

Proposal Summary

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Title	Data estimation
Abstract	It is observed that 19% of data points are estimated/not available in the IDI 2023 report. This figure is 20.4% for IDI 2024 report. Hence it is proposed that data estimation may be avoided.
Type (choose one)	CRITERIA

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As mentioned in the IDI 2023 report, one of the criteria for selection of indicator in IDI is “recent data should be available for as many as 196 considered economies as possible, to ensure the broadest coverage possible and reduce reliance on estimates”. However, the report relies heavily on estimated data as in IDI 2024, 20.4% (355 data points) are estimated/not available. Moreover, data for indicators like “Internet users (%)”, “Household with internet access at home (in %)” and “Mobile ownership (in %)” are estimated to the extent of 42.3%, 40% and 64.7% respectively. It is also observed that 101 data points are estimated but not published by ITU which is not a transparent method of computing the scores of the countries.