

## **Question 17/2: Progress on ITU activities for e-commerce**

### **1 Statement of the situation**

ITU-T as well as ITU-D VAP Programme 2 are undertaking studies regarding e-commerce, in collaboration and partnership with the private sector and the World Trade Centres. The developing countries are not so well endowed with resources to follow these activities and/or contribute to their success.

### **2 Question for study**

Progress on ITU activities for e-commerce.

### **3 Expected output**

Annual progress reports containing guidelines and experiences of accelerating e-commerce applications in developing countries, with special attention to promotion of women entrepreneurs.

### **4 Timing**

First progress report in the first quarter of 2003.

### **5 Proposers/sponsors**

This Question has been requested by ITU-D Study Group 2.

### **6 Sources of input**

- Progress on the ITU-T study group Questions with relevance to this issue (authentication, secrecy, etc.) from Study Group 17).
- Progress of the BDT initiatives with the private sector and the trade centres on e-commerce with the emphasis on participation of developing countries.
- Progress on any other relevant activity carried out by the ITU General Secretariat or the Telecommunication Development Bureau.

### **7 Target audience**

#### **A) Who specifically will use the output**

	<b>Developed countries</b>	<b>Developing countries</b>	<b>LDCs</b>
Telecom policy-makers	X	X	X
Telecom regulators	X	X	X
Service providers/operators)	X	X	X
Manufacturers	-	-	-

**B) Proposed methods for the implementation of the results**

Policy makers and regulators will take the yearly output in order to adapt their national policies to foster the application of e-commerce.

**8 Proposed methods of handling the question**

**a) How?**

By a **focus group** or the equivalent (one year duration, to be renewed, if necessary). This focus group should cover all domains (technical, economic, policy and regulatory issues).

**b) Why?**

The Question could not be attached to any study group, and the results should be a progress report.

**9 Coordination**

- BDT initiative on e-commerce
- Work in progress in ITU-T

**10 Other relevant information**

None

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