



ITU: PLATFORM FOR PARTNERSHIPS

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International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

- **Founded in 1865**
- **Leading UN Special Agency for ICTs**
- **HQs in Geneva, Switzerland**

- **Three sectors (ITU-T, ITU-D, and ITU-R)**
- **4 Regional Offices & 7 Area Offices**
- **192 Member States; and 750 Sector Members**

ITU-D

Established to help spread equitable, sustainable and affordable access to ICT.

ITU-T

ITU's standards-making efforts are its best-known – and oldest – activity.



ITU-R

Managing the international radio-frequency spectrum and satellite orbit resources

ITU TELECOM

Brings together the top names from across the ICT industry & ministers and regulators for a major exhibition, a high-level forum & a host of other opportunities



ITU Asia-Pacific Region



- **Regional Office** for Asia and the Pacific: Bangkok, Thailand
- **Area Office** for South East Asia: Jakarta, Indonesia
- The offices serve for 38 Member States and 70 BDT Sector Members

LDCs (14)

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Lao, PDR
- Maldives
- Nepal
- Myanmar

- Kiribati
- Samoa
- Solomon Is.
- Tuvalu
- Vanuatu
- Timor Leste

SIDS (12)

- Fiji
- Marshall Islands
- Micronesia
- Nauru
- Tonga

Low-Income States (9)

- D.P.R. Korea
- India
- Indonesia
- Mongolia
- Pakistan
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Vietnam

The Rest (10)

- Australia
- Brunei
- China/Hong Kong
- Iran
- Japan
- Malaysia
- New Zealand
- R.O. Korea
- Singapore
- Thailand

ITU e-Health Activities

E-Health is a growing priority for ITU : Key 2010 decisions by ITU's Governing Bodies

- *Res. 183 (Guadalajara, 2010) on Telecommunication/ICT applications for e-health)*
 - *Res. 65 (Hyderabad, 2010) on Improving access to healthcare services by using ICTs)*
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Developing e-health Solutions



- Report on "*Mobile e-Health Solutions for Developing Countries*" (www.itu.int/md/D06-SG02-C-0244/en)
 - Report on "*Landscape of Tele-Health Infrastructure at Point-of-Service in India*" (www.itu.int.int/ITU-D/cyb/app/e-health.html)
 - Needs Assessment and FS on mobile e-Health Services in Nepal
 - BDT SG 2: looking at issues related to m-health such as hospital management systems, mobile clinics, e-health standardization, mobile e-Health/Telemedicine clinics and mobile portable e-Health terminals, etc
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- WHO/ITU National e-Health Roadmap Development Toolkit
 - ✓ Part I: National Health System Assessment and e-Health Vision
 - ✓ Part II: Integrated National Action Plan for e-Health
 - ✓ Part III: Monitoring e-Health Roadmap Implementation
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ITU Study Groups on e-Health



ITU-D

- Study Group 2 (SG2) focuses on raising the awareness of decision-makers, regulators, telecommunication operators, donors and customers about the role of telecommunication and information technologies.
- Within SG2, Question 14-3/2 leads the work on telecommunications for e-Health.

ITU-T

- In order to allow a wide deployment of e-Health applications, it is important to achieve interoperability among systems and reduce the cost of devices through economies of scale.
 - The development of global international standards with the involvement of the major players is a key factor to achieve these objectives. ITU coordinates the development of a set of open global standards for e-health applications through its standardization work.
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ITU Support on Action C7: ICT Applications (e-health and e-govt)

- ITU is co-facilitator for the 8 areas of ICT applications that are covered by WSIS Action Line 7.
 - ITU and WHO are developing an e-Health Roadmap Development Toolkit
 - The Broadband Commission sub-group on e-Health seeks to showcase the potential impact of low-cost technologies in achieving the MDGs.
 - Report on Scaling e-Health Services in Step with ICT Transformation
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ITU Support on Action C7: ICT Applications (e-health)

- E-Health Pavilion at the ITU World Telecom 2011 in Geneva
- ITU-WHO Background Paper on “ICT’s Contribution to Accountability for Women and Children’s Health” that was set up by UN SG around the role that ICT could play to enhance accountability for resources and results for Women and Children’s Health to fulfill NDG 4 and 5.
- Support to Leadership Forum HIS series
- Regional Meeting on e-Health for Asia Pacific Region (Tokyo, March 2011)
- ITU Asia Pacific Regional Forum on ICT Applications (Bangkok, May 2011)

Other Possible Areas for Partnership



- E-Health/HIS related events
 - Capacity Building
 - Direct country assistance
 - Exchange of experts for technical assistance and cooperation
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