

African Seminar on Costs and Tariffs

Niamey, (NIGER), 23 – 25 April 2001

BACKGROUND

Current trends in technology and commerce, and changes in the telecommunication environment are having major repercussions on telecommunication tariffs, with the gradual opening up to competition of the telecommunication sector being set to oblige incumbent operators to develop tariff policies which take greater account of the actual costs of providing telecommunication services at both national and international levels.

Those are simultaneously submitted to the constraints of an existing network in which very recent and significant investments have been made, and to the challenge of a rapidly changing telecommunication business model driven by the global trend of the new technologies.

In pursuance of Resolution 26 of WTSA-2000 (Montreal, 2000), the Director of BDT and the Director of TSB would like to help Administrations and Operators in Africa to reply to those situations, by the organization of this seminar on costs and tariffs in Niamey, (NIGER) at the kind invitation of SONITEL.

In the spirit of cooperation with the regional tariff groups, it was decided that the seminar had been followed by the meeting of the Regional Tariff Group for Africa (TAF Group).
