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Roxana WIDMER-ILIESCU worked over 7 years with the Romanian Parliament in international relations, before joining in 1998 the ITU's Development Sector (ITU-D). In ITU she was working with ITU Member States through 2002 to promote effective information and communication technologies (ICT) penetration, in particular within countries from Latin America and Africa. In 2003, the ITU-D gave her a new portfolio to promote Digital Inclusion of youth and Indigenous People and since then, the mandate has been extended to "persons with specific needs" which include women, children, and persons with disabilities (PWD). As Senior Programme Officer for Digital Inclusion, Ms. Widmer develops and manages initiatives, activities and projects that enable these groups with specific needs to leverage their social and economic development through knowledge, access to and use of ICTs. The final goal of her work is to achieve an inclusive digital society, globally. Ms. Widmer was appointed in 2008 as ITU-D Focal Point for Persons with Disabilities to assist and advise the ITU Member States and Sector Members on digital inclusion of PWD, in line with the Article 9 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of PWD (CRPD). She is also the Focal Point for the ITU-D Study Group on Question 7/1 "Access to telecommunication/ICT services by persons with disabilities and with specific needs", which aims to advise ITU Member States and Sector Members to design policies and execute strategies for promoting and implementing ICT accessible services and solutions for PWD in their respective countries. Ms. Widmer has a background education in law and Master's degrees in "International Law" and in "Strategic Management of Telecommunications". She speaks English, French, Romanian and Spanish.