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EXCELLENCE IN TELECOMMUNICATION/ICT STANDARDS

Fixed

Broadband

MOBILE

MULTIMEDIA

1956



Internet

Digital

2006

Information Society

In 2006, ITU-T will celebrate 50 years of making the standards that have played a massive part in shaping the information and communication technologies (ICT) and services of today.

In order to mark this momentous milestone, ITU-T will stage a unique one-day event bringing together some of the most important players in ICT, 20 July 2006. The event is free and open to any interested party but only a limited number of places are available, so please register online as soon as possible at www.itu.int/ITU-T/50/.

ITU-T's 50-Year Anniversary will give an unprecedented opportunity to hear what some of the top executives from the world of ICTs have to say about the future of this remarkable industry.



The event, while celebrating the past achievements of ITU-T, will be forward-looking in focus. A main feature of the day will be a panel discussion on the future of ICTs moderated by a key industry pundit. The panel will consist of CTOs and other senior-level people from some of the world's major ICT companies. In addition, CEOs from some of the world's biggest ICT players will be invited to give keynote speeches.

Formerly known as the CCITT (International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee), the body was established in 1956 and renamed as ITU-T in 1993. In that time, ITU's standards work has substantially shaped the way we live and do business.

Telecommunications play an enormous role in our day-to-day lives, and if it were not for ITU-T's Recommendations, making a simple telephone call would be impossible. Do not underestimate what that would mean. Without telecommunications, business would grind to a halt, banks would not be able to transfer money, orders could not be placed and air traffic control systems would fail. Telecommunications also have a vital role to play in emergency communications and disaster relief and have been a crucial tool in international diplomacy. Simply put, life without telephony is almost unimaginable. And as we have moved from fixed-line telephony into mobile telephony and the internet, so has ITU's work moved to accommodate and underpin these technologies that are becoming equally important to the world economy.