

**Development Forum**  
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**Role of ITU-R in bridging the digital divide**

The presentation addresses the Role of the Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) in bridging the digital divide. After reviewing the history, mission, structure and some major current activities of the ITU-R, it then describes some key features of World Radiocommunication Conferences, Radio Regulations (RR) and radio standardization, indicating how the related objectives and outputs can help bridge the digital divide.