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The International Telecommunication Union

is taking the lead in launching a series of innovative regulatory products and services. The sector reform initiatives of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) are fundamental to the Union's activities in enabling the Information Society.

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

- An annual global survey on regulatory issues
- The ITU World Telecommunication Regulatory Database
- The TREG website: www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/ and the RRU Newsletter
- Executive level training for ICT Regulatory Authorities
- 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)

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 latest editions saw the adoption by the world community of regulators of best practice guidelines and the focus was on:

2003 Promoting universal access to ICTs: Practical tools for regulators: Best Practice Guidelines on Universal Access
300 participants from **98** countries.

2004 Licensing in an Era of Convergence:
Best Practice Guidelines for the Promotion of Low-Cost Broadband and Internet Connectivity
350 participants from **106** countries.

2005   Regulating in the Broadband World – Key Tools to Build the Information Society:
Best Practice Guidelines for Spectrum Management to Promote Broadband Access
390 participants from **110** countries.

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Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2006

Regulating in the Broadband World

The 7th edition of *Trends in Telecommunication Reform* examines the regulatory challenges and opportunities of enabling ICT development.

This report provides an overview of developments in the ICT sector, specifically focusing on broadband, its advent, the technologies, the role of the regulator in broadband development, broadband spectrum management, voice over IP (VoIP) regulation, international efforts to combat spam (including a model law and enforceable code of conduct), and identifies best practices.

ITU-InfoDev
ICT Regulation Toolkit

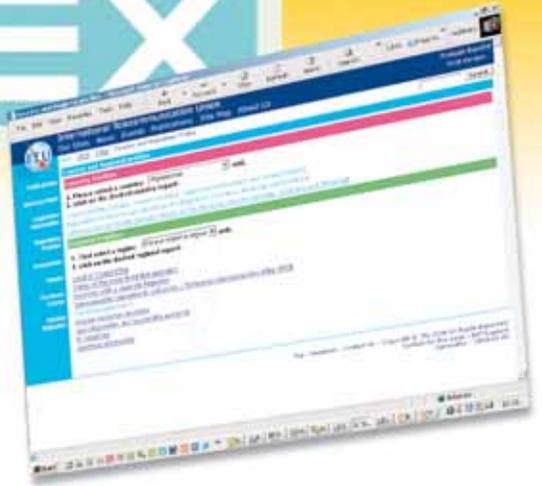ITU and InfoDev launched a joint initiative to create an evolving online resource designed to address complex regulatory challenges emerging from a rapidly evolving ICT industry.

The online toolkit contains modules on core regulatory aspects of:

– authorization

– spectrum management

– pricing, competition and interconnection

– legal and institutional aspects

– new technologies

Available at:
www.ictregulationtoolkit.org/

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.

Regulatory Profiles on the Web

The Regulatory Profiles provide essential regulatory information by country and region, as well as

– 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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2006 Regulating in the Broadband World	**2000/2001** Interconnection Regulation
2004/2005 Licensing in an Era of Convergence	**2000** Country Profiles CD-ROM
2003 Promoting Universal Access to ICTs	**1999** Convergence and Regulation
2002 Effective Regulation	**1998** General Trends

Visit the Telecommunication Regulatory Website

- 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
- Profiles (country, regulators and regional)
- Link to the ITU-InfoDev ICT Regulation Toolkit
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