# ABSTRACT

# Regulating convergence: the ITU-D activities

The theme of the regulatory issues of convergence is analyzed in a Project Group of ITU-D Study Group 2. The first evaluation of the issue was focused on the meaning of convergence and of its main trends (fixed/mobile, telecoms/broadcasting).

In the current study period particular attention has been given to three new areas: xDSL services, 3G mobile systems, WLan and WiFi solutions.

There is an ongoing debate on which is the best solution for managing the transition from the "traditional" telecommunications regulatory approach to the converging environment. An interesting reference is given by the new European Union set of directives which have been or are being implemented in the fifteen Member States.

Regulating the transition period, evaluating the structure and the performance of regulatory Authorities, choosing between a "smooth" evolutionary approach and a radical change are some of the issues at stake.