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Network Planning

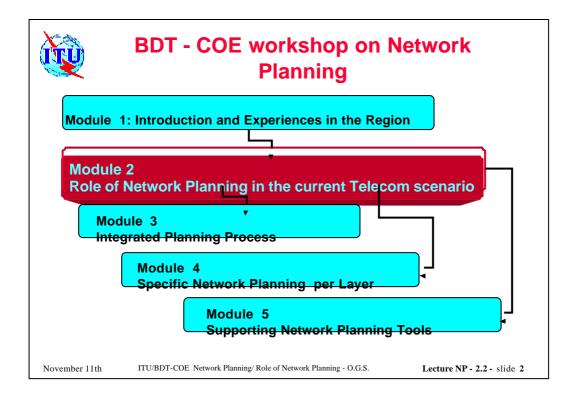
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Role of Network Planning in the current Telecom scenario

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Content Chapter 2.2

- Requirements to the Network Planner
- Scope and activities within the network planning area
- Strategic Planning and new Technologies.
- Solution mapping per scenario

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Network Planning Key requirements in competition

Business Oriented Needs

- What are the best customer segments to address?
- Which services have to be introduced through time?
- What is the best service bundling per customer type?
- How to maximize revenues ?
- How to reduce capital expenditure?
- How to reduce operational expenditure ?



Network Planning Key requirements in competition

Network Oriented Needs

- How to forecast services and traffic demands?
- How many nodes to install?
- What is best location for systems and related communication media?
- What is the best network architecture and routing?
- Best balance between built and lease?
- How to plan capacity evolution and solutions migration ?
- How to ensure SLA and protection level?

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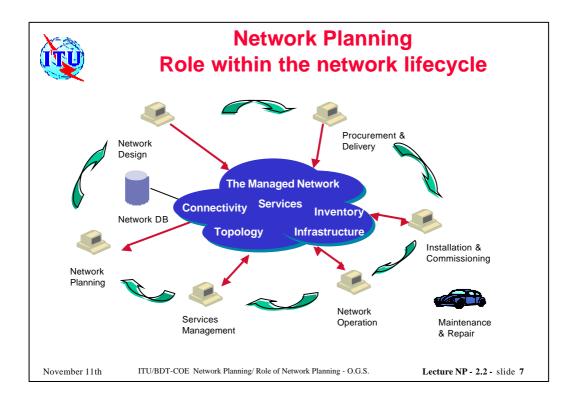
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Network Planning Key requirements in competition

Operation Support Needs

- How to evaluate alternatives for direct operation and outsourcing?
- How to organize the operation processes?
- Which IT applications ensure an efficient support to operation ?
- How to train labor force on the operational activities?





Network Planning Scope: Mission

"Decision making on the network deployment to Optimize
Business
based on quantitative evaluation"

- Considering geo-marketing scenarios and traffic demand
- Overall vision on the network layers
- Deciding network topology, interconnection and routing
- Optimizing balance between performance/SLA and cost (CAPEX + OPEX)
- Considering regulatory constraints
- · Anticipating business evaluation and feasibility



Network Planning Scope: Main supporting pillars

NETWORK PLANNING METHODOLOGY

Market and demand forecasting

Teletraffic Methodology Economical Engineering Operational Research and optimization

Architecture and Technology Know

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Network Planning Scope: Main supporting pillars

NETWORK PLANNING METHODOLOGY

Market and demand forecasting

- Historical projection: ARMA, ARIMA, etc.
- Analogy with other demands
- Evolutionary (grow lifecycle)
- Causal on originating factors
- Scenarios (alternatives and feasibility)
- Visionary (imagination)

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Network Planning Scope: Main supporting pillars

NETWORK PLANNING METHODOLOGY

Teletraffic Methodology

- Statistical flow modeling for arrival rates and holding times
- Capacity models based on stochastic processes:
 Analytical and Simulation
- Dimensioning based on efficiency and QoS
- Good founding on the multiple contributions from the International community (ITC)

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Network Planning Scope: Main supporting pillars

NETWORK PLANNING METHODOLOGY

Operational Research and optimization

- Linear programming
- method of "simplex"
- Non linear modeling
- procedures based on gradients
- Flow Optimization
- critical path, maximum flow, etc.
- · Combinatorial processess
- "branch and bound"
- Iterative processess
- decisión by succesive comparisons
- · Heuristic procedures
- hybrid with emphasis on constraints and equipment characteristics

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Network Planning Scope: Typical activities (1)

- 1) Problem and Network Partitioning to reduce complexity
- -2) Data Gathering to match real needs
 - Geo-scenarios
 - Existing Network & carried services
 - Current Performance and waiting lists
- 3) Demand Forecasting and traffic characterization
- 4) Definition of Solution Alternatives

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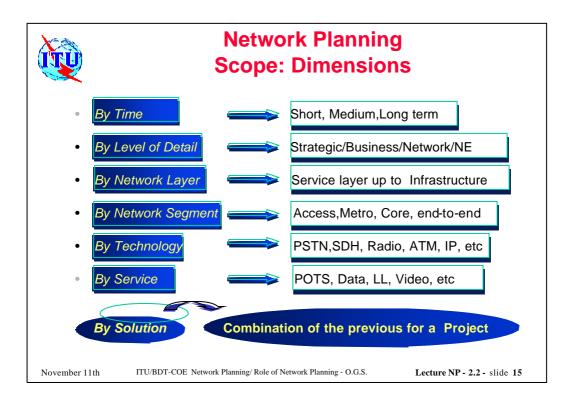
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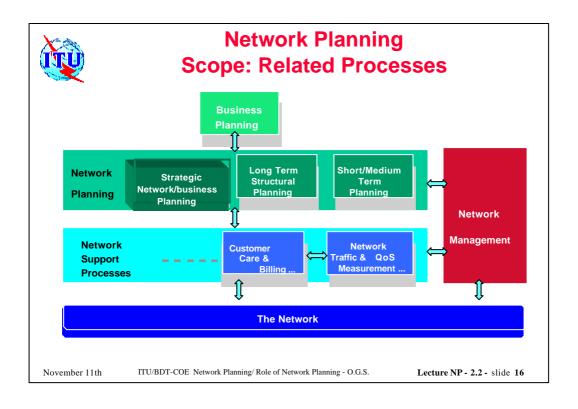
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Network Planning Scope: Typical activities (2)

- 5) Mapping best alternatives to requirements in coverage and technologies
- 6) Nodes/Links Design, Location and Dimensioning
- 7) Network Costing in CAPEX and OPEX
- 8) Optimization for routing and deployment
- 9) Sensitivity Analysis to demand level, QOS, etc.
- 10) Documentation of Network Plan and deployment







Network Planning Strategic view

Key decisions to guide the overall network structure, services and technologies:

- Role and market segments within competition
- Main evolution for technologies and architectures. NGN
- Solution mapping per scenario

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Network Planning Strategic Planning: Role in competition

- Selection of market segments: economy of scale
- Make versus outsource decision
- Policy on revenues and financing
- Partnership selection
- Priorities definition



Strategic Planning: Evolution on Technology and architecture

Technological alternatives: Which, When and Where

- Architecture at core and access segments
- Operation support applications
- Planned evolution steps

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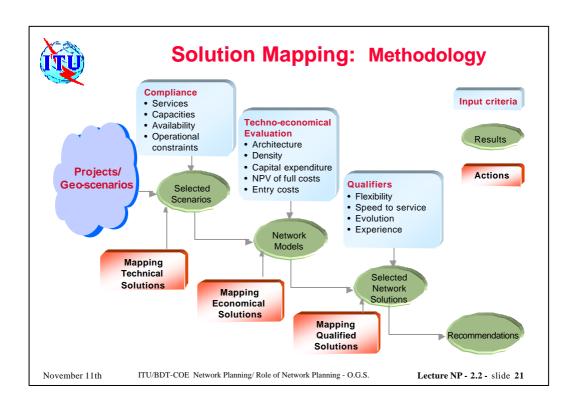
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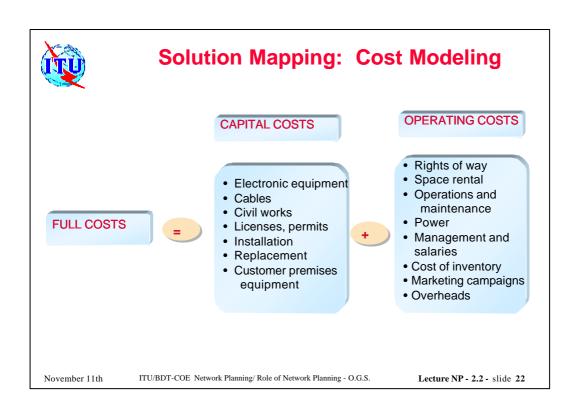
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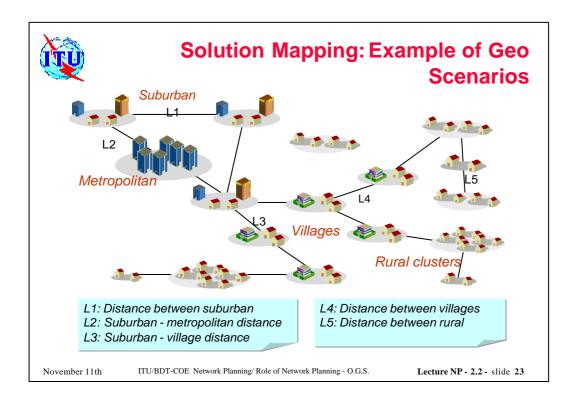


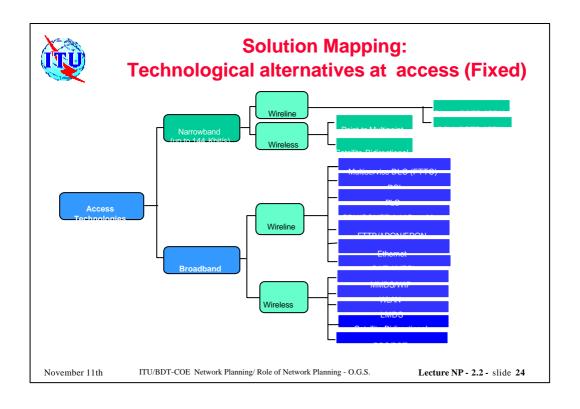
Solution Mapping

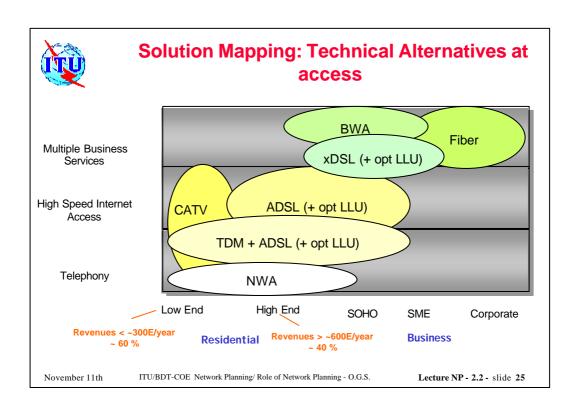
- Variety of geo-scenarios within the country
- Characterize parameters for scenario and solutions
- Techno-economical evaluation to select best COOP

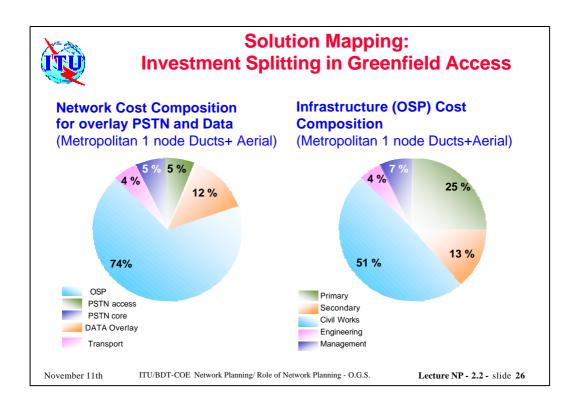


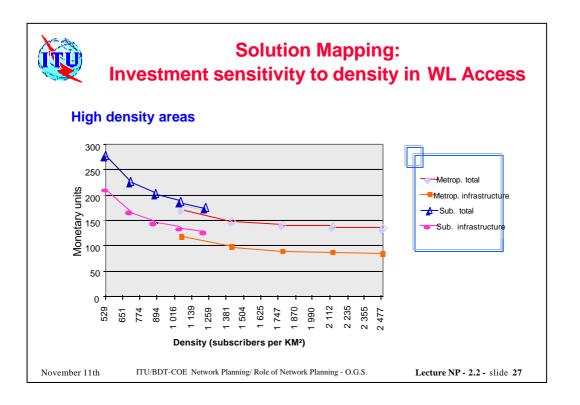


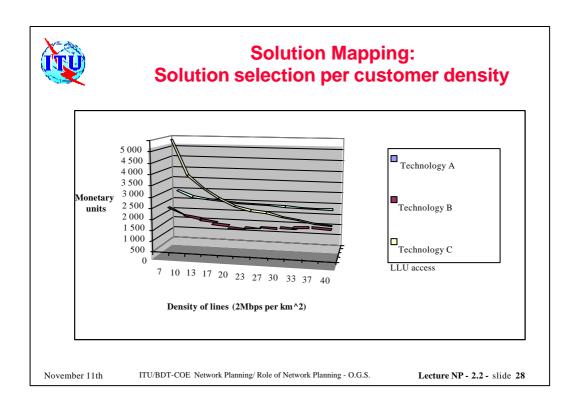


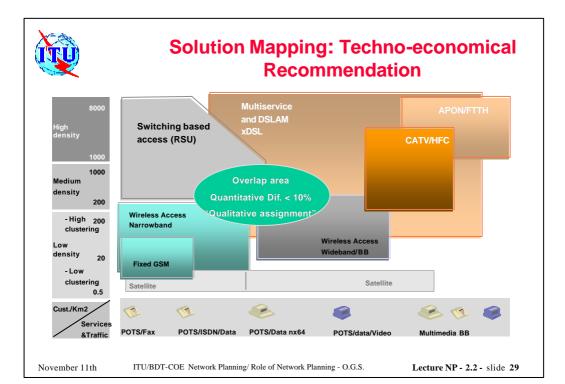














Network Planning Reference benefits

- Adequate definition of customer segments, services and business to ensure efficient operation in competition
- Anticipation of 2 to 3 years in the positive IRR
- Saving factors of 20 to 200 % by adequate solution/technology mapping in the access segment
- Additional gains between 20 to 40 % by topology/routing optimization