## INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

**Telecommunication Development Bureau** 



# **ITU SURVEY ON TARIFF POLICIES 2014**

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## **Country:**

## Date of response:

	Person completing the questionnaire
Mr/Ms.:	
Family name:	
First name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
Address:	
City:	
WEB Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
E-mail:	

No	Question	Possible answer	rs	
Sect	ion 2: Telecommunication ser	rvices		
			With price control	Without price control
2.1	Please indicate which retail	Fixed communications:		
	provided in your country are subject to price control and	1. Access to network (monthly line rental/ subscription fee)		
		2. Local voice services		
		3. National long distance voice services		
		4. International voice services		
		5. IP telephony		
		6. Internet access (Internet connection) & data services		
		7. Provision of links (leased lines)		
		8. Other, please specify:		
		Mobile communications:		
		9. Access to network (monthly subscription fee)		
		10. Voice services		
		11. SMS		
		12. National roaming (voice, sms)		
		13. International roaming (voice, sms)		
		14. Internet access (Internet connection) & data services		
		15. Data roaming (Internet connection)		
		16. IP telephony		
		17. Other, please specify:		
		Broadcasting services:		
		18. IPTV		
		19. Mobile TV		
		20. Terrestrial TV		
		21. Cable TV		
		22. Satellite TV		
		23. Other, please specify:		

No	Question				rs		
						With price control	Without price control
2.2	.2 Please indicate, which <u>wholesale</u> telecommunication services provided in your country are subject to price control and which are not?			Interconnection: 1.1. Fixed origin 1.2. Fixed termin 1.3. Mobile origi	nation nation		
				1.4. Mobile term National wholesal			
			4.	Unbundled local l	-		
			<ul><li>6. Wholesale line rental</li></ul>				
			<ul> <li>7. Wholesale leased lines</li> <li>8. Access to Internet exchange points (IXPs)</li> </ul>				
			<ul><li>9. Access to international gateways</li><li>10.Other, please specify:</li></ul>				
Sectio	on 3: Cost and tariff	fmodels					
3.1				Yes No not, please go to Qu	estion 3.3)		
3.2	Please indicate the ty	pe of costs	on v	which it is based			
		Historical c	osts	Current Costs		Other	
	Traditional Retail services				Please specify:		
	Traditional Wholesale services				Please specify:	ase specify:	
	Advanced Retail services*				Please specify:		
	Advanced Wholesale services*				Please specify:		

		Price ceiling set by the State	Cost orientation (cost models)	Benchma king of tariffs		Retail minus pproach	Rate retu regula	ırn	Price Cap	Other
	Traditional Retail services									Please specify:
	Traditional Wholesale services									Please specify:
	Advanced Retail services*									Please specify:
	Advanced Wholesale services*									Please specify:
3.4	Which cond	cept do you	use as the	basis for	calcu	lating te	ecom	muni	cation se	ervice tariffs?
			Fully distribut (FDC)			Run Increr Costs (LRIC				Other
	Traditional Retail service	es						Plea	se specify	:
	Traditional Wholesale services Advanced Retail services*						Please specify:     Please specify:			
	Advanced Wholesale se	ervices*						Please specify:		:
3.5	Which app	oach do ye	ou use to cal	culate te	lecom	municat	ion se	rvice	tariffs?	
			Top-down	Botton	n-up	Hybri	d			Other
	Traditional Retail service	es						Please	e specify:	
	Traditional Wholesale se	ervices						Please specify:		
	Advanced Retail service	es*			]			Please	e specify:	
	Advanced Wholesale se	ervices*			]			Please	e specify:	
3.6		Does this cost model depend on cost accounting data?		O Yes O No						
3.7	Is Accounting Separation applied in your country?			<ul><li>O 1. In place</li><li>O 2. Planned</li><li>O 3. No plans for the time being</li></ul>						

(leased lines), IPTV, Mobile TV etc.

Sectio	Section 4: Tariff rebalancing of fixed telephony services						
4.1	Has your country implemented tariff rebalancing?	O 1. Yes O 2. No If not, why? O 3. Planned					
4.2	What is the time-period given to fixed line operators for absorbing the access deficit (tariff rebalancing)?	<ul> <li>O 1. Less than three years</li> <li>O 2. Between three and seven years</li> <li>O 3. Over seven years</li> <li>O 4. Not determined</li> </ul>					
	1	T	LRIC	FDC	Bench	Other,	
			cost model	cost model	marking	please specify:	None
5.1	Which approach do you use to regulate interconnection prices?	<ol> <li>Fixed termination</li> <li>Fixed origination</li> <li>Mobile termination</li> <li>Mobile origination</li> <li>National transit</li> <li>Other, please specify:</li> </ol>					
5.2	How many time bands are used for charging purposes?	O 1. One O 2. Two O 3. Three O 4. More than three	L	1	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
5.3	How many national tariff zones are there in your country?	O 1. One O 2. Two O 3. Three O 4. More than three					
5.4	What kind of interconnection charging principle has been adopted by your country?	O 1. Symmetric O 2. Asymmetric					
5.4.1	If asymmetric, on what basis is asymmetry decided? (E.g. number of subscribers, revenues, universal access policy, etc.)	Please specify:					
5.5	How often are the interconnection charges reviewed?	<ul><li>O 1. Quarterly</li><li>O 2. Semi-annually</li><li>O 3. Annually</li><li>O 4. Less frequently. Ple</li></ul>	ease speci	fy:			

5.6 5.7	Which charging regime for fixed interconnection services is applied in your country?Which charging regime for mobile interconnection 	<ul> <li>O 1. Calling Party's Network Pays (CPNP)</li> <li>O 2. Receiving Party's Network Pays (RPNP)</li> <li>O 3. Bill and Keep (Sender keeps all)</li> <li>O 4. Other, please specify:</li> <li>O 1. Calling Party's Network Pays (CPNP)</li> <li>O 2. Receiving Party's Network Pays (RPNP)</li> <li>O 3. Bill and Keep (Sender keeps all)</li> <li>O 4. Other, please specify:</li> </ul>
Sectio	on 5.1: Interconnection Issue	Price of services
5.1.1	Please indicate currently applicable prices in local currency for the following services in your country (average rate per minute during peak hours, in local currency, VAT excluded):	1. Terminating calls on incumbent's fixed network:         a.       Local level         b.       Single transit (metropolitan)         c.       Double transit (national)         2. Terminating calls on other fixed networks:         a.       Local level         b.       Single transit (metropolitan)         c.       Double transit (national)         2. Terminating calls on other fixed networks:       a.         a.       Local level         b.       Single transit (metropolitan)         c.       Double transit (national)         3. Terminating calls on mobile networks:       a.         a.       Fixed to mobile         b.       Mobile to mobile
5.1.2	Please indicate the website, where interconnection prices are publicly available	Website: <u>www.</u>

		<b>Domestic/National Services</b>	International Services
5.2.1	Are commercial agreements used/permitted in your country?	O Yes O No	O Yes O No
	If yes, how does the NRA monitor their use and effectiveness?	<ul> <li>1. Contract filing requirements</li> <li>2. Service provider reporting requirements (e.g., call volumes, revenues, cost)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>1. Contract filing requirements</li> <li>2. Service provider reporting requirements (e.g., call volumes, revenues, cost)</li> </ul>
		3. Users or contract party complaints	3. Users or contract party complaints
		4. Other, please specify:	4. Other, please specify:
		Domestic/National Services	International Services
5.2.2	Are commercial agreements	O No, their use is not permitted	O No, their use is not permitted
	between service providers used to determine permitted	O Yes, but tariffs may also apply for retail rates	O Yes, but retail tariffs may also apply for retail rates
	rates, terms, and conditions for wholesale telecommunications services?	O Yes, they are permitted and tariffs are no longer used to set rates for retail or wholesale services	O Yes, they are permitted and tariffs are no longer used to set rates for retail or wholesale services
		O Other, please specify:	O Other, please specify:
		Domestic/National Services	International Services
5.2.3	Are commercial agreements	O No, their use is not permitted	O No, their use is not permitted
	between service providers and end users used to determine permitted retail tariffs, terms, and conditions for telecommunications services?	O Yes, but tariffs may also apply for wholesale rates	O Yes, but retail tariffs may also apply for wholesale rates
		O Yes, they are permitted and tariffs are no longer used to set prices for retail or wholesale services	O Yes, they are permitted and tariffs are no longer used to set prices for retail or wholesale services
		O Other, please specify:	O Other, please specify:
		Domestic/National Services	International Services
5.2.4	If commercial agreements are	1. Courts	1. Courts
	used to determine rates, terms	2. Regulators	2. Regulators
	and conditions between service providers or between	3. Arbitration	3. Arbitration
	service providers of between	4. Mediation	4. Mediation
	users, how are disputes	5. The agreement controls	5. The agreement controls
	resolved?	Other, please specify:	Other, please specify:
		O Yes	1
5.2.5	Are commercial agreements publicly available on the	O No	

		Fixed services	Mobile services
5.1	Under which category of VAT	O General goods and services %	O General goods and services %
J.1	(or other tax) are	O Luxury goods and services %	O Luxury goods and services %
	telecommunication services	O Low rate tax %	O Low rate tax %
	classified in your country?		
	Please indicate the percentage	O High rate tax %	O High rate tax %
	applying.	O Other,	O Other,
		please specify:%	please specify:%
5.1.1	Please indicate the VAT (or		
	other tax) that applies to	Goods: %	
	general goods and services in	Services: %	
	your country	Others:	%
		Fixed services	Mobile services
6.2	Are specific sector taxes	Outgoing international traffic %	Outgoing international traffic %
	applied to telecommunication	☐ Incoming international traffic %	☐ Incoming international traffic %
	services and devices for	□ National communication voice %	National communication voice %
	consumers (if yes please	☐ National communication data %	National communication data %
	indicate the %)?	☐ Internet services %	Internet services %
		End users equipment	End users equipment
		(handsets, computers, etc.) %	(handsets, computers, etc.) %
		☐ Other, please specify: %	National roaming services %
			Other, please specify: %
6.3	Please indicate if there are any	O Yes	
	environmental related taxes	O No	
	that apply to telecommunication services?	If yes, please indicate the % applied:	
	telecommunication services?	Remarks:	
6.4	Are any fees paid by telecom	O Yes	
	operators related to licenses,	O No	
	spectrum, etc. subject to	If yes, please indicate the % applied:	
	VAT?	Remarks:	
6.5	Import duty taxes are applied	O Yes	
	to Network Equipment and	O No	
	devices (computers, handsets,		
	smartphones, etc.)?	If yes, please specify the % applied: Remarks:	
		NULLAIKS.	
6.6	In addition to VAT and import	O Yes	
	duties, do telecom operators	O No	
	need to pay any other special	Remarks:	
	tax for telecommunication		
	equipment (ICT hardware)?		
		1	

Sectio	Section 7: Next Generation Networks (NGN)					
7.1	Is any operator in your country planning or currently	1. Feasibility study				
	introducing an NGN system?	2. Planning				
	If YES, at what stage are they?	3. Introduction				
		4. Implementation				
		5. Completed				
		6. No plans to introduce and NGN system in a short	run			
		7. Other, please specify	1	1		
7.2	What regulations, if any, govern the use of IP networks?		Voice Service	Data Service		
	govern the use of ir hetworks?	1. Regulatory arrangements subject to universal service obligations.				
		2. Regulatory interconnection arrangements with networks using switching circuits.				
		3. Banning of offer of services based on IP.				
		4. No regulatory arrangements defined at present.				
		5. Other, please specify:				
7.3	What sources of finance could	1. Operators funds				
	be used to deploy IP networks?	2. State subsidization				
		☐ 3. Joint venture (private sector and public sector)				
		$\Box$ 4. Financed by a financial institution or private bank				
		5. Special telecommunications development fund				
		6. Other, please specify:				
7.4	Please indicate the method	Use the existing cost models				
	currently in use or that you	Adapt the existing cost models to cater for new techr	nologies			
	plan to use in the future to determine the tariff for NGN	Develop new cost models				
	Services	Rely on operators' cost models				
		Other, please specify				
		Onler, please speeny				
7.5	What cost model is used (or	O 1. Fully distributed historical cost model				
	planned) to calculate costs/ tariffs of NGN Services?	O 2. Long run incremental cost model				
		O 3. Other, please specify: O 4. None				
7.6	How are the new services over	As an integrate package				
	NGN priced and offered (or planned to be offered) in your	On a flat rate				
	country?	As separate services				
		Other, please specify				

Approximately what	PSTN - IP
percentage of the core	• 100% - 0%
	• 75% - 25%
PSTN versus IP based:	• 50% - 50%
	• 25% - 75%
	0% - 100%
on 8: Infrastructure Sharing	
8	O Yes
mandated (towers, base	O No
stations, posts, ducts, etc.)?	Remarks:
Is infrastructure sharing for	O Yes
mobile operators permitted	O No
	Remarks:
-	
	1. Regulatory obligation (mandatory)
,	2. Agreement between operators
operators?	
-	3. None
	• 1. Yes
	If YES, please indicate how much (%)
chu-users?	• 2. No
	If NO, please indicate reasons:
Is co-location/site sharing	O Yes
mandated?	O No
	Remarks:
Please indicate the website,	
where regulatory obligation on	WWW.
-	<u></u>
	O Yes
	O No
	If NO, please indicate reasons:
International Internet	
Connection with focus to	
reduce connectivity costs?	
If YES, in which markets?	National Internet Backbone
	International Internet Backbone
	Domestic Internet backhaul
	Other, please specify:
Is Recommendation ITU-T	O Yes
D.50* International Internet	
D.50* International Internet Connectivity (Rev.	O Yes O No
D.50* International Internet	O Yes
	infrastructure network is PSTN versus IP based:on 8: Infrastructure Sharing mandated (towers, base stations, posts, ducts, etc.)?Is infrastructure sharing for mobile operators permitted (e.g. Mobile Virtual Network Operators)?Is there a regulatory obligation 

9.3	What is the type of connection to reach International Internet in your country?	<ul> <li>National Gateway</li> <li>By using IP hub Tier 1</li> <li>By using IP hub Tier 2</li> <li>By using IP hub Tier 3</li> <li>By using IP transit</li> <li>Both by using IP hub and IP transit</li> <li>Direct national connection to international Internet</li> <li>Other, please specify:</li> </ul>
9.3.1	Which modes of connectivity are being used?	<ul> <li>submarine cable</li> <li>Satellite</li> <li>Other, please specify:</li> </ul>
9.3.2	Do you have a landing point for submarine cable?	O Yes O No Remarks:
9.3.3	How many landing points?	points.
9.3.4	What is the management mode of the landing point(s) in your country?	<ul> <li>Incumbent operator</li> <li>Government</li> <li>Private and Public Partnership (PPP)</li> <li>Other, please specify:</li> </ul>
9.4	Please indicate the <u>average</u> <u>wholesale cost</u> per month, per 2 megabit of an International Internet Connection originating from your country to any other country:	<ul> <li>Less than USD20 per megabit per month</li> <li>USD20 - USD40 per megabit per month</li> <li>USD40 - USD60 per megabit per month</li> <li>USD60 - USD80 per megabit per month</li> <li>Above USD80 per megabit per month</li> </ul>
9.5	What is the portion of cost of international Internet connection in the retail Internet access price in your country?	<ul> <li>Above 50%</li> <li>25% - 50%</li> <li>10% - 25%</li> <li>Less than 10%</li> </ul>

9.6	What steps have you taken to optimize the cost of your International Internet Connections?	<ul> <li>O Implementation of an Internet Exchange Point (IXP)</li> <li>O Hosting of most frequently visited web sites (e.g. search engines, Data Centers, Content delivery network (CDN), Cash, etc.)</li> <li>O Encourage the development of local content</li> <li>O Other, please specify:</li> </ul>
9.7	Do you expect to establish agreement with other international operators with a view to obtaining lower costs for International Internet Connection?	O Yes O No If NO, please indicate reasons:
9.8	What are the reasons for the increase in volume of your International Internet Connections?	<ul> <li>Improving security</li> <li>Increase penetration</li> <li>Re-dimensioning</li> <li>Other, please specify:</li> </ul>
9.9.	Number of Internet Service providers in your country:	

Section	n 10: Broadband services prie	cing						
10.1	Please indicate which broadband services provided in your country are subject to price control and which are not? If subject to price control, in each case please nominate the type of price regulation that is applied:							
		With price control	Without price control	Cost based	Ceiling pricing	Indexed	Bench marks	Other (please specify)
	1. Retail fixed broadband access							
	<ol> <li>Retail fixed broadband services</li> </ol>							
	<ol> <li>Retail fixed broadband applications, including content*</li> </ol>							
	4. Wholesale fixed broadband access							
	5. Wholesale fixed broadband services offered to retail service providers							
	6. Retail mobile broadband access							
	7. Retail mobile broadband services							
	8. Retail mobile broadband application including content*							
	9. Wholesale mobile broadband access							
	<ol> <li>Wholesale mobile broadband services offered for to retail service providers</li> </ol>							
	* It refers to the top of broadband	services, su	ch as IPTV,	VoIP or data	that exceed	s any downl	oad cap.	
10.2	If <b>cost based</b> is applied, please nominate the cost standard that is applied?	<ul><li>O Fully distributed costs (FDC)</li><li>O LRIC</li><li>O Other, please specify:</li></ul>						
10.3	What aspects of the broadband service affect the retail and wholesale prices for fixed and mobile broadband services in your country?	<ul> <li>Average download capacity</li> <li>Minimum download capacity</li> <li>Upload average capacity</li> <li>Upload minimum capacity</li> <li>Contract duration</li> <li>Download caps (Limits or caps on the amount of data that may be downloaded)</li> <li>Separate prices for services and applications – including content</li> <li>Other, please specify:</li> </ul>						

10.4	A ( 11 1 )			
10.4	Are operators allowed to bundle the supply of retail broadband <b>access</b> products (e.g. line rental) with other retail telecommunications services (such as telephone calls)?	<ul> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O No</li> <li>If YES, please explain any restrictions or rules that apply to such bundling</li> </ul>		
10.5	Are operators allowed to bundle the supply <b>of retail</b> <b>broadband products</b> with the supply of other types of retail communications services (such as telephone calls or subscription television)?	<ul> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O No</li> <li>If YES, please explain any restrictions or rules that apply to such bundling</li> </ul>		
10.6	Is the provision of broadband service part of the universal service or universal access scheme in your country?	O Yes O No If NO, please indicate reasons:		
10.7	Must <b>fixed broadband</b> service providers at retail or wholesale levels adopt uniform or national pricing?	O Yes O No If NO, please indicate reasons:		
10.8	Must <b>mobile broadband</b> service providers at retail or wholesale levels adopt uniform or national pricing?	O Yes O No If NO, please indicate reasons:		
10.9	May service providers differentiate in the terms of service (including price) for broadband access and services on the basis of geographic area in which service is delivered?	O Yes O No If YES, please indicate how they do so:		
Section	n 11: Mobile Roaming			
11.1	Do you require national roaming agreements between mobile operators?	O Yes O No If no, have mobile operators entered into national roaming agreements? O Yes O No		
11.2	What International Mobile Roaming (IMR) services are available in your country?	<ul> <li>Inbound and outbound voice calls</li> <li>Inbound and outbound SMS</li> <li>Data (e.g., Internet, MMS, email, mobile browsing, mobile TV)</li> <li>Others, please specify:</li> </ul>		

		Retail Services	Wholesale services	
11.2a	Is your National Regulatory Authority collecting tariff/rates data on IMR for the following services:	<ul> <li>a) Voice</li> <li>b) SMS</li> <li>c) Data (e.g. Internet, MMS, email, mobile browsing, mobile TV)</li> <li>d) Packages</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) Voice</li> <li>b) SMS</li> <li>c) Data (e.g. Internet, MMS, email, mobile browsing, mobile TV)</li> <li>d) Packages</li> </ul>	
	If yes, is this data publicly available on the website?	O Yes, please provide the website: O No	· 	
11.3	What is the general trend of the IMR retail price over the past three years in your country?	Voice a) Increasing b) Decreasing c) Stable SMS a) Increasing b) Decreasing c) Stable Data a) Increasing c) Stable Data b) Decreasing c) Stable		
11.4	Are <u>retail prices</u> of IMR regulated in your country?	<ul> <li>O Yes</li> <li>O No</li> <li>If yes, what kind of regulatory practice is applied?</li> <li>Price Cap</li> <li>Ex ante obligations on operators designated as having significant market power</li> <li>Benchmarking of tariffs</li> <li>Others, please specify:</li> </ul>		
11.5	Is there regulation on the <u>wholesale price</u> of IMR in your country?	O Yes O No If yes, what kind of regulatory practi Price Cap Ex ante obligations on opera market power Benchmarking of tariffs Others, please specify:	ce is applied?	

			Retail	Wholesale		
11.6	If there is no regulation in place, do you consider that there is a need to regulate the retail or wholesale prices of IMR services?	<ol> <li>There is no need to regulate as industry self- regulation is sufficient.</li> <li>Please explain:</li> </ol>	0	Ο		
	and one for wholesale services)					
		2. There is a need for price regulation. O		0		
		Please explain:				
		3. There is a need to regulate through other means.	Ο	0		
		Please explain:	0	0		
		4. Others comments, please explain:	0	0		
11.7	Have your country's operators taken any measures to reduce the risk of bill shock?	<ul> <li>O Yes</li> <li>If yes, what kind of measures has been applied? (Please tick all that apply):</li> <li>Home operator sends text messages to inform his customers of their roaming tariffs when they arrive in another country</li> <li>Mobile operators in the visited country to send SMS with roaming tariffs information to visiting customer (according to roaming agreement between home operator and operators in the visited country)</li> <li>Home operator sends alert SMS to the user informing that he/she is reaching the agreed roaming spending limit</li> <li>Suspending service when usage exceeds the spending limit fixed</li> <li>O ther, please specify:</li> <li>O No</li> <li>If not, what kind of measures would you suggest?</li> </ul>				