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- The ITU World Telecommunication Regulatory Database
- The TREG website: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/> and the RRU Newsletter
- The annual report *Trends in Telecommunication Reform*
- Regulatory models and guidelines
- Case studies
- The annual Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR)
- The Global Regulators' Exchange (G-REX )

# The annual Global Symposium for Regulators

Since its launch in 2000, the annual Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) has provided 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 fifth Global Symposium for Regulators will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, 8-10 December 2004.

The theme of this year's meeting is licensing in the era of convergence. *Trends in Telecommunication Reform* and BDT regulatory case studies, covering key regulatory issues, will be showcased, and the issues of promoting cost-effective broadband and Internet services, regulating scarce resources and spam will be examined.

Further information available at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/>



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REFORM  
2004/2005  
LICENSING  
IN AN ERA OF  
CONVERGENCE**



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## Licensing in an Era of Convergence

The 6th edition of *Trends in Telecommunication Reform* examines the various licensing options in the ICT sector.

The report provides an overview of licensing practices around the world and the rationale for licensing; identifies new trends such as unified licences; provides options; raises transition issues to be considered in moving from one regime to another; evaluates traditional licensing models; addresses scarce resources such as spectrum; and identifies best practices.

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# Case studies

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- Licensing, 2004
- Convergence and the advent of the Information Society in Latin America, 2003
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# G-REX



## 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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- profiles of regulatory agencies worldwide
- universal access policies,
- sector structure data per region,
- access to licensing and interconnection agreements,
- dispute resolution decisions,
- anti-spam legislation,
- IP-telephony and much more.



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