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The Asia Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC 2010, held on 5-7 May 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia has come up with a set of strategies for promoting the expansion of information and communication technologies (ICT) to promote development. The Meeting aimed to establish priorities so that ITU-D can put its resources where they are needed most. These strategies will become inputs to the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2010 (WTDC-10) and help establish a framework for the Union's work in assisting ICT development in the region.

The presentation will cover the priorities identified by the Asia Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for WTDC 2010, consolidated into four broad programmes, five regional initiatives and four topics to be the subject of study over the next four years by BDT. This is to inform and engage the ITU members in the WTDC process early on and likewise provide a framework for the formulation of further contributions to the WTDC 2010.