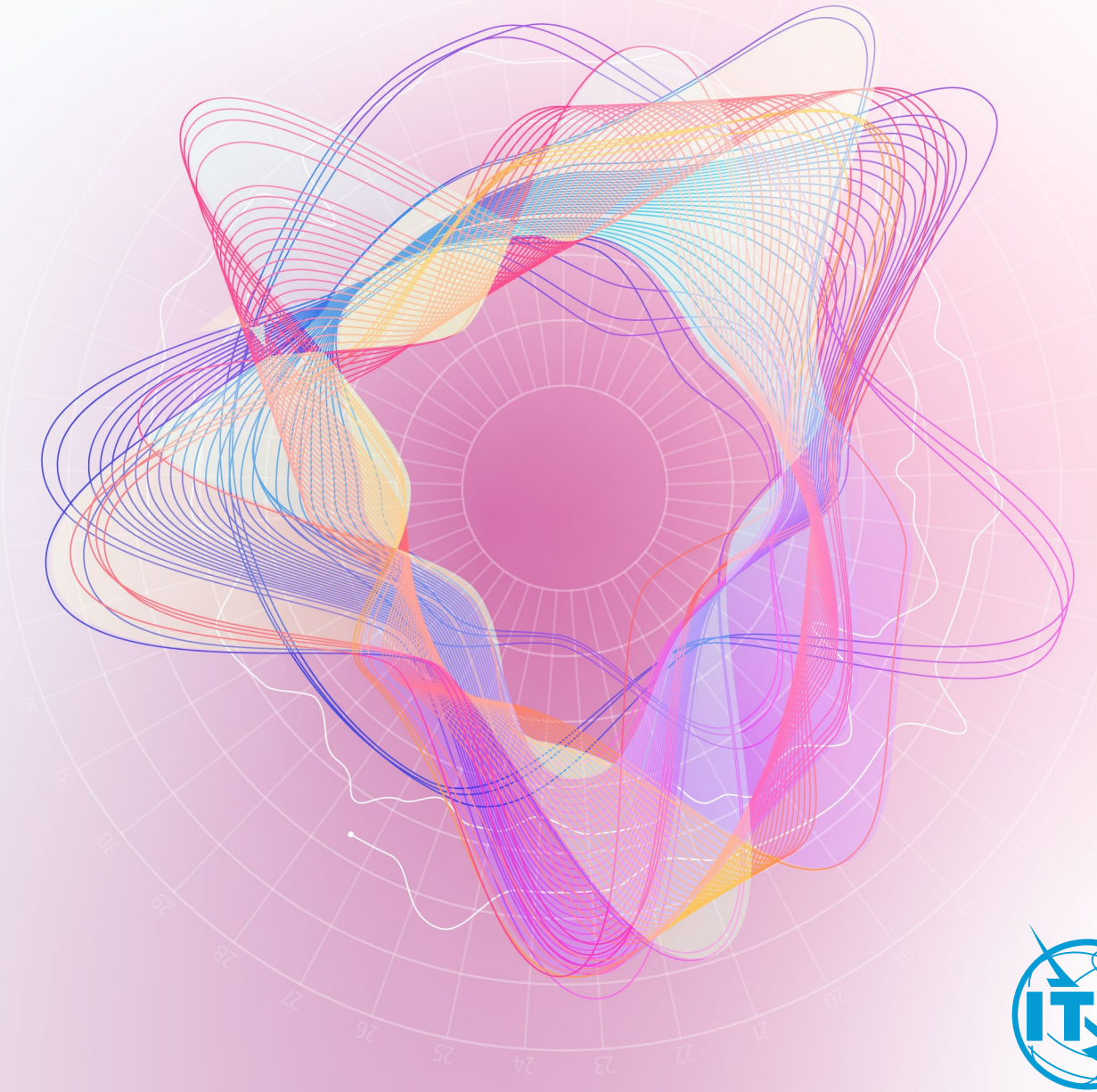


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Report of the joint EGTI/EGH subgroup on the ICT Development Index (IDI)

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Summary of 2026 work period

Terms of reference: Objectives

- Building on the work of the subgroup in 2024 and 2025, and following the decision of EGTI and EGH to trigger the revision of the IDI methodology, the subgroup aimed to discuss all aspects of the methodology and formulate recommendations to EGTI and EGH, specifically:
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 - Indicator selection
 - Reference year and data coverage
 - Normalisation
 - Aggregation and weighting

Methods of work

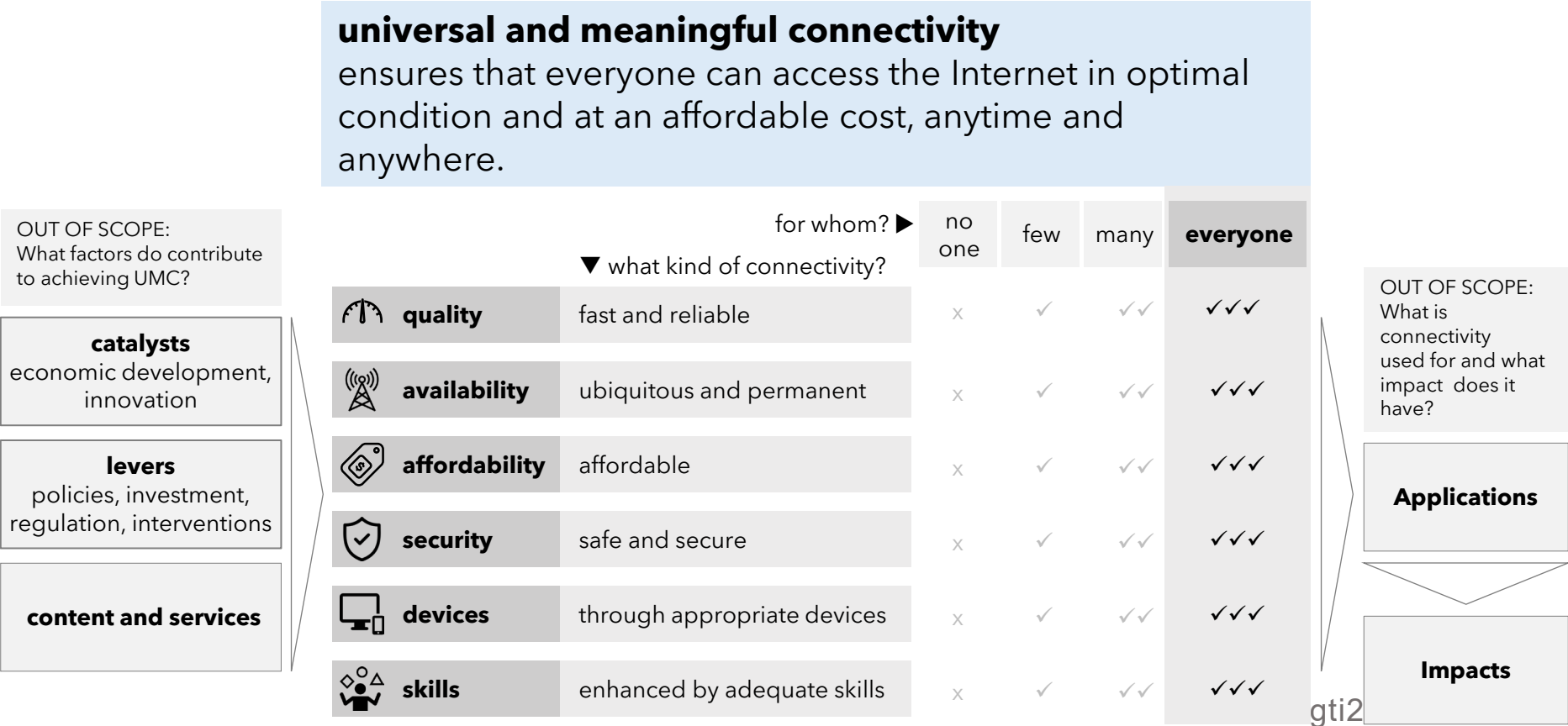
- The subgroup was open to all EGH and EGTI members.
- All materials posted in a dedicated Microsoft Teams channel and in the dedicated folder in the BDT Document Centre.
- 6 meetings were held between February and July 2026.

Contributions received

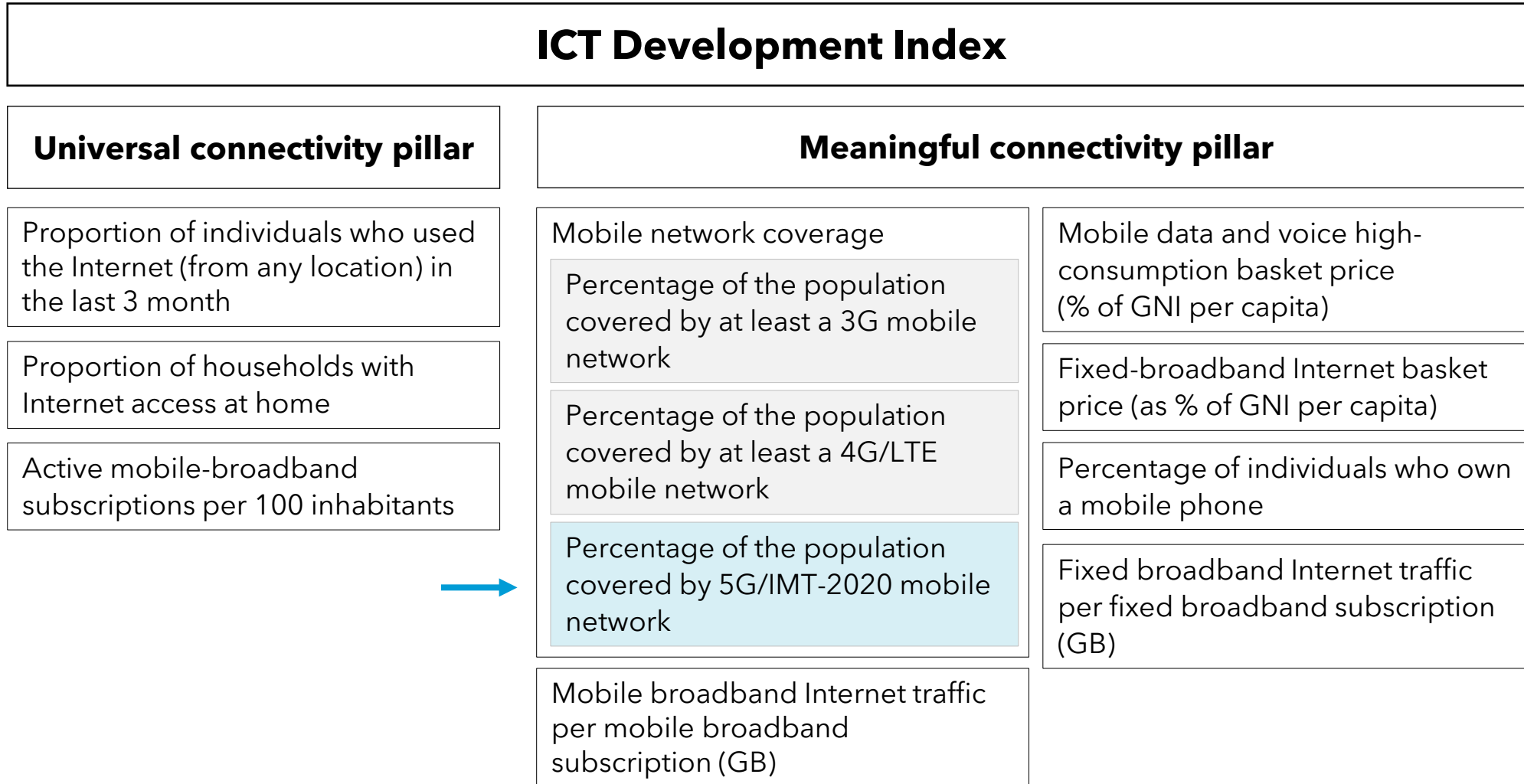
- 29 contributions received from 9 countries/organisations covering all topics of the revision
- 5 BDT Information documents posted:
 - Information document on data availability
 - Information document on cybersecurity
 - Information document: Statistical analysis of the IDI indicator framework
 - Information document on ITU indices
 - Information document on goalposts for the traffic indicators and the mobile broadband penetration indicator

Conceptual framework

- Recommendation to keep *Universal and meaningful connectivity* as the conceptual framework during the 2027-2030 validity period



Recommended indicator structure of the IDI 2027-2030



Reference year and data coverage

Recommendation to keep the current approach:

- The reference period for computing the IDI released in year t is $t-2$. For example, for the 2027 edition, the reference year will be 2025.
- For the affordability indicators, while the price data are for $t-2$, the denominator (GNI p.c.) data are for $t-3$ (using the latest available GNI figure at the time of calculation of ICT Price Baskets for publication).
- In order to increase the number of official data points used, if an official value is not available for $t-2$ but available for $t-3$, the $t-3$ value is used (2024 for the 2027 edition).
- Inclusion of a country in the IDI requires official data for $t-2$ or $t-3$ for at least 50% of the indicators.
- Only if no official value is available for $t-2$ or $t-3$, a value is estimated or imputed for reference year $t-2$.
- A country can choose to reject the ITU estimates, in which case it is excluded from the IDI, since computing the IDI score requires a complete dataset.

Goalposts, thresholds and outlier treatment

Indicator	Threshold	Goalpost	Additional treatment
<i>Universal connectivity indicators</i>			
Proportion of individuals who used the Internet	0%	95% (no change)	Not needed
Proportion of households with Internet access at home	0%	95% (no change)	Not needed
Active mobile broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0	150 (no change)	Not needed
<i>Meaningful connectivity indicators</i>			
% of the population covered by at least a 3G mobile network	0	100 (no change)	Not needed for the three coverage indicators combined
% of the population covered by at least a 4G mobile network	0	100 (no change)	
% of the population covered by at least a 5G mobile network	0	100 (no change)	
Mobile broadband Internet traffic per mobile broadband subscription (GB)	0	t.b.d.	Log transformation applied
Fixed broadband Internet traffic per fixed broadband subscription (GB)	0	t.b.d.	Log transformation applied
Mobile data and voice high consumption basket price (as % of GNI per capita)*	95 th percentile (no change)	1% (no change)	Not needed
Fixed broadband Internet basket price (as % of GNI per capita)*	95 th percentile (no change)	1% (no change)	Not needed
Percentage of individuals owning a mobile phone	0	95% (no change)	Not needed

Normalisation

Recommendation: no change to current methodology

For the affordability indicators:

$$\text{score}_{i,c} = \frac{\text{goalpost}_i - \text{value}_{i,c}}{\text{threshold}_i - \text{goalpost}_i} \times 100$$

For the other indicators:

$$\text{score}_{i,c} = \frac{\text{value}_{i,c} - \text{threshold}_i}{\text{goalpost}_i - \text{threshold}_i} \times 100$$

Weighting proposals for mobile network coverage

	At least 3G	At least 4G	At least 5G
Current weighting	40%	60%	0%
Proposal 1	30%	50%	20%
Proposal 2	1/3	1/3	1/3

Aggregation – t.b.d.

Current weighting scheme

Step 1

Aggregating individual indicators into pillar scores

Universal connectivity pillar

= average

Universal connectivity indicators (3)

Each indicator accounts for 1/3 of the pillar score

Meaningful connectivity pillar

= average

Meaningful connectivity indicators (6*)

Each indicator accounts for 1/6 of the pillar score

Step 2

Aggregating pillar scores into IDI scores

IDI

= average

Universal connectivity pillar

Meaningful connectivity pillar

Each pillar accounts for 50% of the IDI score

Proposal from India

- Equal weighting for the universal and meaningful connectivity pillar
- Equal weighting for each enabler within the meaningful connectivity pillar
- Equal weighting for each indicator within each enabler

Pillar	Enabler	Indicator	Proposed weight	Current weight
Universal connectivity (1/2)	Universality (1/1)	Individual Internet use (1/3)	1/6	1/6
		Household Internet access (1/3)	1/6	1/6
		Mobile broadband subscriptions (1/3)	1/6	1/6
Meaningful connectivity (1/2)	Infrastructure (1/3)	Mobile network coverage (1/3)	1/18	1/12
		Fixed broadband traffic (1/3)	1/18	1/12
		Mobile broadband traffic (1/3)	1/18	1/12
	Affordability (1/3)	Fixed broadband basket (1/2)	1/12	1/12
		Mobile data and voice h.c. basket (1/2)	1/12	1/12
	Device (1/3)	Mobile phone ownership (1/1)	1/6	1/12

Unresolved issues

- The **weighting structure of the IDI**, especially whether to retain equal weighting of indicators within the two existing pillars or introduce an additional “enabler” layer under meaningful connectivity;
- The **weighting by technology within the mobile network coverage indicator**, where – among several proposals – views remained mostly divided between equal weighting of 3G, 4G and 5G and a more gradual approach assigning 30% to 3G, 50% to 4G and 20% to 5G; and
- The **treatment of goalposts for indicators without a natural maximum**, particularly traffic indicators and active mobile broadband subscriptions, where participants supported stability but requested further analysis on whether fixed, projected or observed percentile-based goalposts should be used. An information document on this subject has since been uploaded to the Microsoft Teams channel and the dedicated folder in the BDT Document Centre.
- Several **conceptually relevant indicators**—such as digital skills, school connectivity, fixed broadband penetration, quality-of-service measures, cybersecurity, computer ownership and third-party data-based indicators—remain unresolved for future work because of data availability, comparability, methodological reliability, or governance concerns.

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