INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION





ITU SURVEY ON TARIFF POLICIES 2013

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Several possible repliesOnly one possible reply	
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Section 1: Contact Information	
Per	son completing the questionnaire
Mr/Ms.:	
Family name:	
First name:	
Title:	
Organization:	
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No	Question	Possible answers				
Sect	ion 2: Telecommunication ser	vices				
			With price control	Without price control		
2.1	Please indicate which <u>retail</u> telecommunication services provided in your country are subject to price control and which are not?	Fixed communications: 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:				

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No	Question Possible answ					rs	
						With price control	Without price control
2.2	Please indicate, which		1.	Interconnection:	_	_	
	wholesale telecomm services provided in			1.1. Fixed origina	ation		
	country are subject to	price		1.2. Fixed termin	ation		
	control and which are	e not?		1.3. Mobile origi	nation		
				1.4. Mobile term	ination		
			2.	National wholesal	le voice roaming		
			3.	International who	lesale voice roaming		
			4.	Unbundled local l	oop (ULL)		
			5.	Wholesale broadb	and access/ bitstream		
			6.	Wholesale line re	ntal		
			7.	Wholesale leased	lines		
				Access to Internet			
				(IXPs)	<i>U</i> 1		
			9.	Access to internat	ional gateways		
			10.Other, please specify:				
Sect	ion 3: Cost and tari	ff models					
3.1	Do you use a Cost M		•	1. Yes			
	determine prices of r	egulated	● 2. No				
	services?			not, please go to Qu	estion 3-3)		
			(22.2				
3.2	Please indicate the ty	pe of costs	on w	which it is based			
		Historical c	osts	Current Costs		Other	
	Traditional Retail services				Please specify:		
	Traditional Wholesale services				Please specify:		
	Advanced Retail services*				Please specify:		
	Advanced Wholesale services*				Please specify:		

3.3	How are the prices of regulated services determined in your country?									
		Price ceiling set by the State	Cost orientation (cost models)	Benchm king of tariffs	•	Retail minus pproach	Rate retu regula	urn	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 conc	ept do you						muni	cation se	ervice tariffs?
			Fully distribut (FDC)			Run Increi Costs (LRIC				Other
	Traditional Retail service	es						Pleas	se specify:	:
	Traditional Wholesale services							Pleas	se specify:	:
	Advanced Retail services*]				Please specify:		:
	Advanced Wholesale se	rvices*			Plea			Pleas	se specify:	:
3.5	Which appro	oach do vo	on use to cal	culate te	elecon	nmunicat	ion se	ervice	tariffs?	
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	Traditional Retail service	es					Please specify:			
	Traditional Wholesale se	rvices]			Please	e specify:	
	Advanced Retail service	es*]			Please specify:		
	Advanced Wholesale se	rvices*]			Please	e specify:	
3.6	Does this co	cost model depend on anting data?								
3.7	Is Accounting Separation applied in your country?			1. In place2. Planned						
				_		s for the ti	me bei	ng		
	 anced Services r d lines), IPTV,			telephony	, Intern	et access (Interne	et conn	ection) &	data services, provision of data links

Secti	ion 4: Tariff rebalancing of fi	xed telephony services							
4.1	Has your country implemented tariff rebalancing?	● 1. Yes ● 2. No							
		-	If not, why?						
4.0	XXXI	• 3. Planned							
4.2	What is the time-period given to fixed line operators for	• 1. Less than three years							
	absorbing the access deficit	2. Between three and seve	en years						
	(tariff rebalancing)?	3. Over seven years							
		• 4. Not determined							
Secti	ion 5: Interconnection issues								
			LRIC cost model	FDC cost model	Bench marking	Other, please specify:	None		
5.1	Which approach do you use to	1. Fixed termination							
	regulate interconnection prices?	2. Fixed origination							
	prices.	3. Mobile termination							
		4. Mobile origination							
		5. National transit							
		6. Other, please specify:							
5.2	How many time bands are	● 1. One			<u> </u>				
	used for charging purposes?	● 2. Two							
		• 3. Three							
		• 4. More than three							
5.3	How many national tariff	● 1. One							
	zones are there in your country?	• 2. Two							
	,	• 3. Three							
		• 4. More than three							
5.4	What kind of interconnection	• 1. Symmetric							
	charging principle has been adopted by your country?	• 2. Asymmetric							
5.4.1	If asymmetric, on what basis is asymmetry decided?	Please specify:							
	(E.g. number of subscribers, revenues, universal access policy, etc.)								

5.5	How often are the	1. Quarterly				
	interconnection charges reviewed?	• 2. Semi-annually				
		3. Annually				
		,				
		• 4. Less frequently. Please specify:				
5.6	Which charging regime for fixed interconnection services	● 1. Calling Party's Network Pays (CPNP)				
	is applied in your country?	2. Receiving Party's Network Pays (RPNP)				
		3. Bill and Keep (Sender Keeps All)				
		• 4. Other, please specify:				
5.7	Which charging regime for	1. Calling Party's Network Pays (CPNP)				
	mobile interconnection services is applied in your	2. Receiving Party's Network Pays (RPNP)				
	country?	3. Bill and Keep (Sender Keeps All)				
		• 4. Other, please specify:				
5.8	Please indicate currently	Terminating calls on incumbent's fixed network:				
	applicable prices in local currency for the following	a. Local level				
	services in your country (average rate per minute	b. Single transit (metropolitan)				
	during peak hours, in local	c. Double transit (national)				
	currency, VAT excluded):	2. Terminating calls on other fixed networks:				
		a. Local level				
		b. Single transit (metropolitan)				
		c. Double transit (national)				
		3. Terminating calls on mobile networks:				
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		b. Mobile to mobile				
5.8.1	Please indicate the website, where interconnection prices are publicly available	Website: www.				
Soot	 ion 6: Taxation of telecommu	unication sarvigas				
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		Fixed services	Mobile services
6.1	Under which category of VAT	O General goods and services %	O General goods and services %
	(or other tax) are	O Luxury goods and services %	O Luxury goods and services %
	telecommunication services classified in your country?	O Low rate tax %	O Low rate tax %
	Please indicate the percentage	O High rate tax %	O High rate tax %
	applying.	O Other,	O Other,

		please specify:	%	please specify:	%
6.1.1	Please indicate the VAT (or other tax) that applies to general goods and services in your country	Goods: % Services: % Others:		%	
		Fixed ser	vices	Mobile serv	rices
6.2	Are specific sector taxes applied to telecommunication services and devices for consumers (if yes please indicate the %)?	Outgoing internation Incoming internation National communica National communica Internet services End users equipment (handsets, computers, etc	al traffic % tion voice % tion data % %	Outgoing international Incoming international National communicatio National communicatio Internet services End users equipment (handsets, computers, etc.) National roaming servic Other, please specify:	traffic % n voice % n data % %
6.3	Please indicate if there are any environmental related taxes that apply to telecommunication services?	O Yes O No If yes, please indica Remarks:	te the % applied:		
6.4	Are any fees paid by telecom operators related to licenses, spectrum, etc. subject to VAT?	O Yes O No If yes, please indica Remarks:	te the % applied:		
6.5	Import duty taxes are applied to Network Equipment and devices (computers, handsets, smartphones, etc.)?	O Yes O No If yes, please specify t Remarks:	he % applied:		
6.6	In addition to VAT and import duties, do telecom operators need to pay any other special tax for telecommunication equipment (ICT hardware)?	O Yes O No Remarks:			
	on 7: Next Generation Network	ks (NGN)			
7.1	Is any operator in your country planning or currently introducing an NGN system? If YES, at what stage are they?	 □ 1. Feasibility stud □ 2. Planning □ 3. Introduction □ 4. Implementation □ 5. Completed □ 6. No plans to intr □ 7. Other, please specific plants are specified. 	oduce and NGN sy	/stem in a short run	
		other, pieuse s	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		

7.2	What regulations, if any, govern the use of IP networks?		Voice Service	Data Service				
		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 be used to deploy IP	☐ 1. Operators funds						
	networks?	2. State subsidization						
		3. Joint venture (private sector and public sector)						
		☐ 4. Financed by a financial institution or private bank						
		5. Special telecommunications development fund						
		☐ 6. Other, please specify:						
7.4	Please indicate the method currently in use or that you	Use the existing cost models						
	plan to use in the future to	Adapt the existing cost models to cater for new techr	nologies					
	determine the tariff for NGN Services	Develop new cost models						
	SCI VICCS	Rely on operators' cost models						
		Other, please specify						
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						
		o ii i voite						
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						
7.7	Approximately what	PSTN - IP						
	percentage of the core infrastructure network is	1 00% - 0%						
	PSTN versus IP based:	• 75% - 25%						
		9 50% - 50% 2 5% - 75%						
		0 0% - 100%						
Sect	ion 8: Infrastructure Sharing							
8.1	Is infrastructure sharing mandated (towers, base	• Yes						
	stations, posts, ducts, etc.)?	● No						

		Remarks:
8.2	Is infrastructure sharing for mobile operators permitted (e.g. Mobile Virtual Network Operators)?	YesNoRemarks:
8.3	Is there a regulatory obligation to share infrastructures, or is it agreed directly between the operators?	☐ 1. Regulatory obligation (mandatory) ☐ 2. Agreement between operators ☐ 3. None
8.4	Does the infrastructure sharing contribute in lower prices for end-users?	 1. Yes If YES, please indicate how much (%) 2. No If NO, please indicate reasons:
8.5	Is co-location/site sharing mandated?	● Yes ● No Remarks:
8.6	Please indicate the website, where regulatory obligation on infrastructure sharing is publicly available	www.
Sect	ion 9: International Internet	Connectivity
9.1	Is the national policy or regulation in your country promoting competition among all service providers for International Internet Connection with focus to reduce connectivity costs?	YesNoIf NO, please indicate reasons:
9.1.1	If YES, in which markets?	 □ National Internet Backbone □ International Internet Backbone □ Domestic Internet backhaul □ Other, please specify:
9.2	Is Recommendation ITU-T D.50* International Internet Connectivity (Rev. Johannesburg, 2008) being applied in your country?	YesNoIf NO, please indicate reasons:
*this re	ecommendation is available at: http://www.itu.	.int/ITU-T/recommendations/index_sg.aspx?sg=3
9.3	What is the type of connection to reach International Internet in your country?	 □ National Gateway □ By using IP hub Tier 1 □ By using IP hub Tier 2

		☐ By using IP hub Tier 3				
		☐ By using IP transit				
		☐ Both by using IP hub and IP transit				
		☐ Direct national connection to international Internet				
		Other, please specify:				
9.3.1	Which modes of connectivity	submarine cable				
<i>7.3.</i> 1	are being used?	☐ Satellite				
		Other, please specify:				
		• Yes				
9.3.2	Do you have a landing point for submarine cable?	● No				
		Remarks:				
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9.3.3	How many landing points?	points.				
		☐ Incumbent operator				
9.3.4	What is the management mode of the landing point(s) in your	Government				
	country?	Private and Public Partnership (PPP)				
		Other, please specify:				
9.4	Please indicate the <u>average</u>	Less than USD20 per megabit per month				
	wholesale cost per month, per 2 megabit of an International	USD20 - USD40 per megabit per month				
	Internet Connection	USD40 - USD60 per megabit per month				
	originating from your country to any other country:	USD60 - USD80 per megabit per month				
		☐ Above USD80 per megabit per month				
9.5	What is the portion of cost of	• Above 50%				
	international Internet connection in the retail	25% - 50%				
	Internet access price in your country?	● 10% - 25%				
	•	• Less than 10%				
9.6	What steps have you taken to	O Implementation of an Internet Exchange Point (IXP)				
	optimize the cost of your	O Hosting of most frequently visited web sites (e.g. search engines, Data				
	International Internet Connections?	Centers, Content delivery network (CDN), Cash, etc.)				
		O Encourage the development of local content				
		O Other, please specify:				

9.7	Do you expect to establish agreement with other international operators with a view to obtaining lower costs for International Internet Connection?	YesNoIf NO						
9.8	What are the reasons for the increase in volume of your International Internet Connections?	☐ Incre	 ☐ Improving security ☐ Increase penetration ☐ Re-dimensioning ☐ Other, please specify: 					
Section	on 10: Broadband services pr	ricing						
10.1	Please indicate which broadbar are not? If subject to price con applied:		•	•	the type of			
		With price control	Without price control	Cost based	Ceiling pricing	Indexed	Bench marks	Other (please specify)
	Retail fixed broadband access							
	Retail fixed broadband services							
	3. Retail fixed broadband applications, including content*							
	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*							
	Wholesale mobile broadband access							
	10. Wholesale mobile broadband services offered for to retail service providers							
	* It refers to the top of broadband	services, su	ch as IPTV,	VoIP or data t	that exceed	s any downl	oad cap.	

10.2	If cost based is applied, please nominate the cost standard that is applied?	 Fully distributed costs FDC LRIC Other, please specify:
10.3	What aspects of the broadband service affect the retail and wholesale prices for fixed and mobile broadband services in your country?	 □ Average download capacity □ Minimum download capacity □ Upload average capacity □ Upload minimum capacity □ Contract duration □ Download caps (Limits or caps on the amount of data that may be downloaded) □ Separate prices for services and applications – including content □ Other, please specify:
10.4	Are operators allowed to bundle the supply of retail broadband access products (e.g. line rental) with other retail telecommunications services (such as telephone calls)?	 Yes No If YES, please explain any restrictions or rules that apply to such bundling
10.5	Are operators allowed to bundle the supply of retail broadband products with the supply of other types of retail communications services (such as telephone calls or subscription television)?	 Yes No If YES, please explain any restrictions or rules that apply to such bundling
10.6	Is the provision of broadband service part of the universal service or universal access scheme in your country?	YesNoIf NO, please indicate reasons:
10.7	Must fixed broadband service providers at retail or wholesale levels adopt uniform or national pricing?	YesNoIf NO, please indicate reasons:
10.8	Must mobile broadband service providers at retail or wholesale levels adopt uniform or national pricing?	YesNoIf 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?	 Yes No If YES, please indicate how they do so:

Section	Section 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?	☐ Inbound and outbound voice calls ☐ Inbound and outbound SMS ☐ Data (e.g., MMS, email, mobile browsing, mobile TV) ☐ Others, please specify:				
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 b) Decreasing c) Stable Data c) Stable				
11.4	Are retail prices of IMR regulated in your country?	O Yes O No If yes, what kind of regulatory practice is applied? Price Cap Ex ante obligations on operators designated as having significant market power Benchmarking of tariffs Others, please specify:				
11.5	Is there regulation on the wholesale price of IMR in your country?	O Yes O No If yes, what kind of regulatory practice is applied? Price Cap Ex ante obligations on operators designated as having significant market power Benchmarking of tariffs Others, please specify:				

			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? (Please only tick one response for retail	There is no need to regulate as industry self-regulation is sufficient. Please explain:	0	О	
	and one for wholesale services)				
		2. There is a need for price regulation.	O	O	
		Please explain:			
		3. There is a need to regulate through other means.	О	О	
		Please explain:			
		4. Others comments, please explain:	0	О	
11.7	Have your country's operators taken any measures to reduce the risk of bill shock?	O Yes			
		If yes, what kind of measures have been applied? (Please tick all that apply):			
		Home operator sends text messages to inform his customers of their roaming tariffs when they arrive in another country			
		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)			
		Home operator sends alert SMS to the user informing that he/she is reaching the agreed roaming spending limit			
		☐ Suspending service when usage exceeds the spending limit fixed			
		Other, please specify:			
		O No			
		If not, what kind of measures would you suggest? Mesures			