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**The ITU & Inmarsat
E-Learning Initiative
for Developing Countries.**

Background

Within the framework of its Istanbul Action Plan, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is contributing towards the development of infrastructure in developing countries and ensuring that universal access of ICT applications and services become a reality.

In this effort, the BDT is forging partnerships with development partners to raise the required resources and is working tirelessly with ITU Member States to ensure that there is sufficient political will. The Distance Learning initiative by the ITU and Inmarsat Ltd., seeks to ensure a rapid rise in literacy levels in developing and least developed countries as this is a *sine qua non* to sustainable development and the establishment of a knowledge based society.



The ITU-Inmarsat E-Learning Initiative

ITU-INMARSAT Limited Distance Learning Initiative

The ITU and Inmarsat invite governments, ministries of telecommunications, ministries of education, public sector organizations, and private sector entities to take advantage of this program and to deploy Inmarsat's state-of-the-art communication services to rural schools in the developing world.

The Inmarsat Regional BGAN

Inmarsat aims to offer Internet connectivity to rural schools through its Regional BGAN IP satellite modem.

Regional BGAN gives you high speed data service at up to 144 kilobits per second where and when you need it.

It is available in 99 countries in the Middle East, North and Central Africa, Europe, the Indian Sub-Continent, and parts of Central Asia.

The unit is notebook size, weighs just around 1.6 kg, and it is simple to set up. Just point it at the satellite and your connection to the Internet is established within seconds.

The Regional BGAN satellite modem could be connected to a computer through a USB, Ethernet, or Bluetooth link. The Ethernet connection allows several computers to connect to the Internet via the same Regional BGAN unit, and for a Local Area Network to be set up immediately with only one unit and a router.

Inside the Regional BGAN is an industry standard SIM card. With a roaming agreement you can keep the billing simple using the card from your GPRS phone. It's all about increasing productivity.

Fast easy access to online services means you leverage your existing IT investment or you can build your own multi-user network in places where terrestrial infrastructure does not exist or is not good enough.

Compatibility is not a problem; Regional BGAN works with off-the-shelf solutions. It can handle secure transactions through virtual private networks and it can synchronize databases, calendars and schedules.

When you are away from the office you want people to know when you are online and available. It is about instant real time messaging. The Regional BGAN is fast enough for sending images, for online conferencing, and for streaming sound and video. Most of all it is an always on packet data system so you only pay for the volume of data you send and receive and not for the time spent online.

Regional BGAN is instant, portable, cost effective, reliable and secure.

Regional BGAN is a quantum leap for business and social communications.