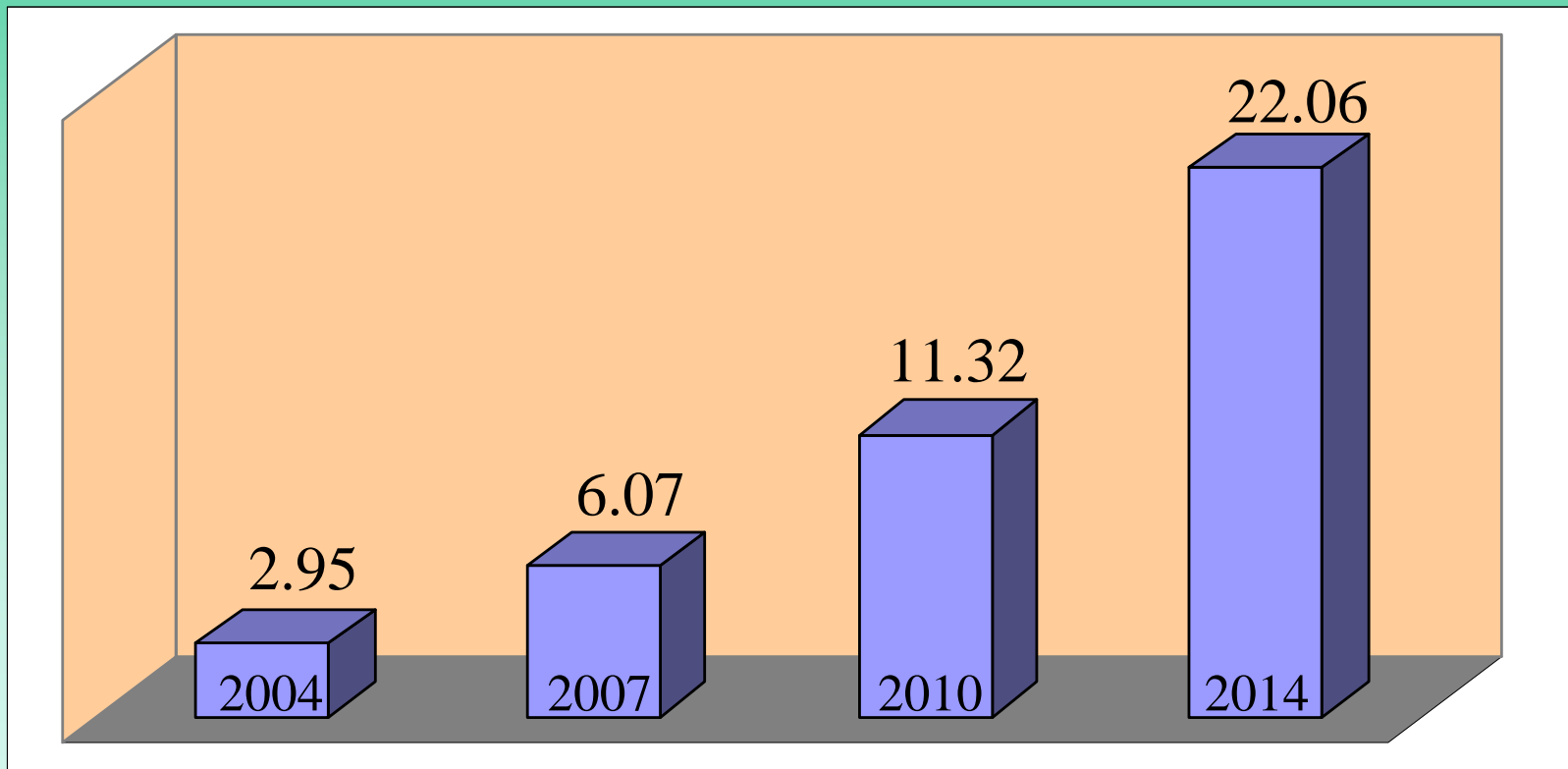


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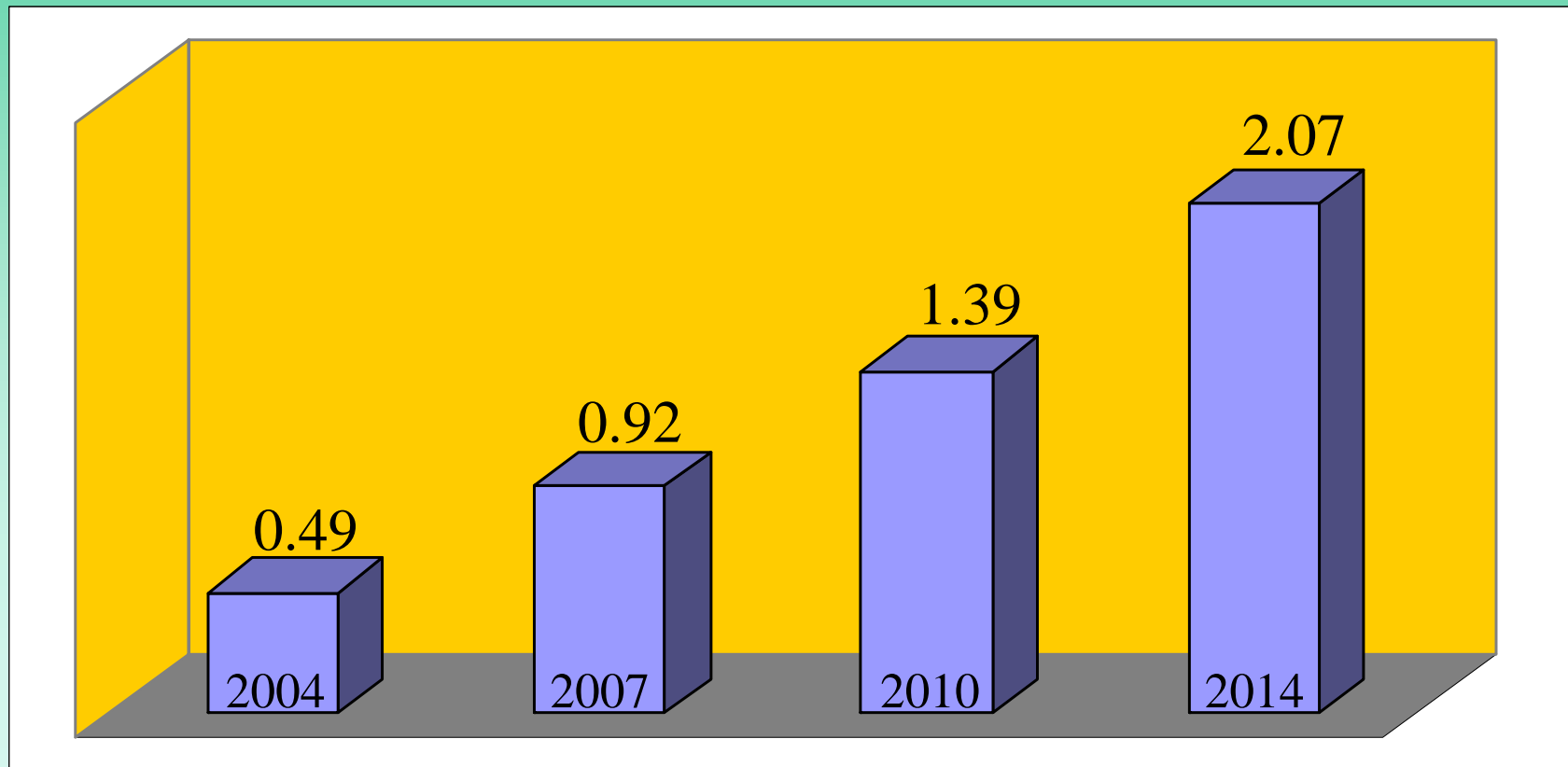
LDC Telecommunications Revenues (US\$ 'M')



FUTURE OUTLOOK (2014): Teledensities



FUTURE OUTLOOK (2014): Internet penetration



IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WE NEED...

INFRASTRUCTURE

LEGAL & REGULATORY
ENVIRONMENT

ICT APPLICATIONS
& SERVICES

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

HUMAN RESOURCES
DEVELOPMENT & RETENTION

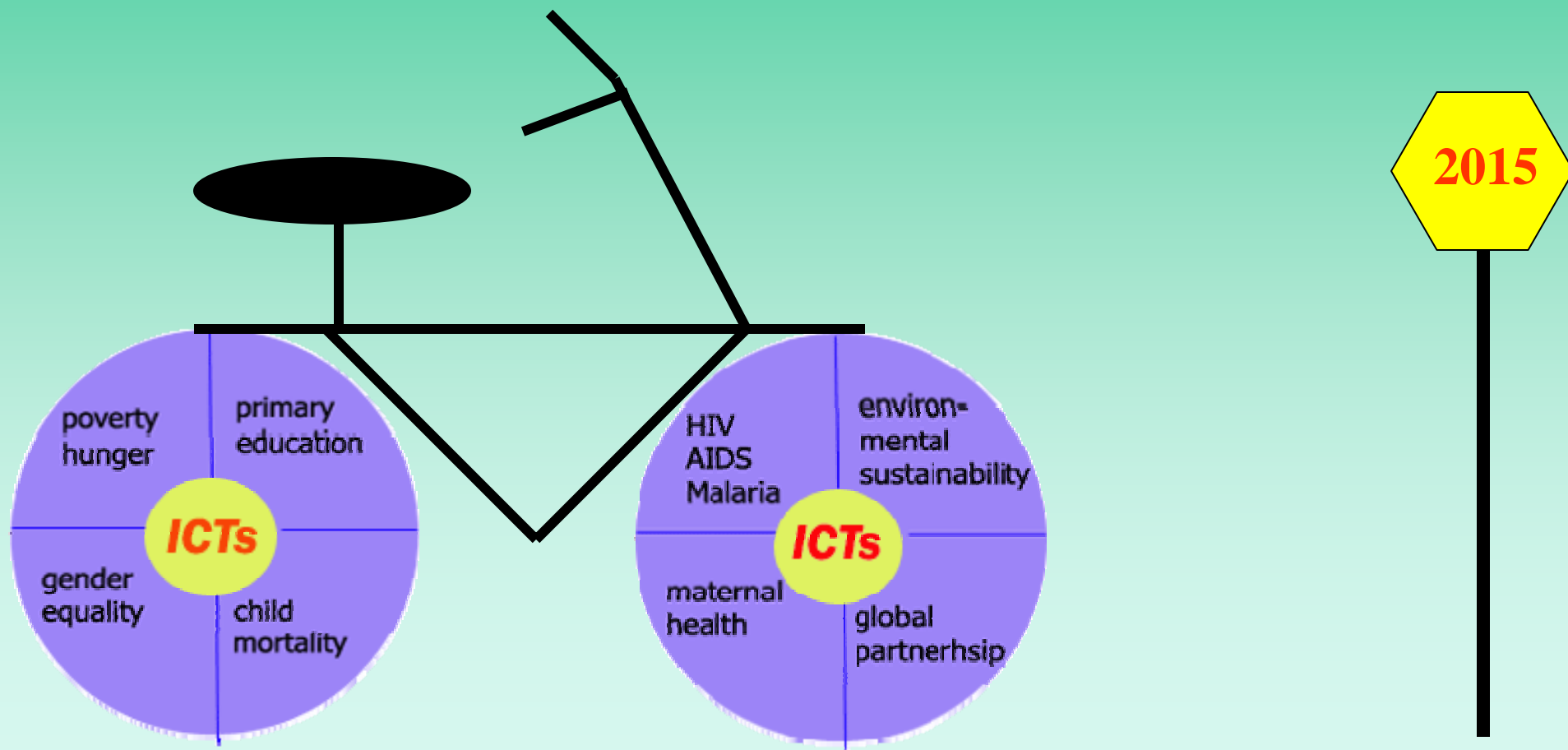


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CYCLING TOWARDS 2015: ACHIEVING THE MDGs





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