

**London ITU Symposium on ICTs and Climate Change**  
**Closing Remarks, Malcolm Johnson, ITU-T Director**

- It has been a great pleasure for me to be here again in London this week, and I hope you have all enjoyed it too.
- On behalf of all of us let me once again thank our hosts BT for offering us the fantastic facilities and their hospitality.
- Also many thanks to the UK Government for its support and the wonderful reception last night.
- I am sure you will agree with me we have benefited from very professional and informative presentations, thanks to the presenters and of course the session moderators.
- As in the previous symposium in Kyoto, we have generated a rich source of ideas of how the ICT sector can contribute to a “greener” world, without impacting negatively on global growth and prosperity. It is interesting to see how much common thinking there is between the various activities in different organizations we have heard about this week. It illustrates the need for us to work together.
- There seems to be three order effects to address:
  - Energy consumption of ICT equipment
  - Efficiencies to be gained through the use of ICTs in other sectors
  - The need for a behaviour change – both in business and consumers.
- I believe ITU has a role to play in all three areas. We will study the Chairman’s excellent summary of this symposium to adapt our future work programme accordingly.
- As in Kyoto, this symposium has shown that estimates of the impact of ICTs varies considerably due to the different methodologies used.
- I am pleased that you have supported the view of the Kyoto symposium that ITU should establish internationally agreed common methodologies

for measuring the impact of ICTs on climate change, either in terms of the direct emission of greenhouse gases or the savings that can be generated in other sectors of industry through the application of ICTs.

- I am confident that this will be established at our Advisory Group meeting in July. Our Focus Groups are open to any interested party to participate, I in particular I would like to invite all those that have contributed to these two symposiums to participate. It needs to be carried out in an open, rigorous and multi-disciplinary way.
- I will also extend an invitation to the SDOs to contribute to the work of the Focus Group.
- Finally, I wish to conclude by thanking some of the key people that have been involved in making this symposium a success:
  - First of all, Keith Dickenson of BT who has organized the event
  - Lynda Matthews of BT who has looked after us so well
  - And of course Tom Walker our chairman who has led us to a successful conclusion.
- Thank you all very much – I wish you a safe journey home.