

List of Acronyms

ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line	MSP	Multi-Stakeholder Partnership
APC	Association for Progressive Communication	NGN	Next-Generation Network
ARPU	Average Revenue Per User	NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
ATM	Asynchronous Transfer Mode	NSO	National Statistical Office
BRIC	Brazil, Russia, India and China	OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
B2B	Business-to-business		
B2G	Business-to-Government	PC	Personal Computer
CDMA	Code Division Multiple Access	PDA	Personal Digital Assistant
CDMA EV-DO	CDMA Evolution – Data Optimised	PPP	Public/Private Partnership
CDMA EV-DV	CDMA Evolution – Data and Voice	RFID	Radio-Frequency IDentification
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	Rs	Rupee (Indian currency)
CIS	Commonwealth of Independent States	SMS	Short Message Service
CMC	Community Multimedia Centre	TD-SCDMA	Time Division-Synchronous Code Division Multiple Access
DAI	Digital Access Index		
DOI	Digital Opportunity Index	TRA	Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (or Agency)
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line		
ECLAC	UN Economic Commission for Latin American and the Caribbean	TV	Television
		UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit	UNCDF	United Nations Capital Development Fund
FOSS	Free and Open Source Software (see also OSS)	UNCTSD	United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development
FTTH	Fibre To The Home		
FTTP	Fibre To The Premises	UNCTAD	United Nations Conference in Trade and Development
FTTx	Fibre To The X (e.g., to the home, premises, curb)		
		UNDESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
GDP	Gross Domestic Product		
GPRS	General Packet Radio Service	UNDL	Universal Networking Digital Language
GSM	Global System for Mobile (Communications)	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
GSO	Geo-Synchronous Orbit (satellite)	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
HDI	UNDP Human Development Index		
HSDPA	High-Speed Downlink Packet Access	UNGIS	UN Group on the Information Society
ICT-OI	ICT Opportunity Index	UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
ICTs	Information and Communication Technologies		
ILO	International Labour Organisation	UNIFEM	United Nations Development Fund for Women
IMT-2000	International Mobile Telecommunications-2000 (3G)	USD	United States Dollar
		VSAT	Very Small Aperture Terminal (satellite)
IP	Internet Protocol	WAP	Wireless Access Protocol
IPTV	Internet Protocol Television	W-CDMA	Wideband Code Division Multiple Access
ISP	Internet Service Provider	WEF	World Economic Forum
ITC	International Trade Centre	WHO	World Health Organization
IXP	Internet Exchange Point	Wi-Fi	Wireless Fidelity
ITU	International Telecommunication Union	WiMAX	Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access
KADO	Korea Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion		
		WSIS	World Summit on the Information Society
LDCs	Least Developed Countries	3G	Third-Generation (mobile)
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals	2G	Second Generation (mobile)