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This year's meeting focused on six main topics:

- Access indicators
- Benchmarking the information society
- ICT Household statistics
- Measuring the impact of ICT on the economy
- Measuring the impact of ICT on employment
- Capacity-building for ICT statistics



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Recommendation 1

Creation of an Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT indicators

- Creation of an expert group with clearly defined terms of reference for the purpose of reviewing, revising and finalizing the ITU telecommunication/ICT indicators presented during the meeting and their definition.
- Expert Group to complete its work before the first quarter of 2010.
- Expected to meet in person or through online discussions
- open to all ITU members as well as to invited experts, engineers, statisticians and analysts who know the technologies, the services at the indicators needed to measure them.

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Recommendation 2

Reduction of the time-lag in data release and timely submission of data

- The meeting suggests to reduce to one year the time-lag in releasing the data collected from countries. In order to do this, the countries are requested to submit their data to ITU within deadlines, based on the internationally-agreed indicators and definitions to help reflect the current ICT development regionally and internationally that will provide a sound basis for policy-making
- In this context, ITU should synchronize the data collection with the release of the World Telecommunication Indicator database

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Recommendation 3

Collection of ICT statistics by way of household surveys

- The meeting recommends the collection of ICT statistics through household surveys based on the internationally agreed core list of ICT indicators. Data on access and use of ICT by households and individuals also facilitates a more in-depth analysis of national ICT developments by allowing the disaggregation of data by gender and by urban/rural areas

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Recommendation 4

Capacity-building in ICT statistics

- Enhanced capacity building for national statistical offices in developing countries on the production of ICT statistics.
- ITU, in close cooperation with other international and regional organizations, to help countries build capacity in ICT household statistics through training courses.

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Recommendation 5

Improvement of indicators and data on measuring impact

- Further work to be carried out at the national and international level to measure the impact of ICT on socio-economic development including the measurement of outsourcing and off-shoring of services.

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Recommendation 6

Collaborative work

- Collaborative work carried out by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development to improve the availability of ICT statistics globally praised.
- To increase the cooperation between ICT national policy makers, including the regulatory authorities and Ministries, and the National Statistical Offices, in identifying indicators and collecting ICT statistics.
- Aim: building synergies between policy needs and technical expertise

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Recommendation 7

Measuring the impact of ICT on employment in the telecommunication sector

- When measuring employment, countries are called upon to use the new ILO ISCO classification which takes into consideration new ICT occupations.
- When carrying out enterprise surveys, countries should use the most disaggregated classification which will allow the identification of more specific ICT industries.

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