



ITU: Committed to connecting the world

ITU is at the cutting edge of information and communication technologies (ICTs):

- Defining and adopting globally agreed-upon technical standards
- Successfully governing worldwide use of the radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbits
- Aiding development of ICTs in developing countries by providing high-level advice and technical assistance on all issues concerning telecommunications and ICT
- Managing and mediating top-level dialogue - necessary for determining and supporting international agreements - between the most important players in government and industry

We've bundled our expertise under three core sectors: Radiocommunication, Standardization, and Development. Together, our teams make it possible for people to communicate around the world - easily, effectively and safely. From regulatory frameworks to disaster mitigation and technology transfer to financing, all of ITU's activities are focused on helping create a more connected, peaceful world.

Our mission is global

We want to bring the benefits of ICT to all the world's inhabitants. We believe that universal access and the ability to communicate freely is a pre-requisite for a more equitable, prosperous and peaceful world.

Our means is consensus

ITU's membership includes 191 member states and over 700 public and private sector organizations, both regional and international. Our members include:

- Telecommunication policy-makers and regulators
- Network and satellite operators
- Service providers
- Equipment manufacturers
- Hardware and software developers
- Regional standards development organizations
- Financing institutions
- Scientific and industrial organizations

The Union's consensus-based approach gives a voice to all its members, all the while improving ICT infrastructure, increasing connectivity and ensuring efficient telecommunications services - worldwide. ITU members benefit from the impartial, universal and global scope of the Union.

Our commitment is unwavering

Whatever the issues - technical, financial, or political - we are committed to moving the field of ICT forward. We have quite a legacy to live up to. The international telecommunications network — the largest man-made artefact ever created, would not exist without ITU's work. And today, our role has never been more important. Together with advanced telecommunications, the Internet, mobile wireless telephony and a world of convergence increasingly underpins the global economy, and society itself. As one of our members quipped, "*If ITU didn't exist, we would have to invent it.*"