

Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT indicators

Draft Terms of Reference

a. Introduction

One of the main recommendations of the 7th ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (WTI) meeting held in Cairo, Egypt, on 3-5 March 2009, was the creation of an Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT indicators, hereby referred to as **EGTI**.

b. Objective

The EGTI is expected to review, revise and finalize the ITU telecommunication/ICT indicators. In particular, the definitions of the indicators have to be carefully examined to ensure that countries can apply them in their national data collection. A draft proposal for revisions of the existing indicators and their definitions has been prepared by ITU (IndDef_e_v2009.doc) and is posted on the EGTI discussion forum. The EGTI is expected to use the document as the basis of its work.

c. Membership/composition

The EGTI is open to all ITU members as well as to invited ICT experts, engineers, statisticians and analysts who are familiar with the technologies and the services, as well as the indicators needed to measure them.

d. Methods of work

The EGTI shall be chaired by a representative of the group, to be selected by the ITU. The EGTI, in agreement with the ITU, may set up working groups to study specific sub-sets of indicators. The ITU may invite ICT experts and observers with specific knowledge to participate in the work of the EGTI and/or its working groups.

The EGTI and its working groups shall exchange ideas using the online discussion forum that has been set up for this purpose on the ITU website (http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/ExpertGroup/default_group.asp). EGTI members are invited to use the forum actively to exchange ideas, post documents, and to provide comments on documents. The EGTI discussion forum will be moderated by ITU.

At the end of work of the EGTI, a meeting in Geneva or another location agreed by the EGTI is expected to take place. ITU staff members will be present at the meeting and may take part in the discussions. The chair of EGTI is expected to present the draft results of the work completed by the group. During the final meeting of the EGTI, members should agree on a revised list of ICT indicators and definitions. The revised list of indicators will be presented during the 8th World Telecommunication Indicators meeting to be held in 2010 and will be used by the ITU in its 2010 data collection.

e. Duration of work

The EGTI will start its work in May 2009 and will complete by end March 2010.