"The changing communications sector"

How user's expectations have changed and how that is driving the sector

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Pakistan Telecommunication Authority

- * Formed in 1996 (in the first 53)
- Divisions: Licensing, Strategy and Development, Services (Type Approval, Consumer Protection), Finance, Revenue Assurance, Audit, Enforcement, IP and Web Analysis, Commercial and Economic Affairs.
- No direct budget from the government
- ✤ Five Cellular, 100s of CVAS, 14 LDI, 8 LL operators
- UMTS (GSM, GPRS, EDGE, Rel. 99, HSPA+ DC), LTE Rel. 9, CDMA2000 EVDO Rev. B, Wimax, FTTH, xDSL
- ✤ Tele-density 78%, Area coverage 90%, Population coverage 95%
- ***** ITU CoE on Policy and Regulations
- Professional Development and Diversity

Once Upon a time

For listening	For watching	For reading	For phoning	For writing, storing information
•We had radios	• We had TV sets	• We had books, magazines and newspapers	• We had telephones	• We had computers

And one day Internet came and changed everything

Convergence at All Levels

Device

 Combining multiple functions into a single device that accesses multiple services across multiple access technologies (e.g., multi-purpose cell phones, organizers or storage devices)

Service

 Combining multiple access-based services to create a unified user experience with a single service offering (e.g., mobile/ broadband roaming, unified messaging or location services)

Network

 Combining separate networks (voice, data, video, etc.) and support systems to create a unified networking infrastructure

Markets

 Overlap between markets, but each type of network still maintain their own market niche due to differences in technical capabilities and cost structures

Regulation

• Difficult to maintain different rules in different sectors

Evolving & Vibrant Telecom Sector : 2G,3G,4G available for Consumers



Key Facts

- Rapidly evolving Telcom Sector
- Perception shift from Voice towards Data driven usage
- Approximately 6.8 billion wireless service subscriptions worldwide as of 2013, up from 5.9 billion in 2011(ITU)
- Continuing evolution of advanced wireless technologies, including more smartphones & wider availability of 3G and 4G services
- Telecommunications industry share is about a \$5.0 trillion sector in 2013, up from \$4.7 trillion for 2012 (ITU)



Changing Dynamics of Telecom and IT Sector



Expected Impact

- Modernization of existing mobile networks
- Growth of device market
- Innovative Apps development
- Digitization impact on Social & Economical sectors e.g. E/M governance, E-Education

Mobile Internet Subscriptions to Reach 6.4 Billion by 2019

Number of mobile internet device subscriptions worldwide (in billions)



Findings

- It is predicted that the number of mobile internet subscriptions via smartphone, tablet or any other device with a cellular connection up to to 6.4 billion by 2019
- Asia-Pacific region leads in mobile traffic consumption with average user consumption of 1.1 gigabytes per month
- Lowest data consumption is within Africa where the average mobile phone user consumes just 21MB of data per month due to low smartphone penetration

Internet Usage through mobile devices : How its redefining communication trends

A survey, conducted across 13 countries in Europe, Latin America and South Africa by Accenture highlights key trends in the digital consumer's behavior that have implications in telecommunications, media and technology sectors

- > 69% of all Internet users access web via a mobile device
- > 61% of those users accessed through a smartphone, 37% through a netbook and 22% through a tablet
- 62% of users accessed online communities such as Facebook
- > 46% survey users conducted a banking transaction using their mobile device
- 71% downloaded programs or apps on their mobile device
- > 57% downloaded or viewed short videos (less than 5 minutes)



Driving factors behind Industry change & Customer expectations : The OTT market



Conclusion

- More data is being consumed globally per year, bar chart on left reflects the type of services filling the capacity up
- Introduction of innovative services and apps such as Facebook, Youtube etc. have played instrumental role towards changing user expectations
- Real-time and reliable connectivity has become the expected standard for customers
- Service providers have changed their old customer service methodologies to align with these new patterns of customer behavior

SOURCE: http://www.accenture.com

- With the technology advancement, customers demand on the operator is to offer advance technology with higher speeds
- Operators are upgrading networks with 3G/LTE to cater for this customer demand

Higher user speeds needed



 Price is a driving factor for "switchers" and keeping operators on toes to offer competitive rates

- Quality of the network is an important criterion in choosing a network provider for access to the Internet over a mobile device
- Strong Coverage footprint is also a main driver for customer while choosing a service provider

Network Reliability (QOS & Coverage Rollout)

- Reliability from the customer's perspective is defined as "having access to the network anytime, anywhere" it is the service provider who is responsible for delivering this experience. Poor coverage, dropped calls or interrupted transactions can be a cause of lost business and consumer dissatisfaction. Service providers work hard to expand coverage footprint and offer high level of QOS to address this concern
- Slow speeds must be minimized, users want to carry out tasks with little effort or difficulty. Devices and apps play an important part here, but so do the network and its speed. Service providers are adopting to newer technologies like 3G/4G and buying more spectrum to achieve higher data speeds

Application usage and development: Making life easy

Pricing is always a big concern for customers and a major factor towards provider loyalty. Service provider constantly review offered plans and try to offer the most competitive rates to prolong consumer loyalty

- The next phase of development revolves around the digital economy. Trans-sector services such as e-health, tele-education, e-government, incorporating M2M.
- Embracing the OTT model opens the way for telcos to start offering certain services internationally. An OTT business model allows the world to become their marketplace.
- Amount of spectrum needed to satisfy consumer demand from mobile phones, tablets & smart devices is going to be limitless. Mobile carriers are scrambling for spectrum. Regulators need to foresee this rising demand and plan accordingly

Challenges Faced by regulator

- Competition, keeping a balance between different types of licenses (Fixed, limited mobility, fully mobile)
- ***** OTT eating up the voice minutes
- Content Regulations
- * Licensing regimes (Mobile TV): Converged Regulators and non-converged regulators
- * Availability of Spectrum (off loading, white spaces, spectrum sharing)
- Convergence: How to handle?
- Net Neutrality and Internet of things
- Consumer Protection
- Data Sharing and analysis
- Broadband Plans

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