



International Telecommunication Union

ITU REGULATORY INITIATIVES

Creating digital opportunities *through* sector restructuring



Telecommunication Development Bureau



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/ITU-D/treg>
 - *The annual report Trends in Telecommunication Reform*
 - *Case studies*
 - *ITU CD-ROM, Trends in Telecommunication Reform: Country Profiles*
 - *The annual Global Symposium for Regulators*
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The Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR) provides a unique annual venue for regulators and policy-makers to meet and exchange views and experiences. The 2nd annual GSR (December 2001) developed a four-point action plan of recommendations to BDT to further develop its range of products and services targeted to regulators. The four-point action plan recommends:

1. *Focusing on skills training for regulators;*
2. *Conducting studies to develop regulatory benchmarks and models;*
3. *Bolstering regional and sub-regional regulatory initiatives; and*
4. *Broadening input into its regulatory activities from academics, consultants and other experts.*

The Symposium also provided recommendations to further develop the Global Regulators' Exchange (G-REX), an online forum for regulators. The third Global Symposium for Regulators is planned for autumn 2002.



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EFFECTIVE REGULATION EFFECTIVE

Case studies



A series of five case studies were conducted in 2001 on the topic of regulatory independence and effectiveness. The case studies were conducted in Botswana, Brazil, Morocco, Peru and Singapore. Each report studies how the selected country established its regulatory body and evaluates its overall effectiveness by examining its organizational structure, financing, functions and powers and level of transparency.

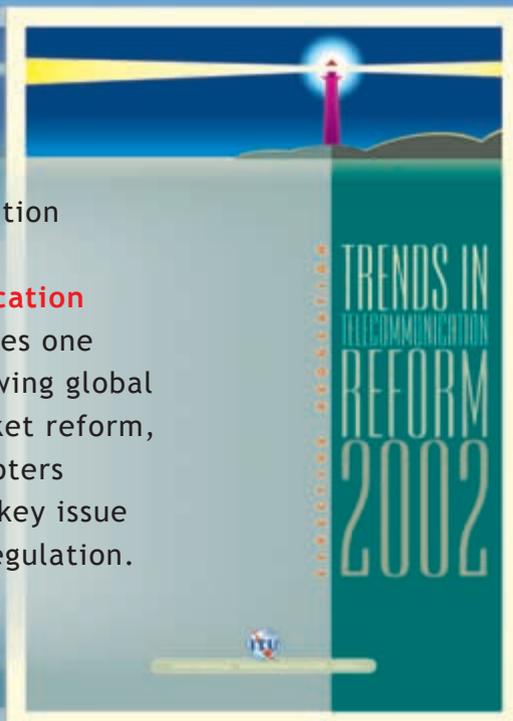
These case studies are available at:

http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg/Case_Studies/Index.html

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REGULATION EFFECTIVE REGULATION

The fourth edition of **Trends in Telecommunication Reform** includes one chapter reviewing global trends in market reform, and eight chapters exploring the key issue of effective regulation.



They cover:

- Why regulate?
- The institutional framework of regulation
- General regulatory powers
- Specific regulatory functions
- Transparency and fairness
- Staffing
- Financing the regulatory authority
- Regulating in the public's interest

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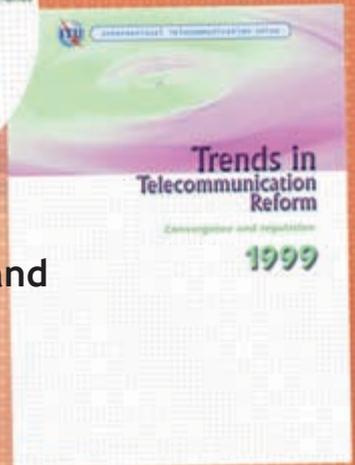
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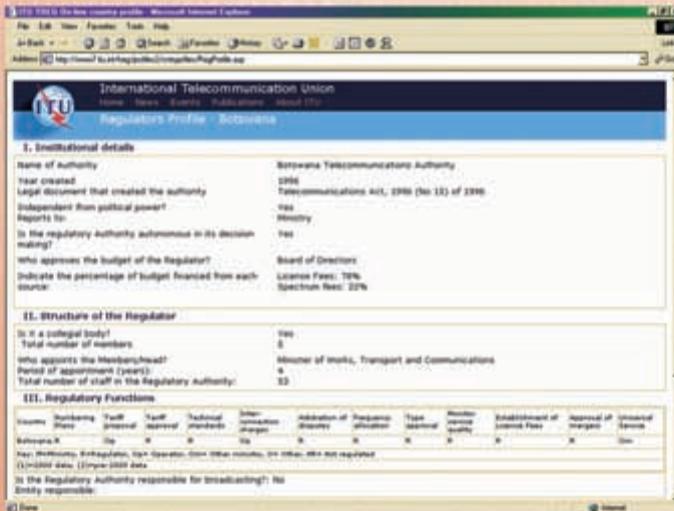


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Regulators' Profile on the Web!



The Regulators' Profile provides essential information on regulatory agencies worldwide, such as: institutional details, level of independence, reporting methods, financing, structure, organizational structure, number of staff, functions and contact details.

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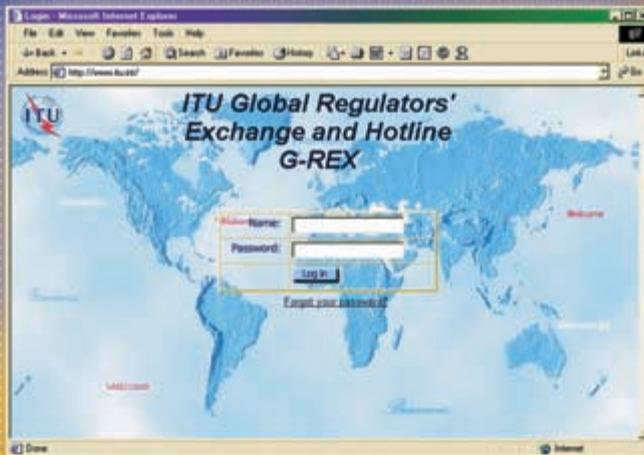
Also available on the Telecommunication Regulatory website

- 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)
- Useful documentation on key subjects, including Interconnection legislation and policies worldwide
- Case studies



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Global Regulators' Exchange G-REX



G-REX is an unique online forum for regulators and policy-makers to exchange information and share experiences. G-REX was launched by BDT on 8 May 2001 in response to recommendations made by the first Global Symposium for Regulators in 2000. G-REX includes nine conferences on pressing regulatory issues such as interconnection, mobile services, effective regulation, universal service, and a regulators' hotline.

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