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# Monitoring progress towards the achievements of the WSIS targets in LDCs



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## Monitoring progress: need for quantitative evidence

- Need indicators on ICT access, use and impact in LDCs
- Need ICT data to monitor the digital divide
- WSIS outcome documents call for measurement of information society to track progress and inform policy
- International community is addressing this issue through the *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development*

- Global initiative to improve internationally comparable ICT statistics for effective policy making
- Response to WSIS call to measure the information society
- 11 key stakeholders working on ICT statistics
- Launched in 2004

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# Core list of ICT indicators



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- Launched in 2005 and endorsed by UN Statistical Commission in 2007
- Revised and extended version published in 2010
- Statistical framework for producing internationally comparable ICT indicators
- **50 basic indicators covering: ICT infrastructure, ICTs in households, ICTs in businesses, ICT sector and trade, ICT in education**
- New in 2011: **8 indicators on e-government**

# ITU WTDR 2010: 10 targets and 50 indicators to assess the global information society

- First global effort to measure progress towards the achievement of the targets agreed at the WSIS
- Mid-term review based on quantitative indicators
- Policy recommendations to help achieve the targets by 2015
- Basis for Partnership work on measuring the WSIS targets

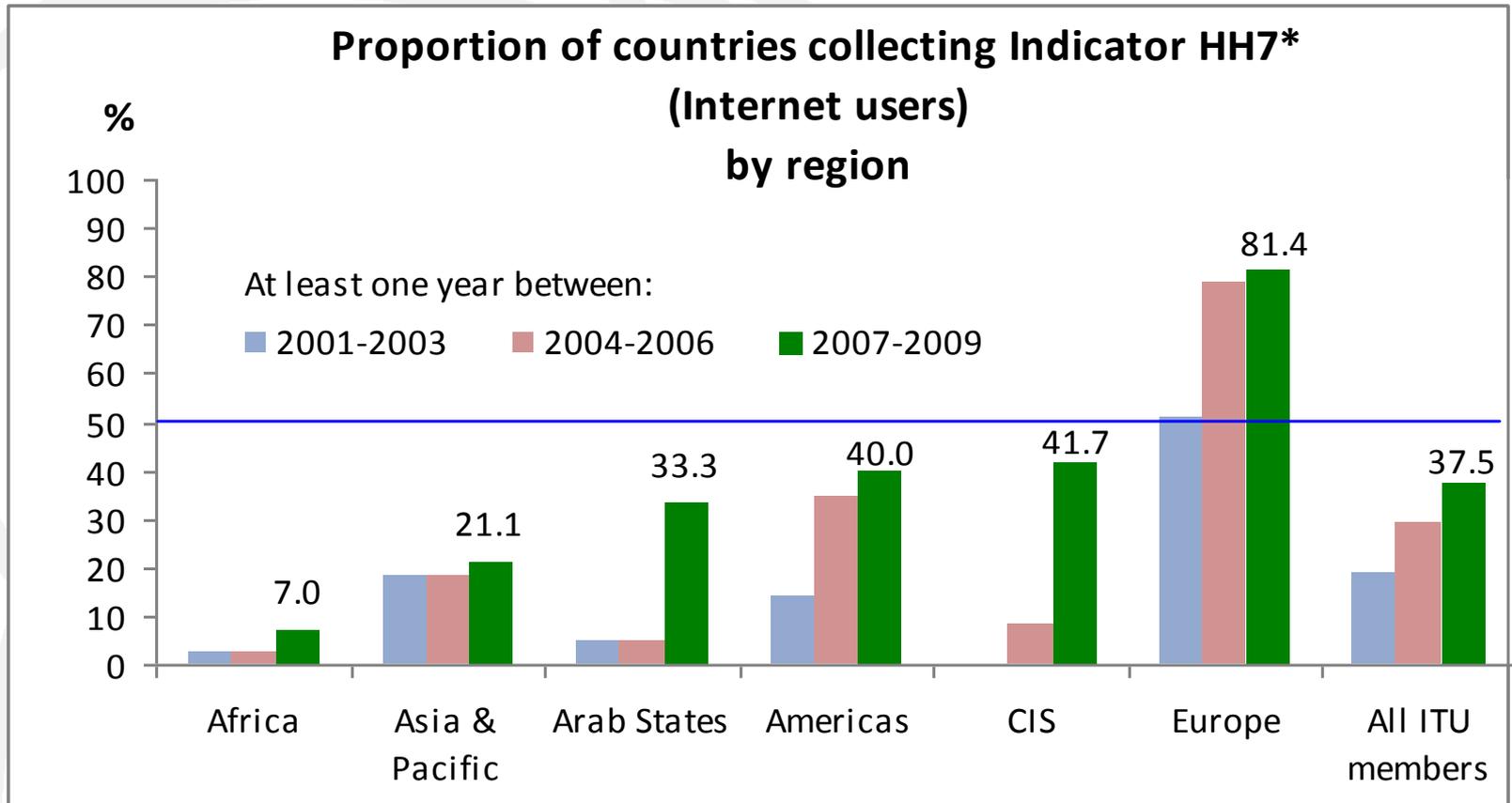


**In collaboration with UNESCO, WHO and UNDESA, as well as civil society**  
**Available online: [www.itu.int/ict](http://www.itu.int/ict)**

## Partnership Task Group on Measuring WSIS targets: towards 2015

- Task Group was launched during WSIS Forum 2010
- Works through online forum:  
<http://groups.itu.int/wsis-targets>
- Partnership members and external collaborators
- **Develops monitoring framework for WSIS targets** based on ITU WTDR 2010 (including indicators, definitions, benchmarks and collection methodologies), **to be launched during WSIS Forum 2011**
- Tracks progress up to 2015 – final report

# Making progress in measuring ICT

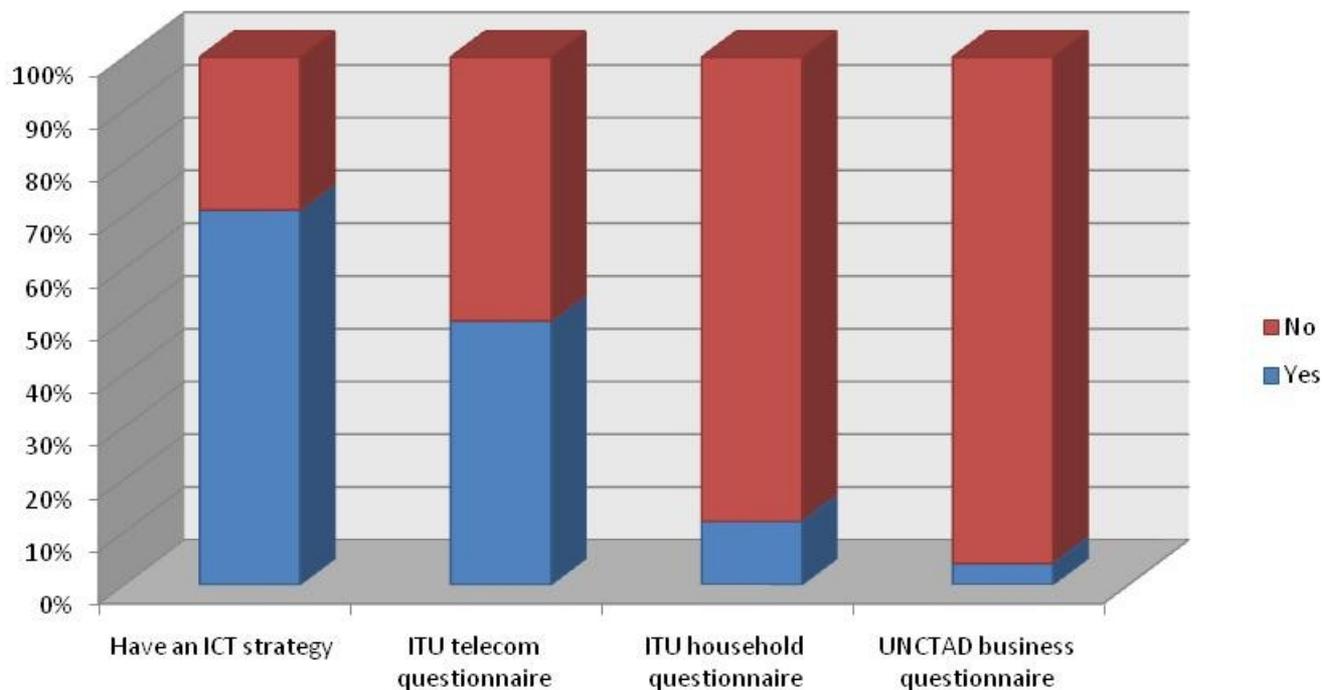


Source: ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators database.

Note: \* Data in this chart refer to countries that have collected data on individuals using the Internet through official national surveys

# Gap between ICT policy making and ICT data availability in LDCs

% LDCs with an ICT strategy and supplying official ICT data



# Enhancing data availability in LDCs for digital inclusion

- Significant mismatch between ICT policy and ICT data availability in LDCs
- Lack of data can reinforce digital divide if policy makers lack evidence to take informed and effective policy decisions
- National and international community needs to make a concerted effort to bridge the data gap on the information society
- International standards and indicators developed by the *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development* should be used to ensure international comparability
- *Partnership* members provide technical assistance

## More information

<http://www.itu.int/ict>

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