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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:**

- An annual global survey on regulatory issues
- The ITU World Telecommunication Regulatory Database
- The TREG website: http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/
- The annual report *Trends in Telecommunication Reform*
- Regulatory models and guidelines
- Case studies
- The annual Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR)
- Global Regulators' Exchange (G-REX)

The annual Global Symposium for Regulators

GSR

provides a unique venue for regulators and policy-makers to meet and exchange views and experiences.

The meeting has fostered an open dialogue between regulators and key ICT stakeholders: the private sector, investors and consumers.

The fourth Global Symposium for Regulators will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, 8-9 December 2003.

The theme of this year's meeting is Promoting Universal Access to ICTs: Practical Tools for Regulators. *Trends in Telecommunication Reform* and BDT regulatory case studies, covering key regulatory issues such as interconnection dispute resolution, will be showcased. In addition, successful public ICT projects for rural and remote areas will be presented.

Further information available at: http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/
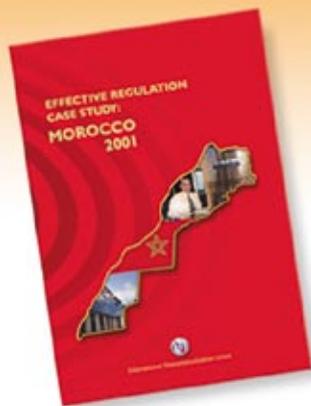
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Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2003

Promoting Universal Access to ICTs – Practical Tools for Regulators

The fifth edition of *Trends in Telecommunication Reform* includes an overview of universal access/service; the role of sector reform; creation and operation of a universal service fund; the role of minimum subsidy auctions; how consumer tariffs and interconnection rates affect the viability of rural universal access/service projects; public access strategies; how regulators can foster entrepreneurial solutions to rural access through innovative wireless technologies.

Case studies
Effective regulation

A series of five case studies were carried out in 2001 on the topic of regulatory independence and effectiveness. The case studies were conducted in Botswana, Brazil, Morocco, Peru and Singapore.

Feedback to regulators

At the request of GSR 2001 participants, BDT commissioned three case studies in 2002 to provide feedback to regulators from key stakeholders:

- The private sector
- Investors
- Consumers

These case studies are available at:
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Global Regulators'
Exchange G-REX

G-REX is a unique online forum for regulators and policy-makers to exchange information and share experiences.

G-REX was launched by BDT in May 2001 in response to recommendations made by the first Global Symposium for Regulators in 2000.

G-REX includes a regulators' hotline, and both text-based and virtual conferences on key regulatory issues.

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