INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION Telecommunications Development Bureau (BDT) REGIONAL OFFICE FOR AFRICA



NETWORK PLANNING STRATEGIES



TOPICS

- Trends and evolution of telecommunication technologies and services
- Trends and evolution of telecommunication networks
- Actual situation

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- Challenges ahead
 - Protecting existing investment during migration. (proposal)



TECHNOLOGIES AND SERVICES

- Voice
- Voice, telex, telefax
- Media
- Video
- E-mail
- Pre-paid
- Data and the internet
- E-everything (education, health, commerce, governance, etc.)



Voice/mail, e-mail, multimedia, video,

conferencing etc.



TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORKS

- Electromechanical
- Fixed Circuit switched analogue
- Fixed Circuit switched digital
- Wireless/mobile circuit switched analogue
- Wireless/mobile circuit switched digital
- Fixed Packet switched
- Wireless/mobile Packet switched
- IP/Optical





ACTUAL SITUATION

- Insufficient technical interconnection capacity.
- Insufficient platforms for new technologies and services
- Limited infrastructure, if not none in rural areas.
- Very low tele-density.
- Low population covered by mobile/cellular networks.
- Low area covered by mobile/cellular networks
- Insufficient usage of communication facility for safety missions.
- Insufficient utilization of Computerized Subscriber Management Systems and Management Information Systems.



ACTUAL SITUATION - Continued

- Under utilization of fixed/land mobile wireless technologies.
- Separate networks for voice, data, video and media.
- Insufficient usage of and implementation of International standard signalling system in the digitalized networks.
- Low Internet access penetration
- Low data speed (9.6Kbps) in mobile/cellular networks.



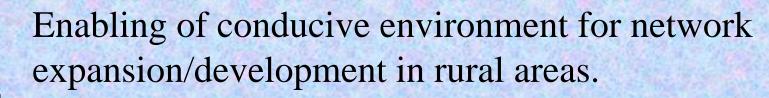
Analogue transmission and switching networks. High development costs.



CHALLENGES AHEAD

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- 1. Implementation of internationally accepted standards for signaling.
- 2. Development of end to end digital transmission networks.
- 3. Planning and development of sufficient platforms for new technologies and services
- 4. Planning and implementation of migration steps for the converging transportation of voice, data video and media





CHALLENGES AHEAD (Continued)

- 6. Implement fixed/mobile wireless and Satellite technology in rural telecommunication development.
- Involvement of participation of Universities, Engineering Institutions, Science and Technology, professional Associations in rural telecommunication development and in telecommunication industry development.







Protecting existing investment during migration. (proposal)

- Proposed migration steps for networks in PSTN and Mobile/Cellular.
 - Ensure availability of basic infrastructure of PSTN and mobile/cellular.
 - In the PSTN digitize the Switching system between all nodes and plan for interconnection capacity.



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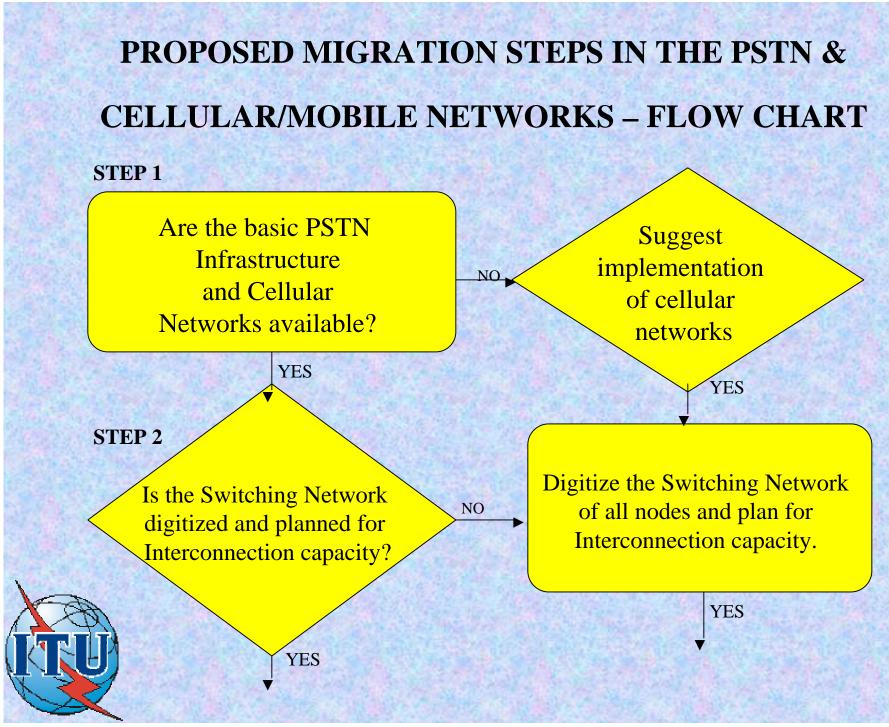
Protecting existing investment during migration. (proposal cont'd)

- Implement the International standard signaling system in the digitized network.
- Implement ISDN and IPTC platforms in PSTN and GPRS in mobile/cellular networks.

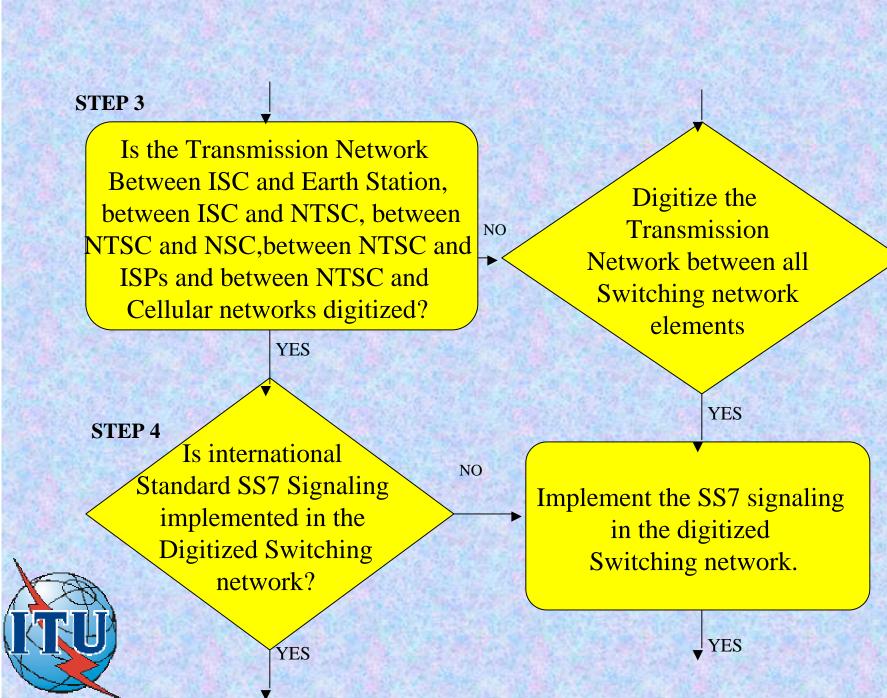


implement and establish IP in the telecommunication network.

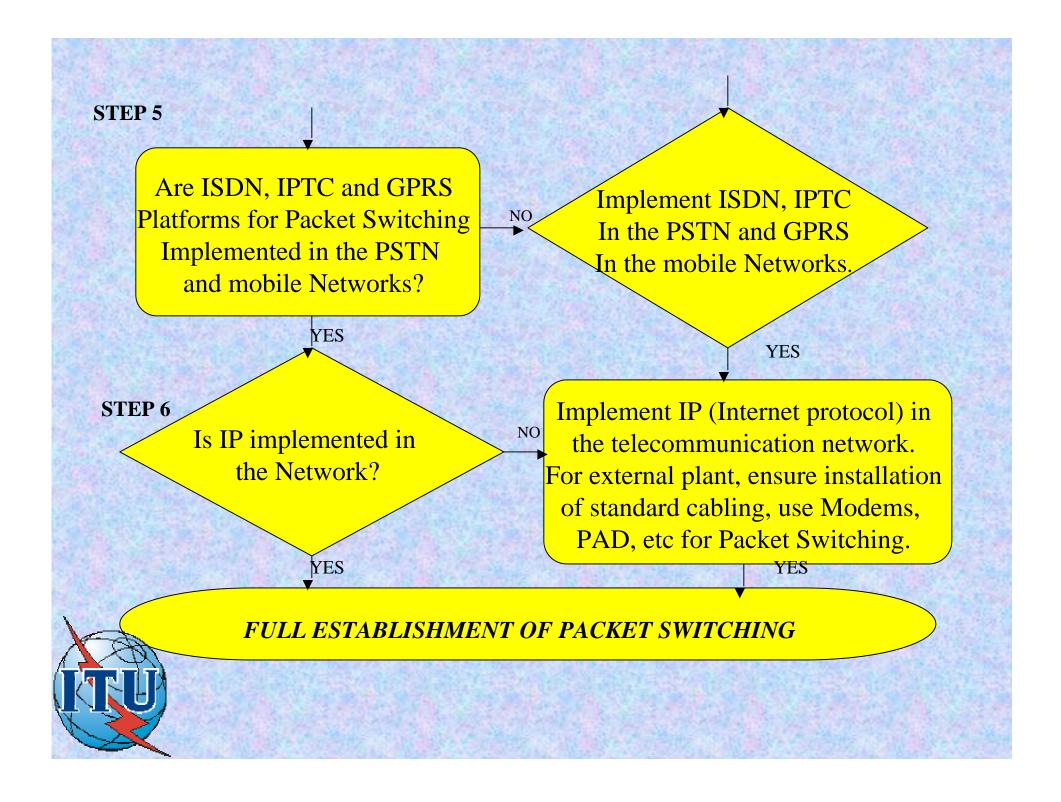












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