



International Telecommunication Union

Bridging the digital divide through sector restructuring

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The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is taking the lead in launching a series of innovative regulatory products and services.

The sector restructuring initiatives of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) are fundamental to the Union's activities in bridging the digital divide.

BDT provides the following key products and services for countries preparing and implementing sector restructuring:

- Annual global survey on regulatory issues
- ITU World Telecommunication Regulatory Database
- The TREG website: <http://www.itu.int/treg>
- The annual report Trends in Telecommunication Reform
- ITU CD-ROM, Trends in Telecommunication Reform: Country Profiles

BDT also hosted the first global meeting for communications regulators and policy-makers on 20-22 November 2000.



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The Development Symposium for Regulators succeeded in launching a global dialogue for regulators and agreed to a four-point action plan to continue the global exchange:

- Identify focal points in each regulatory body responsible for coordinating the exchange of regulatory experiences with other regulators
- Enhance the ITU website to facilitate the exchange of regulatory and policy experiences
- Establish a regulators' hotline to provide rapid responses to urgent regulatory issues and
- Hold annual global regulators' meetings.

BDT is now developing each of these new services. It expects to launch a global online regulators' exchange and the regulators' hotline later this spring. The second global regulators' symposium is planned for autumn 2001.

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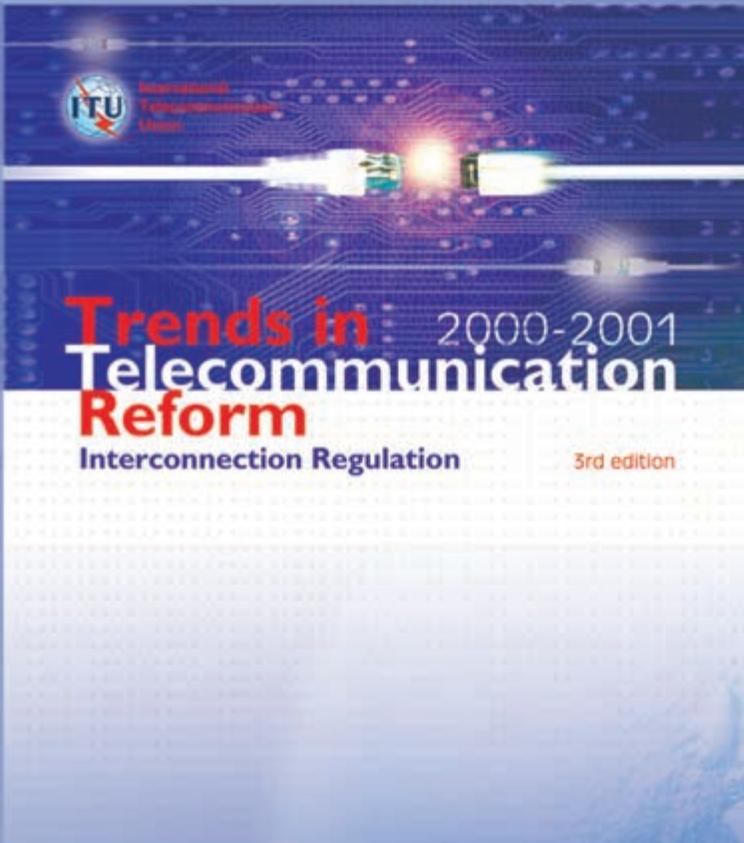
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CD-ROM



Trends in Telecommunication Reform: Country Profiles

This CD-ROM provides key regulatory information (up till year 2000) for each ITU Member State. The information is accessible by country and by region. This interactive tool contains information on the institutional framework, regulatory and policy-making bodies and regulatory issues such as ownership, liberalization, licensing, universal service and interconnection

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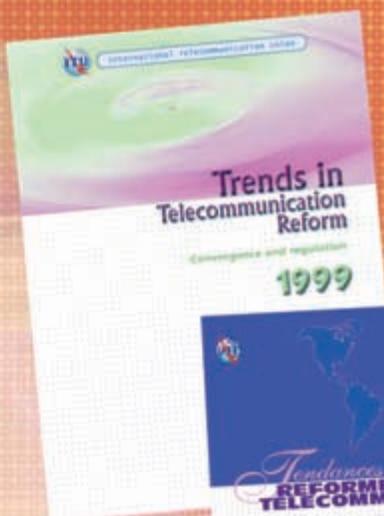


The third edition of **Trends in Telecommunication Reform** includes one chapter reviewing global trends in market reform, and seven chapters exploring the key regulatory issues of interconnection.

They cover:

- the importance of interconnection
- regulatory and technical issues
- economic issues in interconnection
- network unbundling
- interconnection with mobile networks
- Internet interconnection and
- international interconnection

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<http://www.itu.int/treg>



- Websites, names and addresses of regulators and policy-makers worldwide
- The most comprehensive listing of telecommunication legislation worldwide
- Regulatory information at regional and country levels
- Useful documentation on key subjects, including Interconnection legislation and policies worldwide
- Case studies (available autumn 2001)



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