



Connecting the World by 2015

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ITU – Background

- Leading UN agency for ICT
- 191 Member States + 650 Sector Members
- Organized in three sectors
 - Radio, Standards, Development
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ITU-D Activities

- Mandate to help spread ICT connectivity – connect the unconnected
- Building capacities in developing and least developed countries
- Working with government membership and industry partners
- Executing agency of UN for ICT projects
- Mobilizing resources for implementation



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Enabling Environment

- Regulatory and policy harmonization, training, toolkit, best practices
- Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR)
- ICT Regulation Tool Kit with Infodev
- Global Regulators Exchange - GREX online info resource
- Partnership with EC for Policy-Regulatory Harmonization in Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Islands



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Infrastructure/Access

- Connectivity/Networks
 - Wireless Broadband in Africa
 - NGN planning
 - Spectrum Management
- Tele-centres, village phone/shared access
 - Village Phone Direct Manual with Grameen published in six languages
 - Telecentre portal – \$ support of France + collaboration with Telecentre.org, UNESCO, Telefonica



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Capacity Building

- Centres of Excellence: expanding the network of affiliates that specialize in various areas
 - Courses for government officials – Partners include International Institute of Telecommunication (NGN); LS Telecom (Spectrum Management)
- Internet Training Centres: 65 in total, with Cisco, EC, Microsoft
- eLearning – online courses in range of ICT areas, including HR management, NGN, spectrum management



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Emergency Telecom

- Standards, network rehabilitation, frequency allocation, collaboration for rapid deployment of equipment
 - Response efforts include: Myanmar, China, Bangladesh, Peru
 - Partners: Iridium, ICO, UNOSAT, Telecoms Sans Frontiers, TerreStar



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E-strategies & applications

- E-government/strategies
 - Helping developing countries leverage ICT for government services, including health, education
- Cybersecurity
 - Toolkit for legislation, capacity building, national strategies, high-level advisory group with industry, govts
- Climate change
 - Working with ICT industry to help reduce ICT environmental footprint – best practices, seminars



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Special Initiatives

- Youth
 - ICT scholarships/internships for students
 - Partners include Spain, Norway, Alcatel-Lucent, Vodaphone
- Indigenous peoples
 - Global portal, starting with Americas region
- Disabilities
 - Theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 08
 - Toolkit for policy makers/regulators, capacity building, workshops on best practices



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Measuring the Information Society

- World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators: the main source of global, and internationally comparable, ICT statistics
- Annual questionnaire; data cover over 200 economies
- Statistics and analysis on mobile/fixed networks, Internet subscribers and users, tariffs, revenues and investment etc.
- Data are published in a number of formats: ICT Eye, CD Rom, publications
- Cooperation with other IOs involved in ICT measurement
 - OECD, Eurostat, Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development



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Connect the World

- Global, multistakeholder initiative to mobilize partners to achieve WSIS connectivity goals
- Lever partners' efforts, regional actions
- Summit in each region:
 - Gather leaders from industry, development banks, governments, international/regional organizations, civil society
 - Focus on concrete projects to realize common goals



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Connect Africa

- 1st Regional Summit, held in Rwanda, Oct. 07
- Aim to mobilize human, financial and technical resources to expand ICT infrastructure and services
- \$55 Billion committed at Summit
- Leaders set ambitious goals:
 - Connecting capitals with broadband by 2012, rural communities by 2015, plus enabling environment, capacity building, applications and services



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National Reporting on WSIS Implementation

- Launched during WTISD 2007
- Main goal: highlight progress on the WSIS implementation at the national level
- Publicly accessible portal:
 - <http://www.itu.int/wsis-implementation/national>



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National Reporting on WSIS Implementation

- Portal contains more than 70 reports on WSIS implementation.
- Reports include comprehensive descriptions of the national mechanisms, e-strategies as well as key initiatives.



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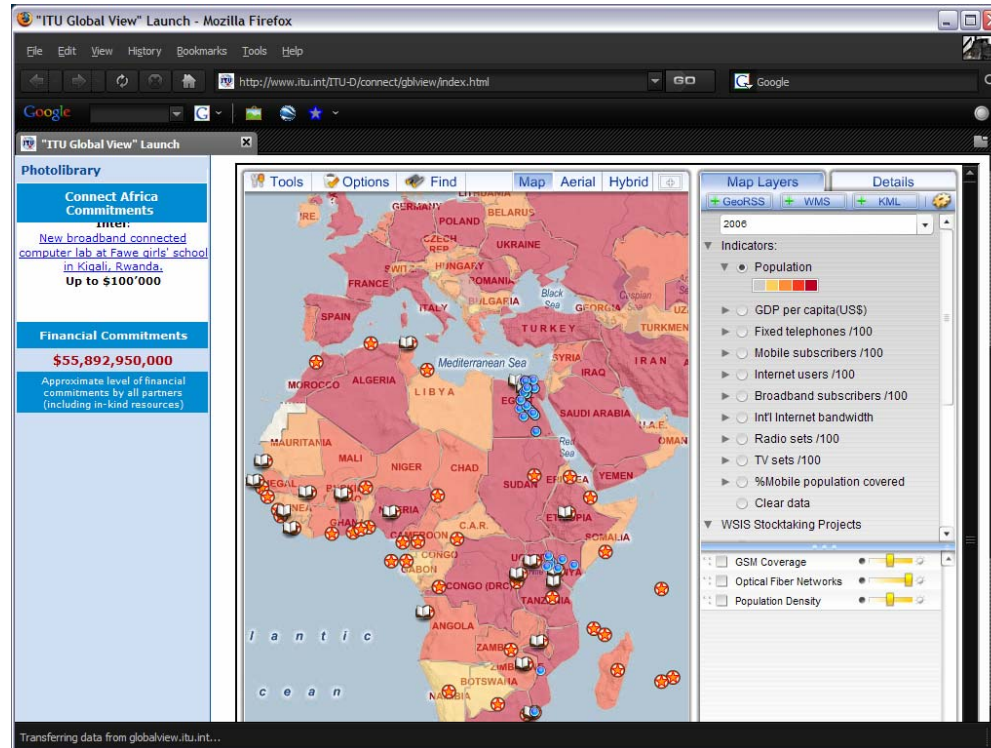
ITU Global View

- Developed with Microsoft and IDV Solutions
- Help track progress on WSIS goals
- Share information on projects and stats to help target efforts, reduce overlap and stimulate collaboration
- Launched Africa portal (beta) at ITU Telecom Africa in May 08 – global portal coming soon



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ITU Global View



Demo Video



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Conclusion

- ITU working with many partners from all sectors
- Global and regional cooperation
- Open to examine new collaboration
- Thank you



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