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Shaping
Tomorrow's
Networks



❖ About the *Shaping Tomorrow's Networks* Programme

This dynamic, multi-stakeholder partnership was launched by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Ugo Bordoni Foundation (Italy) in 2005 as one of a series of follow-up initiatives to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS).

The programme's main area of focus is ICT convergence. It aims to provide a detailed study of integrated telecommunication infrastructures that will allow for timely and more efficient global information exchange, including the identification of potential enabling technologies and suitable business models.

Furthermore, the Programme will tackle key issues related to convergence, in particular, the adaptation of policy and regulation to facilitate the creation of tomorrow's networks.

Objectives ❖

The ITU is the UN specialized agency for telecommunications, and as such, is able to provide a unique and international perspective on the current and future status of ICTs.

This programme aims to create a multi-stakeholder partnership to analyse tomorrow's networks, open to all WSIS stakeholders in order to maximize the potential for communication and exchange of experiences and to identify new opportunities for growth.

The main activities of the partnership will include:

- a series of workshops, case studies, thematic reports and publications, focusing on technologies, policies, and best practices in shaping tomorrow's networks, and
- analysis of appropriate technologies aimed at facilitating the creation of tomorrow's networks.



Vision

The programme encompasses the development of telecommunication infrastructure and related services that are available anywhere and anytime, to anyone and anything.

For this vision to become a reality, network technologies, digital content, and user access must be developed in an integrated fashion.

Become a Partner ❖

Partnerships are the cornerstone of ICT development.

Reflecting the entire ICT sector: The *Shaping Tomorrow's Networks Programme* is an open, multi-stakeholder initiative that benefits from the active participation of governments, the private sector, international organizations and civil society.

A unique opportunity: STN capitalizes on the strengths of its diverse membership by building a coalition that is greater than the sum of its parts.

A neutral forum: STN is a global partnership for members to share ideas, experiences and best practices. This will facilitate the identification and creation of new opportunities for growth and development.

A true partnership: Each STN partner contributes according to its individual circumstance and capacity.