

Broadband Policies and Regulations

Abstract

Various studies have clarified that broadband is a key driver of economic growth. For example, the World Bank reports that, in low- and middle-income countries, every 10 percentage point increase in broadband penetration corresponds to an increase in economic growth of 1.38 percentage points. Delaying of right policies and regulations causes the billions of US Dollar economical losses in developing countries and negatively influences the life quality of citizens.

Today, next generation technologies are ready for affordable broadband services. Developing countries can benefit from this opportunity by deploying right policies and regulations. Sound global and national broadband strategies, initiative programs, policies and regulations can accelerate broadband, internet penetration rates and economic growth in developing countries.