

## **ABSTRACT**

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### **How to bridge the standardization gap**

Bridging standardization gap is one of the most concerns of developing countries, because it could be a way for developing countries to narrow the digital divide and keep pace with developed ones.

The presentation is focused on the roles of ITU-D in helping developing countries to bridge the gap. It highlights the efforts of ITU-D to assist developing countries in gaining better understanding and applying ITU-T Recommendations, especially ones relate to NGN and broadband networks, by conducting seminars, trainings, workshops, regional forums and organizing study groups on the toughest issues. In considering the standardization gap, the presentations also show some facts which should be considered.

The presentation concludes with some expectations on the action of ITU-D and ITU-D Regional Office, and Member States and Sector Members for more efficiency in bridging “the gap”, to help developing countries in narrowing the digital divide toward a better ICT society.