DEVELOPING NATIONAL EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATION PLANS

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Telecommunications Development Bureau

- Neutral broker for multi-stakeholder partnerships, resource mobilization
- Responsible for project implementation
- Building capacity among members: technical assistance, advice and guide on policy-regulatory frameworks
- Statistics and policy/regulatory trends
- Telecommunications Technology and Network Development
- ICT Applications (e-Applications)
- Cybersecurity and Child Online Protection
- Climate Change and e-Waste Management
- Emergency Telecommunications



Emergency Telecommunications Division

- Provide technical assistance to member states through different phases of disaster management
- Assist Member States on project design and implementations such as: Early Warning Systems, Remote Sensing, etc.
- Conduct Capacity Building Workshops
- Assist Member States review the present situation and development of Emergency Telecommunications plans and implementation



The Steps to receiving ITU assistance

- 1. Country sends a request to ITU
- 2. ITU prepares terms of reference (TOR)recruit expert
- **3.** Expert works from home preparing the national emergency telecommunication plan (NETP) and liaise with the country focal point until a draft is finalized

4. Public consultation is an important step

- 1. Second TOR for the public consultation
- 2. Expert travels to the country
- 3. Output final draft NETP
- 5. ITU finishes the assistance after the public consultation Countries work on adopting the NETP



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Conclusion

- There is assistance available from ITU in developing your national telecommunication emergency and strategic action plan
- A NETP remains a plan without an action plan
- Countries have to request the assistance
- Countries can recommend the expert if they know of one
- ITU can invite other experts to the public consultation e.g. IARU
- A plan gathers dust if not approved and actioned.

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