

RESOLUTION 30 (DOHA, 2006)

Role of the ITU-D in the implementation and follow up of the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (Doha, 2006),

considering

,
the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

- Geneva Declaration of Principles
- Geneva Plan of Action (GPA)
- Tunis Commitment
- Tunis Agenda for the Information Society (TAIS)

recognizing

- a) that, pursuant to the ITU Constitution and the Convention, in particular Article 1 of the Constitution concerning the purposes of the Union, ITU is the international specialized agency in the global field that is best able to assume a pioneering role in the implementation and follow up of the outcomes of the WSIS;
- b) that the membership of the Union, as a specialized agency which includes governments (189 Member States), guarantees a fully impartial approach to economic concerns;
- c) that ITU-D, in view of its purposes and objectives, the nature of the existing partnership among Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, its accumulated experience over many years in dealing with different development needs and implementing a range of projects, including infrastructure projects and information infrastructure projects specifically, financed by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and various funds, the fact that its existing programmes adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (meet the needs of the information infrastructure, and the presence of its authorized regional offices, is a key partner in the implementation of outcomes of the WSIS;

resolves to invite ITU-D

- 1 to work in cooperation with other development partners (governments, specialized agencies of the United Nations, relevant international and regional organizations, etc.) in a multistakeholder approach in order to meet the needs of the developing and least developed countries, including in the field of building the information infrastructure;
- 2 to adopt forthwith a comprehensive programme, building upon the programmes previously proposed, for implementation of the information society infrastructure at the national, regional, interregional and global levels, , in order to continue the implementation of the basic infrastructure for the information society, without which the digital divide cannot be bridged; specifically by implementing action lines C2 and C5 of the annex of the TAIS

- 3 to encourage the principle of non-exclusion from the information society and to devise an appropriate mechanism to this end;
- 4 to create a climate favourable to encouraging ITU-D Sector Members, as well as the private sector, to invest in developing the information infrastructure, encompassing rural, isolated and remote regions, through different technologies, including satellite technology, which, in many cases, may be the ideal solution;
- 5 to pursue its activities to assist developing countries in advancing their regulatory structure in order to further the goal of building the information infrastructure;
- 6 to pursue its activities in the field of statistical work for telecommunication development, using the indicators required to evaluate progress in this area with a view to bridging the digital divide;
- 7 to formulate the ITU-D strategic plan, taking into account the need to give priority to building the information infrastructure at the national, regional, interregional and global levels and also make this one of the main goals of the Global Telecommunication University;
- 8 to formulate development programmes, taking into account the substance of this resolution;
- 9 to propose at the forthcoming plenipotentiary conference appropriate mechanisms for funding the SMSI outcomes activities in addition to previous initiatives;
- 10 to affirm in each and every one of these activities full gender equality and regard for those with special needs, including disabled persons and invalids,

calls upon Member States

- 1 to expedite the building of the information society infrastructure and to give this issue priority, including rural, remote and isolated areas;
- 2 to permit non-discriminatory access to databases on a sound commercial basis and to work toward making such access universal, wholly unimpeded and fully gender-equitable;
- 3 to emphasize the importance of the user of such databases and to ensure that the latter are cost-accessible, particularly for users in the developing and least developed countries,

requests the Secretary-General

to transmit this resolution to the forthcoming plenipotentiary conference for consideration