Telecommunication Technologies and Network Development Division

Our mandate

The Technology and Network Development Division, under Objective 2/2 Telecommunication/ICT networks, including conformance and interoperability and bridging the standardization gap, provides applied research and transfer of technological know-how, which is an indispensable part of the task of expediting the access to new technologies on a non-discriminatory basis for developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

What we do for our members

We assist Member States and ITU-D Sector Members and Associates to maximize the utilization of appropriate new technologies for the development of their information and communication infrastructure and services. We also assists Member States and ITU-D Sector Members and Associates to plan, build, operate, upgrade, manage and maintain technologies applicable in their networks and services. This includes the development of the Telecommunications and Information infrastructure and applications Internet Exchanges and the Transition from IPv4 to IPv6.

For more information: http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/default.aspx
Telecommunication Technologies and Network Development Division

Key activities

Our work is carried out by various means, including symposia, workshops, conferences, seminars and expert advice as well as information sharing, creation of tools and training material, direct assistance, partnership, publications and events. Our priority areas are as follows:

- Next Generation Networks
- Conformity and Interoperability
- Mobile Communications
- Broadband Networks
- Rural Communications
- WSIS Action Line C2: Information and Communication Infrastructure

Projects in focus

- Conformity and Interoperability Assessment Study on Regional Basis: Collaboration with Regional and Subregional Organizations for establishing a common C&I Regime and Mutual Recognition Agreements
- Training Activities on Conformance and Interoperability
- ITU-McCaw Foundation Broadband Wireless Network Project for Africa
- ITU Interactive Transmission Map
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- **Next-Generation Networks**: assistance on planning, deployment, migration, interoperability, digitization and evolution of networks, network elements and applications
- **Broadband Networks (wired and wireless technologies including IMT)**: assistance with planning, implementation and development of national ICT broadband networks, including promoting IXPs
- **Rural communications**: provision of information on access and backhaul technologies and source of power supply, latest technologies and best practice, implementation of projects on public community broadband access points
- **Conformance and Interoperability (C&I)**: assistance on the establishment of national, regional or subregional C&I programmes, assessment and feasibility studies, providing information and training to technicians, policy-makers and businesses on C&I, providing guidelines on C&I
- **Bridging the Standardization Gap**: increasing the knowledge and capacity of developing countries for the effective application/implementation of standards developed by ITU

**Key Areas**

**Products and Services in Focus**

- **ITU Guidelines on Conformance and Interoperability**: Different Guidelines relating to best practice for planning and review of C&I regimes, Mutual Recognition Agreements, establishment of C&I Test Labs and others
- **ITU Trainings on C&I**: provision of trainings to enhance knowledge, increase awareness, promote experience sharing, present practical learning on standards, regulations, real lab experience and accreditation procedures; provision of Lecture on C&I Regimes; and C&I Testing Domains
- **ITU C&I Regional Assessment Studies/Conformity Interoperability Programme**: to promote Harmonized C&I Programmes in collaboration with Regional Organizations
- **ITU Broadband, IPv6 and Internet Exchange Implementations**: to provide broadband connectivity free or low cost digital access for schools, hospitals, underserved populations; IXPs to reduce transmission costs, optimize Internet traffic, improve QoS
- **ITU Interactive Transmission Maps**: cutting-edge ICT-data mapping platform to take stock of national backbone connectivity and other key ICT metrics.
Priority areas

- **Next-generation networks**
  - providing assistance to Member States on deployment and migration of their existing networks to NGN and further evolutions
  - assisting countries in planning the introduction and continuous adoption of new network elements and applications by making use of specialized planning tools
  - assisting countries in the digitization of analogue networks and in applying affordable wired and wireless technologies, including interoperability of ICT infrastructure

- **Broadband networks: Wired and wireless technologies, including IMT**
  - providing assistance to developing countries in their medium- to long-term planning for the implementation and development of national ICT broadband network plans
  - collecting and disseminating information and analyses on the current status of broadband backbone and submarine cables, in order to assist members in network planning
  - promoting Internet exchange points (IXPs) as a long-term solution to advance connectivity including the Transition from IPv4 to IPv6

- **Rural communications**
  - providing information on suitable technologies for access, backhaul and source of power supply to bring telecommunications to rural, unserved and underserved areas
  - implementing projects on public/community broadband access points, in close relation with local experts and communities themselves
  - disseminating information and analyses of the latest technologies and best practices through methods such as publications, symposia, seminars and workshops

- **Conformance and interoperability (C&I)**
  - Conformance with international standards maximizes the probability that an ICT vendor's products will interoperate with those of other vendors
  - educating technicians, policy-makers and businesses on the importance of C&I procedures and testing, mobilizing the resources required to implement regional and national C&I programmes, in cooperation with other relevant regional and international organizations
  - providing assistance to developing countries in the establishment of national, regional or subregional C&I programmes, and conducting assessment studies for facilitating the establishment of common conformance and interoperability regimes at national, regional and subregional level
  - preparing guidelines on this process which outline the technical and human resources required and the international standards to be applied
Tasks

- Creation of training material
- Creation of tools and Guidelines
- Assistance to members
- Information sharing

The tasks are carried out by various means, including symposia, workshops, conferences, seminars and expert advice.

Study Group Questions

- **Question 1/1**: Policy, regulatory and technical aspects of the migration from existing networks to broadband networks in developing countries, including next-generation networks, m-services, OTT services and the implementation of IPv6
- **Question 2/1**: Broadband access technologies, including IMT, for developing countries;
- **Question 5/1**: Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas
- **Question 4/2**: Assistance to developing countries for implementing conformance and interoperability programmes

Regional Initiatives

- **AFR1**: Strengthening human and institutional capacity building
- **AFR3**: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband
- **AMS3**: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband
- **ARB1**: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband
- **ASP3**: Harnessing the benefits of new technologies
- **ASP4**: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband
- **CIS4**: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband
- **EUR2**: Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband

Main Activities (link)

- Training: Events and/or producing material
- Publications/Tools: Manuals, Guidelines, Case Studies
- Direct Assistance to members for all domains of competence (Network Engineering, Master Plan, etc)
- Projects: Managing and collaborating
- Partnerships: United Nation agencies, international and regional organizations
- Collaboration and sharing information with other BDT Divisions and with other ITU Bureaux
- Collaboration with Regional Offices
- Focal Points for ITU-D SGs and WSIS

Guidelines

- Guidelines for developing countries on establishing conformity assessment test labs in different regions
- Guidelines for the development, implementation and management of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs)
- Feasibility Study for Conformance Testing Center
- Conformity and Interoperability assessment on Regional basis: Collaboration with Regional and Subregional Organizations for establishing a common C&I Regime and Mutual Recognition Agreements
- Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes: Basic Guidelines
- Complete Guidelines
- Guidelines on the smooth transition of existing mobile networks to IMT-2000 for developing countries (GST)
- Strategy for migration from existing networks to next-generation (NGN) for developing countries (Final Report - Annexes)
- Guidelines for the preparation of National Wireless Broadband Masterplans for the Asia Pacific Region
- Report on implementation of evolving telecommunication/ICT infrastructure for developing countries: Technical, economic and policy aspects
ITU C&I Programme

• To tackle different obstacles to the achievement of conformity and interoperability, expressed by member states in ITU`s Decisions.

Regional Presence

C&I Task Force
Conformity Assessment benefits

• Conformity assessment builds consumers’ trust and confidence in tested products and consequently strengthens business environment and, thanks to interoperability, the economy benefits from business stability, scalability and cost reduction of systems, equipment and tariffs.

• While economically Conformance and Interoperability (C&I) increase market opportunities, encourage trade and technology transfer and contribute to the removal of technical barriers, they socially help spreading ICT services availability and affordability to all people at a good level of quality.
ITU Trainings on Conformity and Interoperability

- MoUs signed with Testing Centers in the Regions to promote human capacity building in real testing laboratories
- Objectives: Enhance knowledge; increase awareness; promote experience-sharing, present practical learning on standards, regulations, real lab experience and accreditation procedures
- Lectures on C&I Regimes (e.g. Regulatory framework, market surveillance); and C&I Testing Domains (e.g. mobile, EMC, broadband, and NGN)
ITU’s Decisions – C&I Action Plan

- **Resolution 177** ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14)
- **Resolution 47** ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10, rev. WTDC-14)
- **Resolution 76** ITU World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-08 rev. WTSA-12)
- **Resolution 62** Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-2012, Rev. 2015)
“The ITU 4 Pillars”

1 Conformance Assessment
2 Interoperability
3 Capacity Building
4 Testing Centers (Labs/MRAs)
The ITU 4 “Pillars”

• The Standardization Sector Side
  ❖ Conformity Assessment
  ❖ Interoperability Events

• The Development Sector Side
  ❖ Capacity building
  ❖ Establishing C&I programmes in developing countries
Capacity building and test centres

ITU is implementing proposals on human capacity building.

ITU will assist developing countries in the establishment of test facilities and in cooperation with international institutions:

- UNIDO
- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)
- International Accreditation Forum (IAF), ...
- Labs and R&D institutions
The Telecommunication Development Bureau Side

- Capacity building
- Establishment of test centres and appropriate C&I Regimes including MRAs in developing countries.

ITU Forums with in-deep consideration for test centres and Capacity Building in the Regions

**Held 2010 - 2013:**
- Africa (Kenya 2010, Ghana 2011)
- CIS (Moscow 2011)
- Americas (Brasilia 2012)
- Arab States (Tunis 2012) Forum and Training
- Asia Pacific (Myanmar 2013)

**Held 2014:**
- CIS (Moscow)
Needs in Developing Countries for Test Labs and/or MRAs

• Conformity Assessment Bodies to contribute to create an orderly telecom apparatus market place

• Once reference standards and procedures are in place, test labs and/or MRAs can approve equipment for compliance

• Sharing test labs resources and using same procedures amongst countries and regions may lowering overall costs while continuing addressing regional priorities

• A robust framework (following international procedures – ISO/CASCO) needed for trust and confidence in test results and among test labs (MRAs)
ITU Training activities on C&I – until 2014

- CIS Countries NGN integration testing, Moscow (Russian Federation), 2010 and 2011
- Africa and Arab Regions, Tunis 5-7 Nov 2012
- ARB Region, Tunis 2-6 April 2013 (EMC Compatibility)
- Africa Region, Tunis 28 October-1st November 2013 (EMC Compatibility)
- Americas Region, Campinas, 24-28 June 2013 (EMC Compatibility)
- ARB Region, Tunis, 17-22 March 2014 (Mobile terminals)
- Americas Region, Campinas, 12-16 May 2014, (Mobile terminals)
- Training Course on Conformance and Interoperability Testing for the Africa Region, 23-27 June 2014, Tunis (Tunisia)

http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/CIEvents.aspx
ITU Training activities on C&I for 2015

• Training Course for the Arab Region on Type Approval Testing for Mobile Terminals, Homologation Procedures and Market Surveillance, 20-24 April 2015, Tunis (Tunisia)

• Training Course for the Americas Region on Type Approval Testing for Mobile Terminals, NGN integration and interoperability testing, Homologation Procedures and Market Surveillance, 8-12 June 2015, Campinas

• Training Course for CIS Region, Moscow, 7-9 July 2015

• Training Course for ASP Centres of Excellence Region, Beijing, P.R. China 12-16 October 2015

• Training Course for the Africa Region on Type Approval Testing for Mobile Terminals, Homologation Procedures and Market Surveillance, 14-18 December 2015

http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/CI_Events.aspx
Establishing Conformity and Interoperability Regimes – **Basic** and **Complete** Guidelines
These Guidelines compiled from a careful collection of international best practices, address challenges faced by developing countries as they plan and review their own C&I regimes.

**Guidelines** for developing countries on Establishing Conformity assessment Test Labs in Different Regions
These Guidelines includes: processes for building testing labs; site analysis; collaboration mechanisms; best practices; reference standards and ITU Recommendations.

**Guidelines** for the Development, Implementation and Management of MRAs
These guidelines promote the understanding and establishment of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRAs) to promote efficiency and resource sharing of C&I related infrastructure, such as laboratories.

**Feasibility Study** for the establishment of a Conformance Testing Centre
This feasibility study describes environments, procedures and methodologies to be adopted to establish, manage and maintain a testing center.
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ITU C&I Regional Assessment Studies

- **The C&I Assessment Studies** looks for promoting the establishment of Harmonized C&I Programmes, collaborate to improve regional integration and fostering the availability of highly qualified institutions (as Laboratories, Certification and Accreditation Bodies).

- Activity conducted in close collaboration with Regional Organizations in addressing capacity building activities, accreditation and type approval testing for moving forward to establishing national, regional test centers and/or Mutual Recognition Agreements - MRAs as appropriate.

**SADC Region**
The Southern African Development Community (SADC, 15 countries) Assessment Study took place in 2014. The results were presented in the Subregional Workshop for SADC, 13-15 October 2014, Livingstone (Zambia).

**Caribbean countries**
In collaboration with the Caribbean Telecommunication Union (CTU), the ITU C&I Assessment Study covered the Caribbean region in 2014. The results were presented in the Subregional Workshop for the Caribbean, 2-4 December 2014, in Trinidad and Tobago.

**Maghreb Region**
Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya participated in the ITU Assessment Study for the Maghreb Region. The results of the Study were presented during the Subregional Workshop for Maghreb Countries, Tunis 9-11 December 2014.

**EAC countries**
The East African Community (EAC) is the regional intergovernmental organization of the Republic of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. The results of the Study were presented during the Subregional Workshop for EAC countries, Nairobi October 2015.

**COMTELCA Countries and Cuba**
For the Central American countries (Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Cuba), the study is taking place in 2015. The results of the Study will be presented during the ITU C&I Workshop for COMTELCA and Cuba, 7-9 December, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
C&I Regional Assessment Studies

The C&I Assessment Studies looks for promoting the establishment of Harmonized C&I Programmes, when possible. It will collaborate to improve regional integration and foster the availability of highly qualified institutions (as Laboratories, Certification and Accreditation Bodies).

In an overall analysis, the Assessment Studies contributes to:

- Bridging the Standardization Gap,
- reducing the Digital Divide, and
- as is inherent to ICT technologies development, strengthens business environment for global players.
C&I Regional Assessement Studies

- C&I infrastructure in regions/sub-regions/countries are being assessed

- Analysis of the status in the regions are being conducted

- Looking for promoting regional agreements about possible locations for resources (Labs), agreements and testing capabilities

- Close collaboration with regional experts in addressing capacity building activities, accreditation and type approval testing.

- Moving forward to establishing regional test centers and/or MRAs as appropriate
C&I Regional Assessment Studies

Calendar

- Assessment Study for **SADC Region** completed 2014
  - The results of the Assessment Study have been presented during the Subregional Workshop for SADC (Southern African Development Community), 13-15 October 2014, Livingstone (Zambia)
C&I Assessment Study for SADC

- **Final Report**
- **Survey Findings**
  - Recommendations: In Country C&I Test Lab
  - Criteria for selecting countries for establishing regional test centres
  - Proposed plan for a SADC framework MRA
- **Media statement on the meeting of SADC Ministers Responsible for Communications, Postal and ICTs. Mangochi, Malawi, 21 November 2014**
Assessment Study for Maghreb countries
Mauritania, Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya (completed 2014)
The results of the assessment study have been presented during the Subregional Workshop for Maghreb Countries, Tunis 9-11 December 2014

Assessment Study for AMS (Caribbean) conducted in 2014, Assessment Studies for AMS (Central America) and AFR (EAC countries) are being conducted during 2015
C&I Assessment Study for Maghreb

• Final Report
• Survey Findings
• Outcomes of the workshop for Maghreb, Tunis 9-11 December 2014
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Follow-up of Assessment Study for Maghreb

• Joint declaration signed between ITU Regional Office of Cairo and UMA the Secretariat General of the Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) for collaboration and support to Maghreb countries for establishing a common MRA

• First meeting of C&I Expert Committee for Maghreb, Rabat (Morocco), 23-25 November 2015
Assessment Studies for the Caribbean

- The results of the first assessment were presented during the ITU C&I Workshop for Caribbean (2-4 December 2014, in St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago)

- Assessment Study on C&I for the Caribbean
- Report
- Outcomes

http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/Events.aspx
As one of the results of the assessment and workshop held for the Caribbean was the cooperation between an ITU Academia member, CPqD with Caribbean countries in regard to homologation and testing procedures. A high level Caribbean mission visited the laboratories of the CPqD in Campinas, Brazil, during the C&I training for the region in June 2015.
Assessment Studies for EAC countries:
The East African Community (EAC) is the regional intergovernmental organization of the Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Uganda, with its headquarters in Arusha, Tanzania. (ongoing 2015)
The results of the assessment study was presented during the Subregional Workshop for EAC countries, Nairobi 21-23 October 2015. EAC Secretariat will call for Ministerial Meeting early 2016
Assessment Studies

• **Assessment Studies for Central America**

• The results of the first assessment will be presented during the ITU C&I Workshop for Central America *Tegucigalpa, Honduras 7 – 9 December 2015*

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Follow-up of C&I Assessment Studies on Regional Basis

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EAC
- **C&I Assessment Study for EAC: Survey Findings**
- **Outcomes**
- **Recommendations: In Country C&I Test Lab**
- **Criteria for selecting countries for establishing regional test centres**
- **Proposed plan for EAC framework MRA**
- **EAC Task Force on Conformity and Interoperability (C&I): Terms of Reference**
A number of countries have expressed strong interest and requested direct assistance (e.g. Sri Lanka, Kiribati, Mongolia, Zambia, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Ghana) in establishing C&I infrastructure and procedures.

The Direct Assistance provided through the Regional Offices will provide support taken into consideration all C&I aspects, as:

- Regulatory framework
- Institutions roles and typical procedures
- Mutual Recognition Agreements
- Funding
- National and Regional test centres and harmonized C&I programmes: Roadmap and Feasibility Study
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Bridging the Standardization Gap

- Standardization capabilities contribute to reduce the digital divide between the developed and developing worlds.
- The activities from ITU Regional Offices and Areas Offices is key. Tailored capacity building events and assistance to developing countries will increase inputs from developing countries into ICT standards.

• WTDC-14, Dubai, highlighted the relevance of regional activities and engagement on bridging the standardization gap between developing and developed countries.

• The Dubai Declaration specifically asserts that “increased participation of developing countries in ITU activities to bridge the standardization gap is needed to ensure that they experience the economic benefits associated with technological development, and to better reflect the requirements and interests of developing countries in this area;”

• Fostering “the development of telecommunication/ICT networks as well as relevant applications and services, including bridging the standardization gap” is the new ITU-D Objective 2;

• Approval of the Recommendation ITU-D 22, “Bridging the standardization gap in association with regional groups of the study groups.”

Programme: Telecommunication/ICT networks, including conformance and interoperability and bridging the standardization gap: The objective of BDT’s work in this area is to assist Member States in the implementation of evolution to these future network architectures and technologies, in accordance with the applicable standards (Recommendations) developed in ITU-T and ITU-R, for bridging the standardization gap, making better use of and managing infrastructure and resources as well as addressing interconnection issues of emerging networks.

Resolution 47 on the enhancement of knowledge and effective application of ITU Recommendations in developing countries, was revised to stress of the usefulness of ITU guidelines on the application of ITU Recommendations;
BDT activities in BSG

In collaboration with Regional Offices, BDT coordination to organize Regional Standardization Forums:

- **ITU Regional Standardization Forum for Americas**, 21 September 2015, Washington D.C., United States
- **ITU Regional Standardization Forum for Asia Pacific region**, 27-28 October 2015, Jakarta, Indonesia

And capacity building events available at ITU Academy (e.g. Working Methods of ITU-T Study Groups; an training on NGN has been planned).
ITU-D Study Group Questions

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**Question 2/1**: Broadband access technologies, including IMT, for developing countries

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**WTDC-14, Outcomes on C&I**

- Dubai Declaration
- Amendment of Resolution 47
- New ITU-D Study Group Question on C&I
- Objective 2, Output 2.2, Programme
- Regional Initiatives for AFR and ARB Regions
WTDC-14 outcomes on C&I

• **The Dubai Declaration** recognized that conformance and interoperability of telecommunication/ICT equipment and systems can increase market opportunities and reliability and encourage global integration and trade.

• **Resolution 47** was amended, reaffirming the importance of collaboration and coordination between the three ITU Bureaux in implementing the ITU C&I programme.
WTDC-14 outcomes on C&I

• **Study Group Question 4/2, mandate:**

  “Studies of various issues related to conformance and interoperability are to be reported, and among others the description of the technical, legislative and regulatory framework that would be needed to implement appropriate C&I programmes by developing countries. Specifically, the following outputs are envisaged:

  • a) Harmonized Guidelines on technical, legal and regulatory aspects of C&I Regime;

  • b) Feasibility studies regarding establishment of laboratories in different C&I Domains;

  • c) Guidance on the framework and procedures to establish MRA;

  • d) C&I Regimes, case studies established at national, regional or global levels;

  • e) Development of a methodology for assessing the situation of C&I regimes in place in the regions (or sub regions);

  • f) Experience sharing and case studies reports on C&I programmes implementation.”
WTDC-14 outcomes on C&I

**Outcomes of Objective 2, Output 2.2 of the Dubai Action Plan**, focusing on the following issues:

- **a) Educating** technicians, policy-makers and businesses on the importance of C&I procedures and testing, mobilizing the resources required to implement regional and national C&I programmes, in cooperation with other relevant regional and international organizations;

- **b) Providing assistance** to developing countries in the establishment of national, regional or subregional C&I programmes, and conducting assessment studies for facilitating the establishment of common conformance and interoperability regimes at national, regional and subregional level;

- **c) Preparing guidelines** on this process which outline the technical and human resources required and the international standards to be applied.
ITU-D Q.1/1 – Migration to Broadband Networks

• **Q1.1**: Policy, regulatory and technical aspects of the migration from existing networks to broadband networks in developing countries, including next-generation networks, m-services, OTT services and the implementation of IPv6.

• **New report** on Implementation of Evolving Telecommunication/ICT Infrastructure for Developing Countries has been finalized.
  
  • The Report covers essential telecommunication/ICT infrastructure aspects, considers key convergence technologies and ITU standards liable for adoption by developing countries;
  
  • The Report was presented at the ITU SG 1 meeting (14-18/Sep) and considered a living document. Q1/1 and Q2/1 participants have asked ITU to update and present it at the next ITU SG meetings, in 2016.
**Question 2/1**: Broadband access technologies, including IMT, for developing countries

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**Issues for study**

- a) Identify the factors influencing the effective deployment of wireline and wireless, including satellite, broadband access technologies and their applications.
- b) Examine broadband access technologies and their future trends.
- c) Identify methodologies for migration planning and implementation of broadband technologies, taking into account existing networks, as appropriate.
- d) Consider trends in the various broadband access technologies, deployments, services offered and regulatory considerations.
- e) Continue to identify ways and means of implementing IMT, using terrestrial and satellite links.
- f) Identify key elements to be studied in order to facilitate the possible deployment of systems integrating the satellite and terrestrial components of IMT.
- g) Provide information on the specific impact of the deployment of all broadband access technologies on underserved populations, including persons with disabilities.

Details at:

Question 5/1: Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote

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• Known challenges

that developing countries planning to extend ICTs to rural and isolated areas must be tackle are the following:

1) Shortage of power
2) Expense of maintaining power backup - usually diesel - and environmental hazards thereof
3) Difficult terrain
4) Difficult access and transportation
5) Lack of skilled manpower
6) Installation and maintenance of networks is quite challenging and difficult
7) Very high operating cost
8) Low potential ARPU
9) Sparsely populated areas and scattered population clusters.
Issues for Study: Progress in stages, to cover a four-year cycle in the following manner:

- **Step 1:** Continue identification of the full range of potential techniques and sustainable solutions that can significantly impact on the provision of telecommunication/ICT applications in rural and remote areas, with emphasis on those that employ the latest broadband technologies designed to lower infrastructure capital and operating costs, assisting convergence between services and applications, taking into considerations reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

- **Step 2:** Continue to investigate and report on how the techniques identified above can be used to best deliver the range of services and applications required by rural and remote communities and adapted to the needs of their users.

- **Step 3:** Identify, assess and consolidate the challenges faced by developing countries in setting up or upgrading telecommunication infrastructure in rural areas, including those aimed at providing enhanced broadband connectivity through networks based on suitable interoperable IMT frequency bands, such as 450-470 MHz and other frequency bands identified for IMT.

- **Step 4:** Report on the public policies and regulatory measures carried out by developing countries to overcome or mitigate the above-mentioned challenges.

- **Step 5:** Describe the evolution of system requirements for rural network systems specifically addressing such identified challenges of rural deployment.

- **Step 6:** Continue consideration of the quality of the services provided, and the cost effectiveness, degree of suitability in different geographies and sustainability of the techniques and solutions identified in the above-mentioned steps.

- **Step 7:** Augment the report on the set of case studies that clearly demonstrate how a range of techniques, based on new technology aimed at providing reduced capital and operating cost solutions, reducing GHG emissions and enhancing community participation, can maximize the benefits of broadband telecommunication/ICT infrastructure in rural and remote areas.

- **Step 8:** Identify business models for sustainable deployment of networks and services in rural and remote areas, taking into consideration priorities based on economic and social indicators.

Telecommunication Technologies and Network Development Division

ITU Broadband, IPv6 and Internet Exchange Implementations

- **Broadband Wireless Networks Implementation**: To provide broadband connectivity free or low cost digital access for schools and hospitals, and for underserved populations in rural and remote areas in selected countries.

- **Internet Exchange Development**: To bring the value of IXPs in leveraging the benefits of connectivity through potentially reduced transmission costs, optimized Internet traffic, improved Quality of Service. Widely accepted best practices for the design, installation and operation of IXPs. Peering as an effective way for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to improve the efficiency of operations and interconnection business relationships.
Djibouti 4G Broadband Wireless Network (Mobile WiMax standard IEEE802.16e)
In the International press:

Djibouti : inauguration du réseau WiMax du projet "Village du Millénaire" :
http://french.china.org.cn/foreign/txt/2013-12/20/content_30950430.htm
http://www.lanationdj.com/djibouti-connecte-ses-villages/#

The Speech on the project by HE Ismaïl Omar Guelleh, President of Djibouti is available at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OepKBSKWrEq
Broadband Wireless Network Project Implementation Team during the needs Assessment field Missions in Swaziland
Broadband Wireless Network Installation in Burundi

Training and Network Installation by the local team of experts
Connecting Hospitals for E-Health in Burundi

* Schools & Schools connected in 10 provinces (free of charge)
* The network is generating USD 45’000 / month as revenues for ONATEL (Telecom operator and partner)
IXP In Montenegro

- Implemented and operational since July 2015
- Extension, Cashing machines under consideration for 2016
ITU Interactive Transmission Maps

- The Interactive Transmission Maps are a cutting-edge ICT-data mapping platform to take stock of national backbone connectivity (Optical Fibres, Microwaves and Satellite Earth Stations) as well as of other key metrics of the ICT sector. Data concerning submarine cables are also included as provided by TeleGeography.

- The Scope of this ITU project is to research, process and create maps of core transmission networks worldwide.

- The Objectives of this ITU project are:
  - to assess the status of national connectivity and to identify gaps enabling the design of targeted strategies and implementation programs for increasing the use of broadband.
  - to assess market opportunities, thus serving as a management tool for making investment decisions, promoting broadband and achieving universal connectivity.
  - to be used as a source of abundant and current data on global ICT connectivity.
Introduction

1) Purpose: To quantify supply-side indicators for the reach of broadband networks.

2) Research: Desk research, primary research in conjunction with ITU Regional Offices, and working with partner organisations.

3) Validation: The map is validated by network operators and administrations through the ITU Regional Offices and recorded in the Validation Framework.

4) Outputs: Broadband Capacity Indicators.

Broadband Transmission Capacity Indicators

Underneath the map is a database, containing records of each individual link. The following indicators are either compiled or calculated from this database:

Indicator 1: Transmission network length (Route kilometres)

Indicator 2: Node locations

Indicator 3: Equipment type of terrestrial transmission network

Indicator 4: Network capacity (bit rate)

Indicator 5: Number of optical fibres within the cable

Indicator 6: Operational status of the transmission network

Indicator 7a: Percentage of population within reach of transmission networks

Indicator 7b: Percentage of area within reach of transmission networks
### ITU Interactive Transmission Map Research Status: September 2015

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#### Population within range of operational fibre node (millions), Dec 2014

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Validation – TIES Password Protected Map and Validation Framework

Click this link here to open the Validation Framework, or go to https://www.itu.int/itu-d/tnd-map/validation/
Validation – TIES Password Protected Map and Validation Framework

Click the small image of the source material which appears in order to go directly to the homepage for this network operator in the validation framework.

Hover your mouse over a link, and the technical details of that link appear in the toolbar on the left.
Range to nodes superimposed over population density map layer. This is the method used to calculate the number of people within reach of fibre optic networks.
Indicators

ITU Interactive Transmission Map - Validation

Indicator 1: Route Kilometres

Indicator 1: Transmission network length (Route kilometres)

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COUNTRIES

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Côte d’Ivoire, Djibouti,Dominica, Dominican Rep., Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guiana, French Polynesia, Gabon, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao PDR, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syria, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.
Earth station name: SOMGANDE A (Burkina Faso)

PROBABLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES: NONE
ITU is going to make use of the Maps together with data related to traffic exchanged between countries for identifying missing links on regional / subregional basis and developing case studies for Planning Broadband Infrastructures

Candidate Regions for 2016: North African and Asian-pacific countries
World Summit on the Information Society

- ITU is the sole Facilitator of Action Lines C2 (Information and communication infrastructure)
- WSIS Forum 2015
  - Action Line C2 Facilitators Meeting
- Open Consultation Process
  - Opening: 04/11/2015
  - Deadline: 30/01/201
- ITU Contribution to the Implementation of WSIS Outcomes
  - 2015 edition: soon to be released
- WSIS – Sustainable Development Goals Matrix