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The Development Symposium for Regulators listed the following issues as “most pressing” for their organizations today.

- 1) Interconnection:
 - Defining basic principles for interconnection
 - Interconnection requirements
 - Unbundling
 - Pertinent costs for interconnection, cost-based interconnection
 - Disputes between operators
 - How to Introduce last mile competition?
 - What services do new entrants really need from the incumbents?
 - Who, apart from the incumbent fixed operator, is subject to interconnection?
 - Number portability

- 2) Tools for effective regulation
 - Necessary regulation, adapting existing legislative framework
 - Enforcement power
 - Ensuring transparency
 - Dispute resolution and arbitration
 - Licensing regime
 - Priority-setting for new regulators
 - Training

- 3) Achieving Independence for the Regulator
 - Defining independence
 1. Independence from operators
 2. Independence from government
 3. Independence from policy-makers
 4. Financial independence
 - Grounds for removal
 - Adequacy of remuneration
 - Independence under WTO Agreement

- 4) Mobile
 - Licensing 3G generation: beauty contest, auctions, number of licenses
 - Building regionally harmonized markets for 3G mobile
 - Cost-based pricing for mobile
 - Addressing concerns on health hazards

- 5) Convergence and technology changes
 - Analog and digital infrastructure
 - Conduit vs. content regulation
 - Convergence at the legal level, and at the institutional level (e.g., joint service regulatory bodies)
 - Voice over IP
 - Technology-neutral regulation
 - Regulation of the Internet?
 - Incentives to develop state of the art telecom infrastructure

- 6) Universal access /service
 - Evolving definitions based on actual needs of people
 - Funding and administration

- 7) Facing the challenge of placing the consumer at the center of the regulation process
 - Rate of change should not be too slow. Consumers lose patience, and market can be disrupted.
 - Needs of existing and also future consumers must be taken into account.

- 8) Framework for competition
 - Market access
 - Definition of incumbent operator
 - Incumbent's transition to competition (some issues include, foreign participation, and providing incentives for smaller companies in the tender process).
 - Asymmetric regulation
- 9) Frequency Planning Management