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- Infrastructure is central for enabling universal, secure, reliable, efficient and effective telecoms ICTs and services like a fibre-optic system of interconnected broadband, telephony through fixed and mobile networks, and other systems that enable communication services and applications and the innovation they fuel.
- Broadband and related future telecoms ICTs and the associated infrastructure will be required but there are significant challenges for developing countries.
- An estimate in the world-wide telecoms from 2010 suggests that digital telephony and the efficient use of services are critical factors for economic growth and development.

## ITU/BDT activities in infrastructure development/1

- **Broadband IPv6, 802**
  - In addition to increase in the bandwidth of the local access network to the point of delivery, the introduction of fibre to the building (FTTB) is often set to increase the need for large bandwidth and connectivity.
- **Last mile**
  - All telcos providers will need to be connected with metropolitan and localised services, by connecting service areas to broader national networks.
  - Ensuring efficient, cost effective and fast deployment need no longer be an issue if the provider can guarantee access to its local service providers stations via the last mile connection.
- **Broadband map**
  - This broadband map component where communication links are providing an alternative to maps, allows a nation to work with an effective tool to assess market potential, to stimulate entrepreneurship.

## ITU/BDT activities in infrastructure development/2

- **Conformance and interoperability (C&I)**
  - Conformance and interoperability of interests in the telecommunications sector from different service to its capability cover needs between them can help avoid costs and difficulties between producers and consumers.
- **Backbone**
  - The backbone of ITU, BDT and 802 work to broaden development opportunities to achieve research, standardization and evolution of digital broadband.
- **Spectrum management**
  - Spectrum management has great potential to improve sustainability of life. There will be an increasing demand for spectrum resources, especially because in this sector, planning and regulation are, more important than ever before.

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- Infrastructure is central for enabling universal, sustainable, ubiquitous and affordable access to ICTs and services for all.
- The deployment of common broadband, including through fixed and mobile, technology and network infrastructures for multiple telecommunication services and applications and the evolution to all IP-based wireless and wired future networks (NGNs) and their evolutions open up opportunities but also imply significant challenges for developing countries.
- Also notable is the worldwide transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, enabling more efficient use of spectrum and higher quality audio and video delivery.



## ITU/BDT activities in infrastructure development/2

- **Conformance and interoperability (C&I)**

- Conformity with international standards and interoperability, i.e. the ability of equipment from different vendors to successfully communicate between them, can help avoid costly and unforeseen network dysfunctions and hazards

- **Broadcasting**

- The objective of ITU BDT and BR work in broadcasting is to enable developing countries to achieve smooth migration to and adoption of digital broadcasting.

- **Spectrum management**

- Wireless technology has great potential to improve our quality of life. Thus, BDT and BR works to strengthen national regulatory bodies in frequency planning and assignment, management and monitoring.



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## Objectives of the Last Mile Project

- Provide guidelines, solutions and toolkit that will support ITU Sector Members in setting last miles connectivity infrastructure and applications.
- Improved access to treatment
- Improved last mile solutions
- Improved connectivity, reduced and improved resources (e.g. using AI)
- Reduced cost of services
- Increased broadband coverage rates
- Enhanced connectivity through local applications

## Deliverables

- Compilation of case studies for last mile connectivity solutions and services
- Analysis of the use of different infrastructure and technologies to provide citizens with affordable last mile connectivity
- Guidelines, solutions/toolkits for setting, maintaining and using last mile connectivity solutions
- Capacity building for local applications usage and development as well as innovations

## Implementation

- This project will be implemented by ITU and various partners
  - The project will be under the ITU umbrella
  - To be able to partners that they can contribute in any part of the study
    - Last mile connectivity technologies
    - Last mile connectivity infrastructure
    - Tools, applications and other areas of interest
    - Things, which can help the implementation
    - Applications
    - Contribution of the last mile connectivity solutions
    - Keeping the project implementation
- The contributions and their organizations will be recognized (as contributors or authors)
- Please contact Annika A. Gericke, a.gericke@itu.int, for more information, questions or if there is a bias at the project

## Part 1: Case Studies

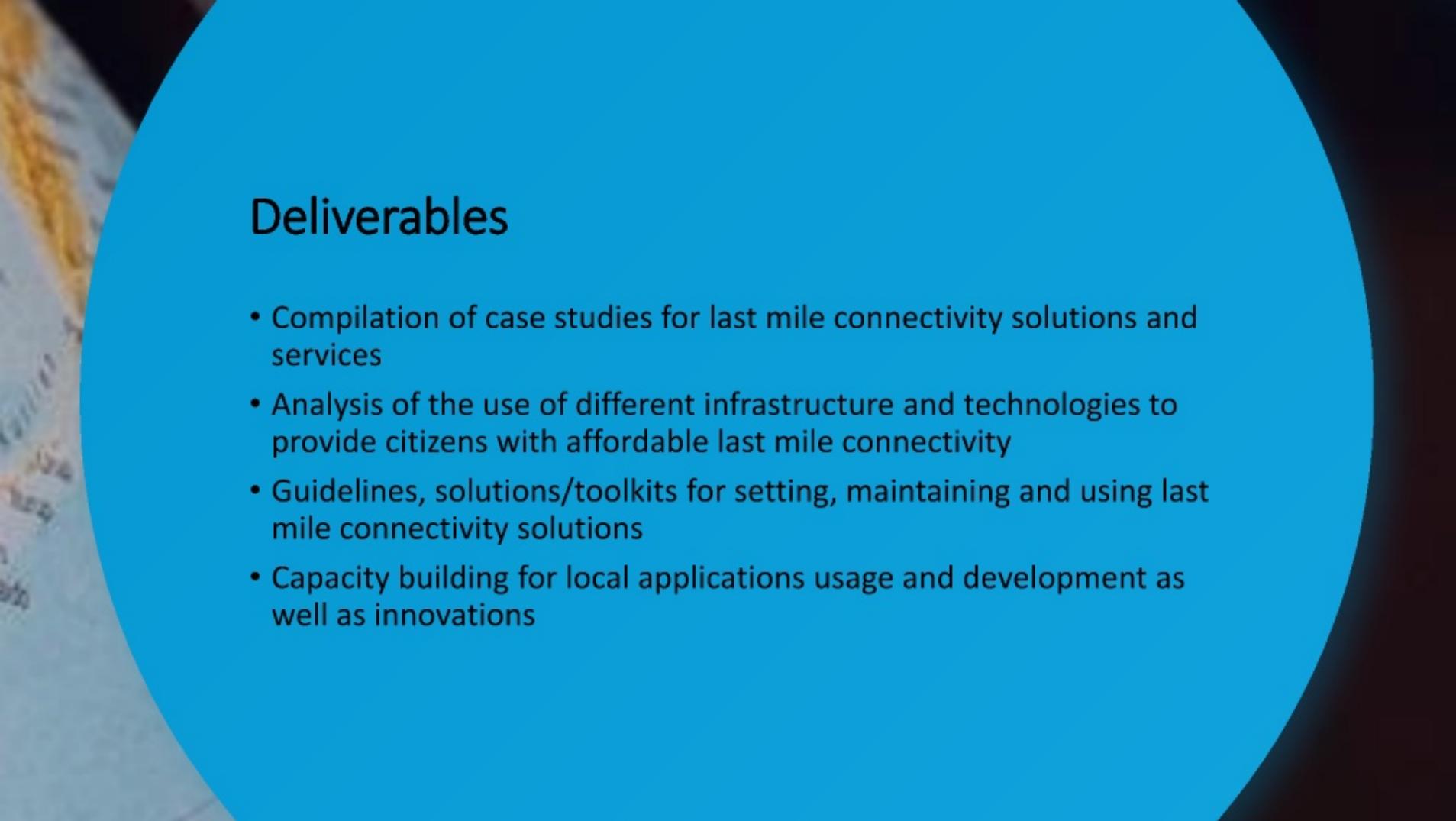
1. Examples of (existing and potential) solutions for last mile connectivity in rural areas
  - Only fundamental
  - Only basic
  - Only basic and some additional advanced ones
  - Others e.g. advanced
2. Examples of services that could be offered using last mile connectivity in rural areas
  - Basic
  - Advanced
  - Local or regional one - using the network being in agriculture, in health care, in education, in waste/flood management
  - Local or regional one
  - National or international one
  - Global one
3. Case studies will be published on website for last mile connectivity in rural areas
  - Only fundamental
  - Only basic
  - Only basic and some additional advanced ones and, normally, it should be:
  - Case studies on which basic services (including in health care, in education, in waste/flood management)
  - Preoperational studies are encouraged
  - Usage of existing cases
4. Data collection and analysis
  - Case book of a fully working solution based on community applications (e.g.

## Part 2: Guidelines/toolkit for increasing last mile connectivity

- Technology solutions
  - Satellite
  - Fiber
  - Optical fiber
  - Copper
  - Wireless
  - Cloud
  - 5G
  - Other
- Services
  - Last mile connectivity
  - Last mile infrastructure
  - Last mile applications
  - Last mile connectivity services
  - Last mile connectivity infrastructure
  - Last mile connectivity applications
  - Last mile connectivity services
- Case studies

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  - Increased access to broadband
  - Increased last mile networks
  - Interconnection of (local, national and regional) networks e.g., using IXP,
  - Reduced cost of access
  - Increased development of digital Skills
  - Enhanced development of digital solutions and applications.



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    - Case studies
    - Last mile connectivity technologies
    - Sustainable business solutions for last mile connectivity
    - Regulations and Policies
    - Applications
    - Implementation of the last mile connectivity solutions
    - Financing the project implementation
- The contributors and their organizations will be recognized (as contributors or authors)
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# Part 1: Case Studies

1. Overview of (existing and potential) solutions for last mile connectivity in rural areas
  - Community networks,
  - Wi-Fi, Mesh network, or other LAN/MAN in unserved areas
  - Others e.g., White spaces
2. Overview of services that could be offered using last mile connectivity in rural areas
  - Local data generation and hosting
  - Local IoT applications using the networks, e.g., e-agriculture, e-healthcare, e-education, water/flood management, energy management,
  - Local E-governance, etc.
  - Distance learning
3. Case studies of deployed solutions for last mile connectivity in rural areas (include but not limited to community networks)
  - Compilation and Analysis of existing deployed solutions (location, size, background, evolution)
  - Tutorials on the technical aspects including the spectrum use
  - Compilation and Analysis of the used business model
  - Proposals of the applications and services
  - Design of a comparative model
4. Data analysis and discussion
  - Collect and analyze existing data on last mile connectivity in different regions

## Part 2: Guidelines/Toolkit for increasing last mile connectivity

- Technical solutions:
  - Creating and maintaining the networks (for each solution, a step by step directives)
  - Interconnecting the networks
- Applications
  - Creating local applications
  - Creating and managing local data with e-community
- Regulations and Policy
  - Regulatory environment
  - Accessibility of the network (cost, devices)
- Spectrum considerations
- Business models and financing the last mile connectivity solutions
- Capacity building

Part 3 includes country assistance in implementing the identified solutions



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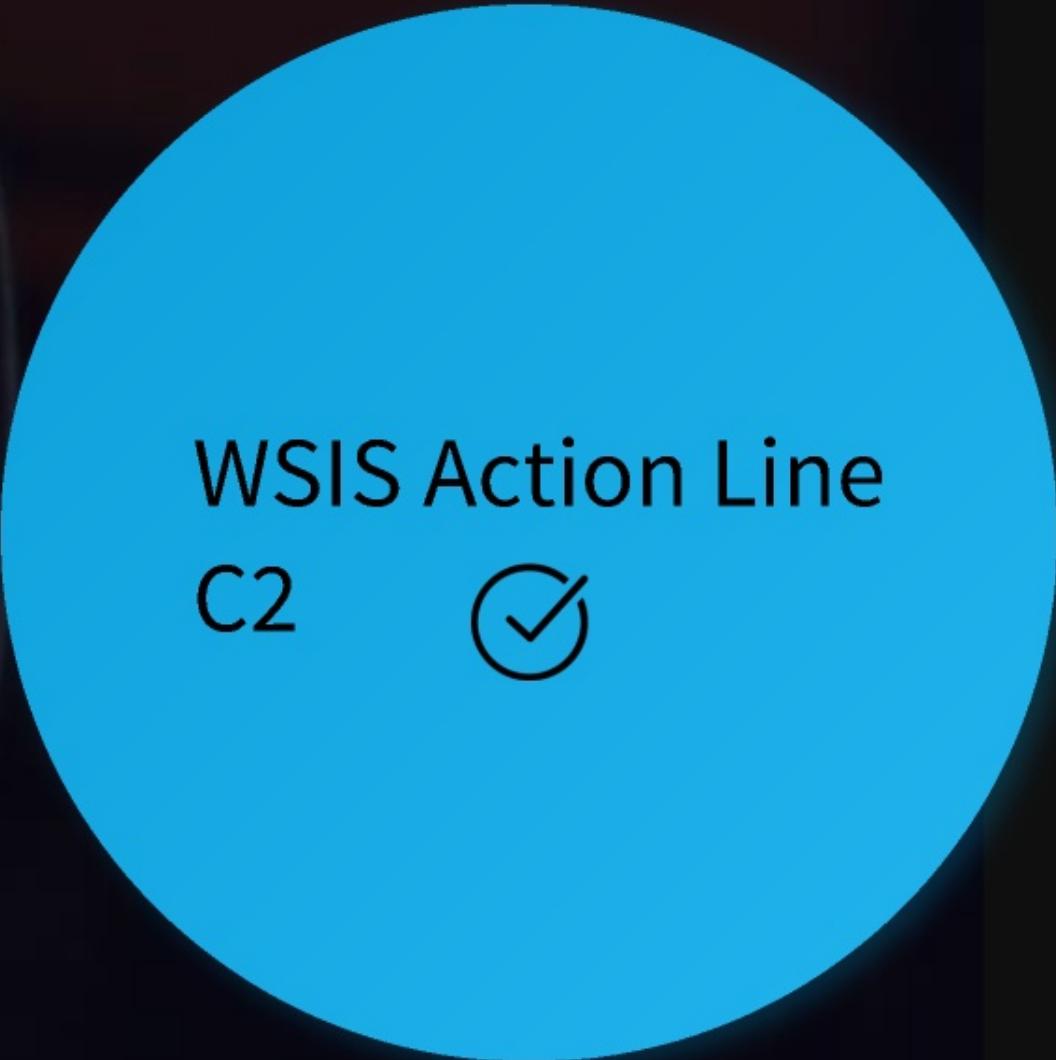


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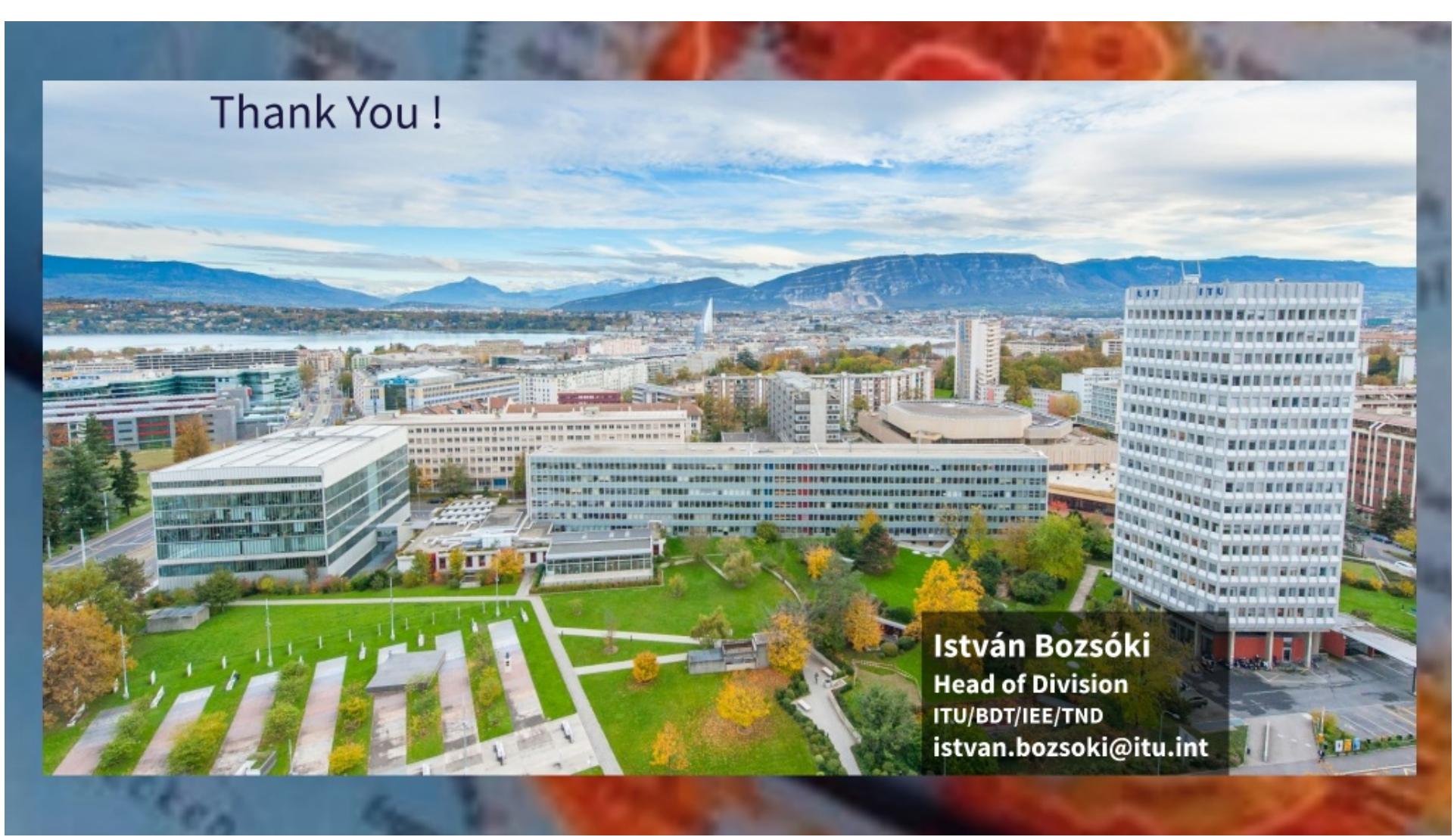
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