



The Regulatory Implications of Broadband: What Role for the ITU?

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ITU CHARACTERISTICS

- First intergovernmental organization – 1865
- Partnership between public and private sectors since 1871
- UN Specialized Agency since 1947
- Members do much of the work – the Secretariat mainly supports



ITU MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

- 189 Member States
- 650+ Sector Members
- Telecom and information service providers
- Telecom and IT equipment and software producers
- User groups
- Financial and development institutions
- Regional and international organizations
- Others (e.g. NGOs, consultancies)



MAIN ITU PRODUCTS & SERVICES

Treaties:

- Constitution and Convention – general framework for cooperation between Member States and Sector members to foster global telecoms development
- International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)
- Radio Regulations (RRs)

Resolutions, Recommendations, Opinions:



- Technical, operational, tariff standards
- Radio system characteristics



- Policies and strategies

Coordination and registry services:

- Frequency assignments and orbital positions
- Numbering plans (e.g. int'l freephone numbers)



Main ITU Products & Services (cont'd)

- ★ Development Assistance:
 - ITU programs (Specialized Agency)
 - Third party project management (Executing Agency)
- ★ Public Information:
 - TELECOM exhibitions and forums
 - Telecom indicators
 - Telecom policy and regulatory analysis





“during the coming year Old Crow will be getting higher-speed access than most homes in affluent U.S. suburbs.”” – Forbes



<http://www.oldercrow.yk.net>



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