

# International Telecommunication Union - ITU

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies (ICTs) with a global membership of **193 Member States** as well as some **900 companies, universities, and international and regional organizations.**

## GLOBAL PRESENCE

● 6 Regional Offices

● 7 Area Offices

● Liaison Office with the UN

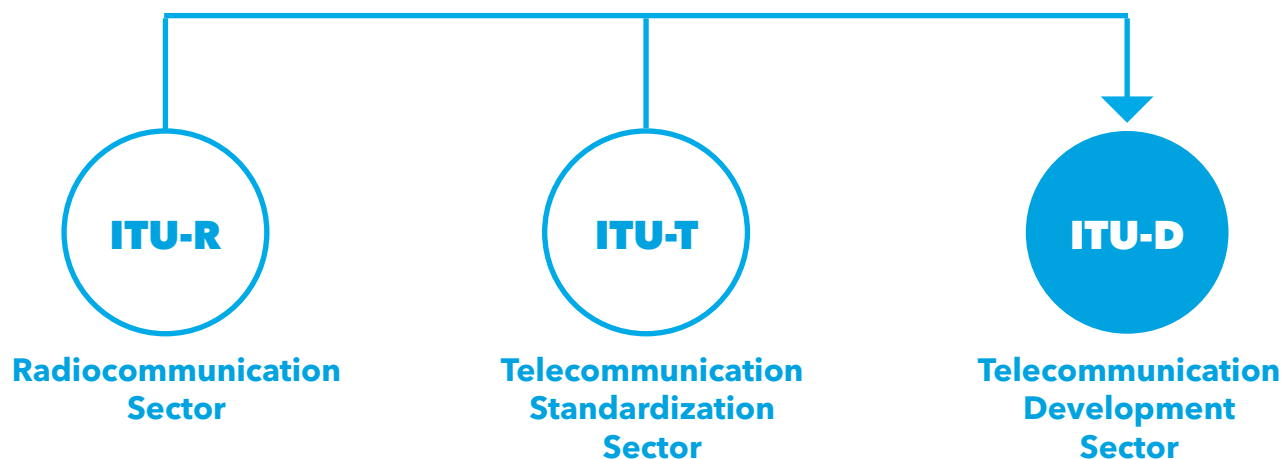


[Learn more about ITU activities in regions of your interest](#)

# ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D)



ITU has **three Sectors** which work through conferences and meetings.



# ITU-D: WHO WE ARE

ITU-D fosters international cooperation and solidarity in the delivery of technical assistance and in the creation, development and improvement of telecommunication and ICT equipment and networks in developing countries.

## ITU-D MEMBERSHIP

**SECTOR MEMBERS:** Participate in all ITU-D activities

**ASSOCIATES:** Take part in the work of ITU-D Study Groups

**ACADEMIA:** Membership in this category provides participation in all three Sectors

**SMEs:** New reduced fees will be introduced as of January 2020 for SMEs to participate as an associate in a study group



**+300**

Sector  
Members  
& Associates



**+160**

Academia  
& Research  
Institutions

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**Current membership**

## WE PROVIDE

**Neutral platform**  
for knowledge  
sharing, expertise and  
facilitating  
**ICT-centric** innovation.

**Unique ecosystem**  
connecting governments,  
industry, academia,  
regional & international  
organizations, and UN  
agencies.

**Multistakeholder  
community** working  
for an inclusive smart  
society.

# Become an ITU-D member & benefit from:



Networking with policy-makers, ICT regulators and experts from industry and academia.



Advising governments on ICT policies, strategies and technologies.



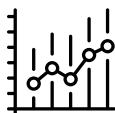
Engaging in and contributing to ITU-D study groups by sharing knowledge, experiences and innovative ideas on the use of ICT for achievement of development priorities and the SDGs.



Participating in global and regional conferences and debates to contribute to international development agenda.



Co-creating and fostering innovative public-private partnerships and projects.



Getting access to world-leading ICT statistics, studies and restricted information.



Expanding visibility on your brands/solutions on the international scene.

# Participate in our key Events

As an ITU-D member, you can participate in decision-making meetings.

Our key events are: the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC), the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), the Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR), the ITU-D Study Groups, and so many other thematic events.

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## WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES (WTDC)

[www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/WTDC/)

WTDC is held every 4 years and is designed to set the strategies and objectives for the development of telecommunication/ICT, providing direction and guidance to the ITU-D summarised in an Action Plan. This is an opportunity for the Members to collectively shape the future of ITU-D.

## WTDC-17

## WTDC-21



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## TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY GROUP (TDAG)

[www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/TDAG/)

This annual event reviews priorities, strategies, operations and financial matters of the ITU-D Sector. It meets in the interval between world telecommunication development conferences (WTDCs) to advise the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) on the implementation of the WTDC Action Plan.

## GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM FOR REGULATORS

[www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/  
Conferences/GSR/](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/GSR/)

GSR provides a unique platform for ICT regulators and stakeholders to share experiences, knowledge, collaborate and identify means to bring affordable, safe, secure and trusted connectivity and online access and use to people everywhere.

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## STUDY GROUPS

[www.itu.int/itu-d/study-  
groups](http://www.itu.int/itu-d/study-groups)

*ITU-D study groups provide a unique opportunity for membership to share knowledge, experiences, and innovative ideas on ICT for the achievement of sustainable development goals.*

*ITU-D study groups develop Reports, Guidelines, and Recommendations to facilitate the implementation of telecommunication/ICT policies, strategies, projects and initiatives for all members.*

## STUDY GROUP 1

### **“Enabling environment for the development of telecommunications/ICTs”**

SG1 works on areas which contribute to providing an enabling environment for the development of telecommunications/ICTs, such as policies and access technologies for broadband, cloud computing, accessibility for persons with disabilities and specific needs, and consumer protection.

## STUDY GROUP 2

### **“ICT services and applications for the promotion of sustainable development”**

SG2 focuses on matters related to the provision of services and applications supported by telecommunications/ICTs, such as building confidence and security in the use of ICTs, the use of telecommunications/ICTs in mitigating the impact of climate change on developing countries, human exposure to electromagnetic fields, and safe disposal of electronic waste.

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## OTHER REGIONAL AND GLOBAL THEMATIC EVENTS



[Find your next local event](#)

# Projects

As an ITU-D Sector member, you can co-finance ICT-related projects for sustainable development. ITU has longstanding experience in the design, development and implementation of ICT related projects.

## ITU Projects around the world:

- **71 +** ongoing projects
- **\$ 80 Million** valued in ongoing projects
- **150 +** beneficiary countries



# Regional Initiatives

Members can also co-finance projects under our Regional Initiatives. Regional initiatives are intended to address specific telecommunication/ ICT priority areas, through partnerships and resource mobilization to implement projects. Under each regional initiative, projects are developed and implemented to meet the region's needs. ITU-D provides a platform for tracking progress towards these initiatives and offers networking and engagement opportunities for the membership.

Each year, the Regional Development Forum gives the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) the opportunity to present its work and decide, with its members, on subsequent steps to take. ITU-D members are invited to follow work in each region, provide constructive criticism, reach agreements, cooperate and approve the full range of activities that will support both their national and regional objectives.

Currently, ICTs are recognized as having a central role in efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). That role, however, cannot be assumed by a single entity or economic or social sector. Therefore, through the ITU Regional Offices, BDT works together with all interested parties to transform the intentions of the regional initiatives into reality, finding reflection in inhabitants' socio-economic development.



[Visit our website to learn more about Regional Initiatives](#)



# Areas of actions

As an ITU-D member you can also partner with us in activities of your interest



## CAPACITY BUILDING

Building digital skills through the ITU Academy and ITU Centres of Excellence.



## CYBERSECURITY

Providing tools, assessment and technical assistance to promote online safety.



## CLIMATE CHANGE

Helping countries mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change, and to develop policies on e-waste.



## DIGITAL INCLUSION

Empowering people with specific needs, including indigenous peoples, rural dwellers, persons with disabilities, women and girls, and youth and children.



## EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Tools for disaster risk reduction, national emergency telecommunication plans, early warning and monitoring systems and emergency telecommunications equipment.



## ICT APPLICATIONS

Harnessing the power of mobiles and apps to deliver health, education, agriculture, digital identity and smart living.



## **INNOVATION**

Accelerating digital transformation by integrating innovation into countries' ICT policy.



## **LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES & SIDS**

Leaving no country behind: assisting LDCs, LLDCs and SIDS to address development challenges.



## **REGULATORY & MARKET ENVIRONMENT**

Promoting an effective policy, legal and regulatory environment and convening global and regional forums around key regulatory trends



## **SPECTRUM MANAGEMENT AND BROADCASTING**

Strengthening national regulatory bodies in frequency planning, assignment and management. Enabling developing countries to achieve smooth migration from analogue to digital broadcasting.



## **STATISTICS & INDICATORS**

Data collection and analysis to measure the information society and promote informed-decision making.



## **TECHNOLOGY & NETWORK DEVELOPMENT**

New technologies for ICT infrastructure and services through partnerships, digital standardization, conformance and interoperability and spectrum management programmes.



[Find out more about our areas of action](#)

# Membership fees

Apply now for ITU-D Membership and become part of a unique community including Operators, Regulators, Consulting firms, Education and Research Institutions, Publishers, Service Providers, Professional Associations, Manufacturers, Software Organizations and International and Regional Organizations.

 <b>SECTOR MEMBER</b> For companies / organizations	 <b>ASSOCIATES</b> For companies / organizations	 <b>ACADEMIA</b> For universities, academia or associated research establishments												
<p>Participate in <b>all</b> ITU-D activities, such as conferences, seminars, study groups, workshops, specialized studies and working groups pertinent to your business.</p>	<p>Join as an Associate and take part in the work of a selected <b>single</b> study group and other ITU-D activities.</p>	<p>If you are a University, an academia or an associated research establishment, you are welcome to participate in <b>all</b> activities of the three ITU Sectors.</p>												
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SMEs can benefit from reduced fees to participate as an associate in a study group from January 2020. The fees will be set at CHF 3,975 in the case of SMEs from developed countries, and CHF 1,987.50 in the case of SMEs from developing countries.



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# ITU-D: Connecting the Unconnected.

