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Papers have been selected to reflect a balance amongst the main stakeholders in telecommunications: governments, regulators, the private sector, telecommunications operators and the financial sector, as well as amongst the various regions. The case studies further illustrate the diversity of restructuring and the privatisation processes, as well as their impact in different stages of a country's development. The Annexes comprise an inventory of financial institutions, and a comprehensive list of authors and papers presented at the Colloquia. Detailed proceedings and reports have been produced separately. All of these publications are available on request from the ITU/BDT.

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