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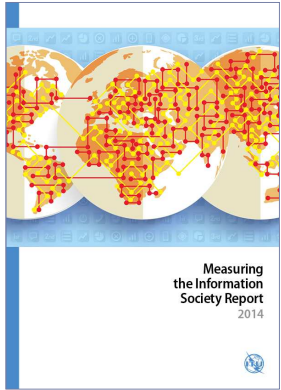
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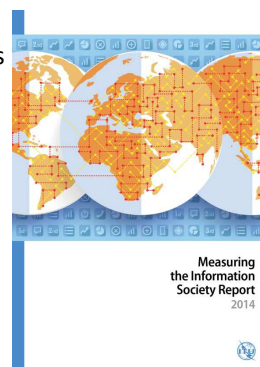


## Measuring the Information Society Report 2014



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- Latest trends in ICT developments worldwide
  - ▣ Fixed/mobile market, Internet usage, revenue, investment, ICT in schools, e-government, e-business
- ICT Development Index (IDI)
  - ▣ Digital divide, regional analysis, top and dynamic performers, IDI and MDGs, IDI and geography
- ICT prices and the role of competition
  - ▣ ICT Price Basket (IPB) and income distribution
  - ▣ Impact of competition/regulation on prices and affordability
- Big data from the telecommunication/ICT industry
  - ▣ Big data as a source of real-time information
  - ▣ Challenges and opportunities



**Full report available online (except for Annex 4)  
Executive Summaries in 6 languages (available shortly)**

## Measuring the Information Society Report 2014 statistical highlights



- Mobile broadband is driving ICT growth
  - ▣ Global mobile-broadband penetration increased from 9% to 32% in the last five years
  - ▣ Africa stands out with a mobile-broadband growth rate of over 40% in 2014
  - ▣ 3G progressing in developing countries, and mobile-broadband penetration 21%
  - ▣ 3G+ techs driving mobile-broadband penetration in developed countries: 84% in 2014

## Measuring the Information Society Report 2014 statistical highlights



- ❑ Internet access and use growing steadily
  - ❑ Almost 44 per cent of the world's households have Internet access at home
  - ❑ Growth driven by developing countries in 2014: 14% as against 4% in developed countries
  - ❑ Internet users doubled in five years to reach 3 billion, 2/3 live in developing countries
  - ❑ Globally, around 40% of the population is using the Internet (45% if excluding China and India)

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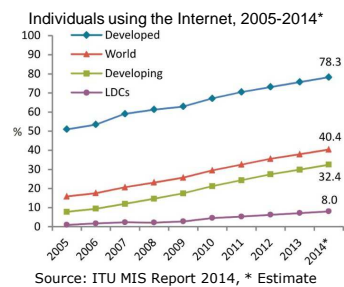
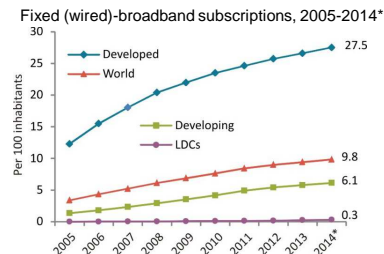


- ❑ Mobile-cellular and fixed-broadband uptake slowing down
  - ❑ Growth in mobile penetration slows to a ten-year low of 2.6%
  - ❑ Mobile markets have reached saturation with almost 7 billion subscriptions
  - ❑ Fixed-broadband growth rates have dropped to 6% in developing countries, despite penetration remaining low (6%) in the developing world
  - ❑ Fixed broadband has reached mature levels in developed countries: 27.5% penetration and continuous low growth (3.4%)

## The digital divides



- 450 million people worldwide without access to mobile services
- <1% fixed-broadband penetration in least developed countries (LDCs)
- Rural-urban divide: lower 3G coverage, smaller proportion of households with Internet access and fewer enterprises and schools connected in rural areas.
- 4.3 billion people worldwide are not yet using the Internet, 90% live in the developing world

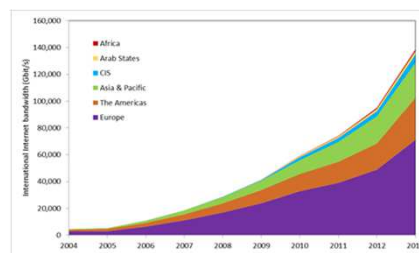
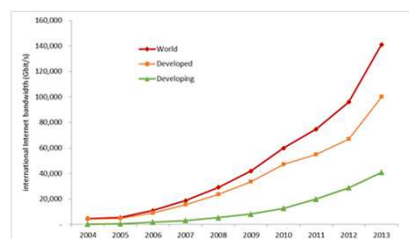


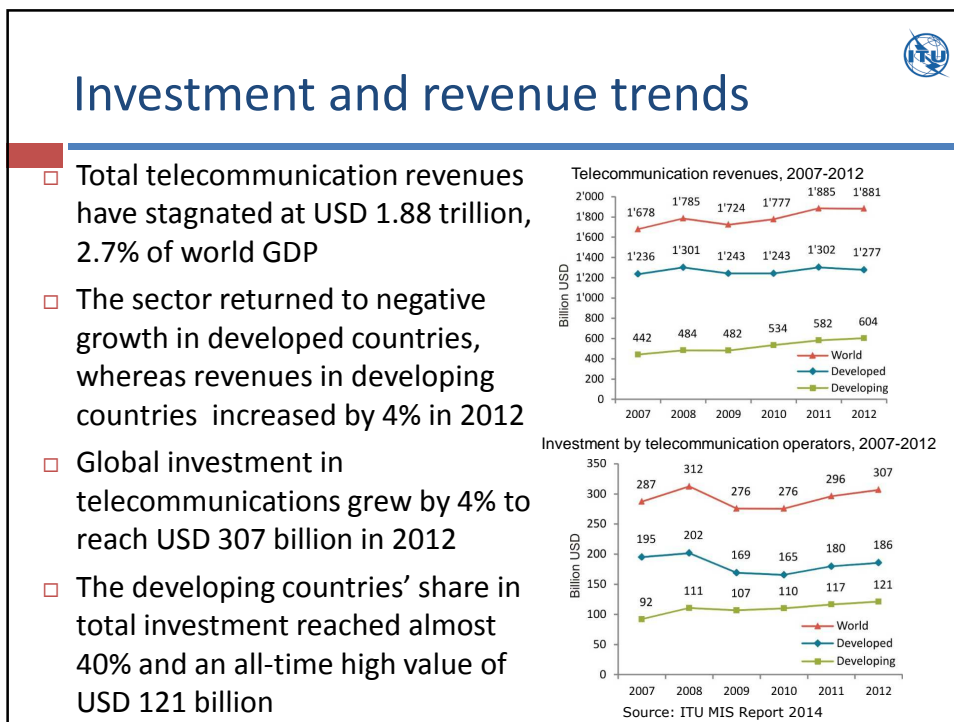
## International bandwidth climbed sharply over the past decade



- Developing countries' share increased from 9% in 2004 to almost 30% in 2013
- Europe accounts for more than 50% of the world's total, compared with Africa's share of less than 1%

Total International Internet bandwidth (Gbit/s)





## Connect 2020 - ITU strategic goals and targets

**Global ICT goals**

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**GROWTH**

Enable and foster access to and increased use of telecommunications/ICTs
- 2

**INCLUSIVENESS**

Bridge the digital divide and provide broadband for all
- 3


**SUSTAINABILITY**

Manage challenges resulting from the telecommunication/ ICT development
- 4

**INNOVATION & PARTNERSHIP**

Lead, improve and adapt to the changing telecommunication/ICT environment

- Approved by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14): Resolution on *Connect 2020 Agenda*
- Measurable targets – ICT indicators
- Report on progress in MIS Report



## Connect 2020 ITU strategic goals and targets



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### Goal 1 Growth – Enable and foster access to and increased use of telecommunications/ICTs

- Target 1.1: Worldwide, 55% of households should have access to the Internet by 2020
- Target 1.2: Worldwide, 60% of individuals should be using the Internet by 2020
- Target 1.3: Worldwide, telecommunication/ICTs should be 40% more affordable by 2020

### Goal 2 Inclusiveness –Bridge the digital divide and provide broadband for all

- Target 2.1.A: In the developing world, 50% of households should have access to the Internet by 2020
- Target 2.1.B: In the least developed countries (LDCs), 15% of households should have access to the Internet by 2020
- Target 2.2.A: In the developing world, 50% of individuals should be using the Internet by 2020
- Target 2.2.B: In the least developed countries (LDCs), 20% of individuals should be using the Internet by 2020
- Target 2.3.A: The affordability gap between developed and developing countries should be reduced by 40% by 2020
- Target 2.3.B: Broadband services should cost no more than 5% of average monthly income in developing countries by 2020
- Target 2.4: Worldwide, 90% of the rural population should be covered by broadband services by 2020
- Target 2.5.A: Gender equality among Internet users should be reached by 2020
- Target 2.5.B: Enabling environments ensuring accessible telecommunications/ICTs for persons with disabilities should be established in all countries by 2020

### Goal 3 Sustainability – Manage challenges resulting from the telecommunication/ICT development

- Target 3.1: Cybersecurity readiness should be improved by 40% by 2020
- Target 3.2: Volume of redundant e-waste to be reduced by 50% by 2020
- Target 3.3: Green House Gas emissions generated by the telecommunication/ICT sector to be decreased per device by 30% by 2020

### Goal 4 Innovation and partnership – [Lead,] shape and adapt [the Union] to the changing telecommunication/ICT environment

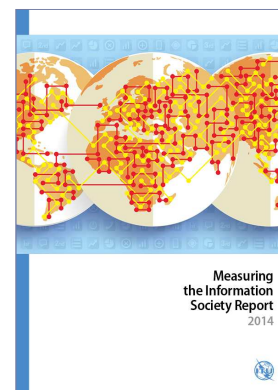
- Target 4.1: Telecommunication/ICT environment conducive to innovation
- Target 4.2: Effective partnerships of stakeholders in telecommunication/ICT environment

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## The ICT Development Index (IDI)

- 11 indicators, covering 3 areas:
  - ▣ ICT access, use and skills
- 166 economies
- Comparison of data from 2013 and 2012
- Regional analysis
- Assessment of the relationship between geography and population and IDI performance
- Analysis of the link between IDI and the MDGs

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## Almost all countries improved in the IDI but Least Connected Countries lag behind

### IDI 2013 top ten

1. Denmark
2. Korea (Rep.)
3. Sweden
4. Iceland
5. United Kingdom
6. Norway
7. Netherlands
8. Finland
9. Hong Kong, China
10. Luxembourg

### Key findings

- Top IDI performers have high income levels, competitive markets and a skilled population
- Effective implementation of policies to achieve ambitious ICT targets help drive national information economies
- Some 2.5 billion people living in the world's least connected countries (LCCs) need targeted policies for improved access to ICTs



## Wireless broadband drives IDI progress in dynamic countries, most of which are from the developing world



Most dynamic countries - changes between IDI 2013 and 2012

Change in IDI ranking			Change in access ranking			Change in use ranking		
IDI rank 2013	Country	IDI rank change	Access rank 2013	Country	Access rank change	Use rank 2013	Country	Use rank change
32	United Arab Emirates	14	47	Oman	16	71	Thailand	34
91	Fiji	12	101	Cape Verde	7	72	Fiji	24
93	Cape Verde	11	124	Gambia	7	142	Burkina Faso	13
81	Thailand	10	22	Qatar	6	79	Cape Verde	12
52	Oman	9	28	Estonia	5	24	United Arab Emirates	12
34	Qatar	8	64	Seychelles	5	134	Congo (Rep.)	11
38	Belarus	5	97	Albania	4*	111	Bhutan	8
69	Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	38	Belarus	4*	30	Qatar	8
78	Georgia	5	112	Bolivia	4*	61	Antigua & Barbuda	7**

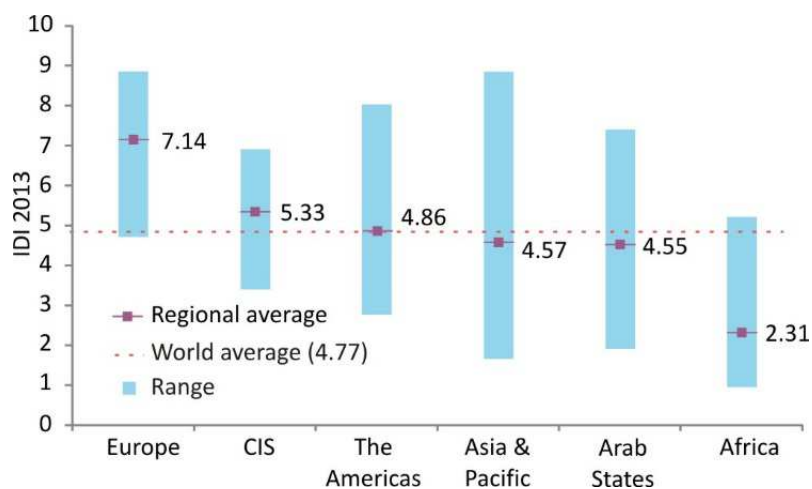
Note: \* In the access sub-index, Mali, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, the Russian Federation and Uruguay also went up four places between 2012 and 2013. \*\*In the use sub-index, Belarus and Oman also went up seven places.  
Source: ITU MIS Report 2014

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## Regional IDI



IDI ranges and averages, by region and compared to world average, 2013



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## Top five per region

The top five economies in each region and their ranking in the global IDI, 2013

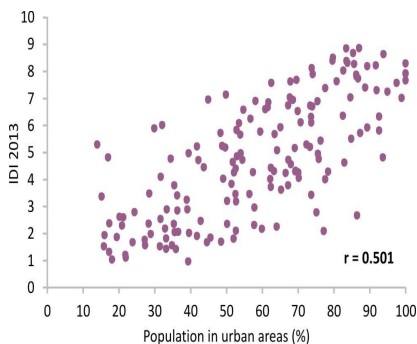
Regional IDI rank	Europe	Global IDI rank	Asia & Pacific	Global IDI rank	The Americas	Global IDI rank	Arab States	Global IDI rank	CIS	Global IDI rank	Africa	Global IDI rank
1	Denmark	1	Korea (Rep.)	2	United States	14	Bahrain	27	Belarus	38	Mauritius	70
2	Sweden	3	Hong Kong, China	9	Canada	23	United Arab Emirates	32	Russian Federation	42	Seychelles	75
3	Iceland	4	Japan	11	Barbados	35	Qatar	34	Kazakhstan	53	South Africa	90
4	United Kingdom	5	Australia	12	Uruguay	48	Saudi Arabia	47	Moldova	61	Cape Verde	93
5	Norway	6	Singapore	16	St. Kitts and Nevis	54	Oman	52	Azerbaijan	64	Botswana	104

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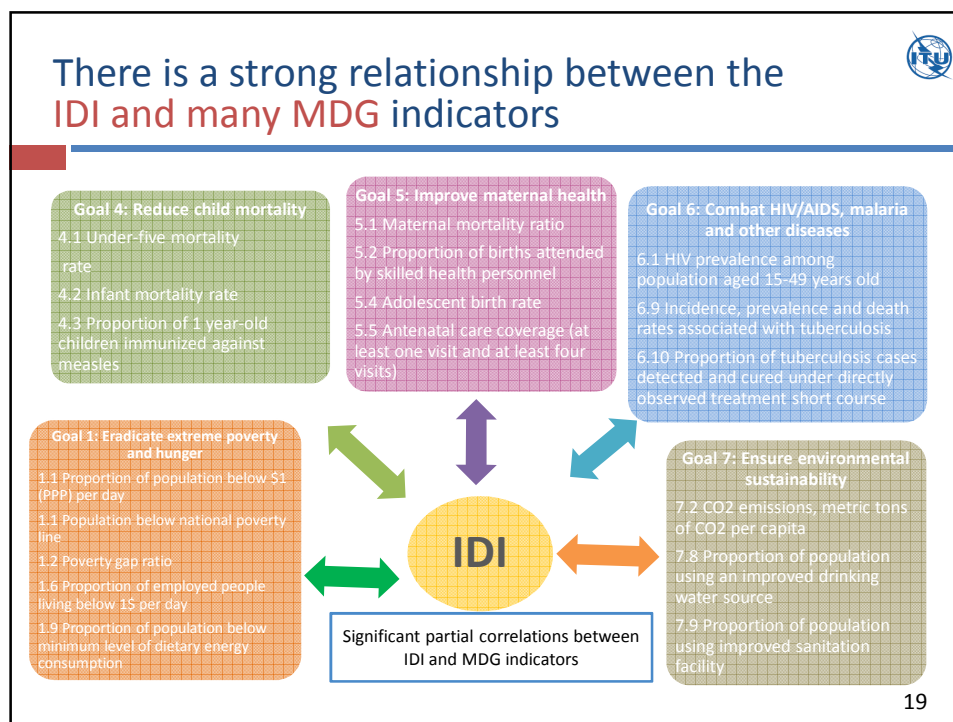


## The higher a country's share of population living in urban areas, the higher the values reached on the IDI

IDI and the percentage of population living in rural areas



- Strong correlation between IDI and GNI p. c. levels
- Strong correlation between IDI and % population living in urban areas
- No correlation between IDI and population density, population size and geographic size



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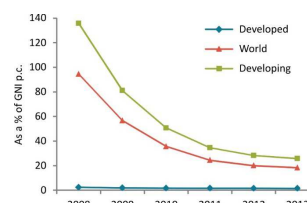
## Fixed-broadband prices continue to decrease and entry-level speeds are increasing



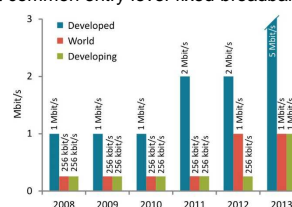
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- 2008-2012: entry-level fixed-broadband prices decreased by 20% per year on average in developing countries
- In 2013, there was a slowdown: price in developing countries decreased by only 4%
- 1 Mbit/s was the most common entry-level speed in 2013, compared with 256 kbit/s in 2008

Fixed-broadband prices as a % of GNI p.c.



Most common entry-level fixed-broadband speed



Source: ITU MIS Report 2014

## A basic fixed-broadband plan >5% GNI p.c. in most developing countries



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- On average, fixed-broadband prices corresponded to 26% of GNI p.c. in the developing world compared with 1.5% in the developed world
- Major differences in the affordability of fixed broadband persist across regions and within some regions

Fixed-broadband prices as a percentage of GNI p.c., by region, 2013

Region	Average	Standard deviation	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Europe	1.4	0.8	0.5	3.8	1.1
CIS	3.8	3.4	0.5	11.9	2.8
Arab States	4.1	5.9	0.4	23.7	2.0
The Americas	9.0	17.5	0.7	85.8	4.6
Asia & Pacific	23.7	56.7	0.3	266.0	5.0
Africa	135.8	382.1	0.8	2'193.6	42.1

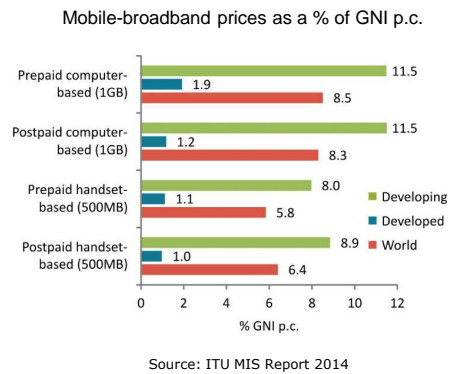
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## Mobile broadband in developed countries six times more affordable than in developing countries



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- The number of developing countries offering mobile-broadband plans increased by 20% from 2012 to 2013
- The price of mobile-broadband plans corresponds on average to >5% of GNI p.c. in the developing world

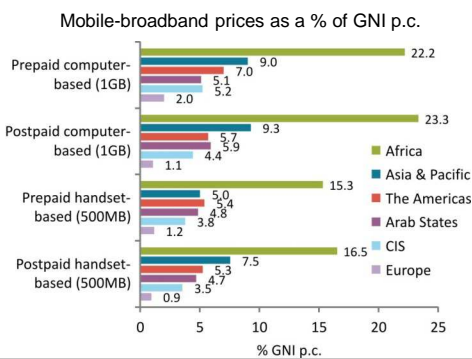


## Entry-level mobile broadband is cheaper than fixed broadband in many countries

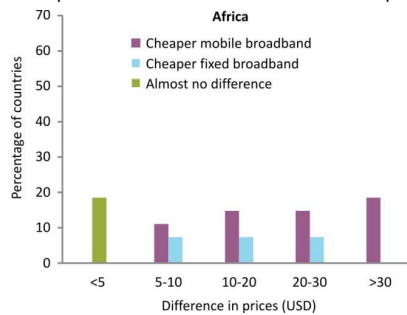


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- Mobile broadband is the only affordable alternative for broadband access in some countries



Comparison of fixed- and mobile-broadband prices



- ... but there are major regional differences in the affordability of mobile broadband

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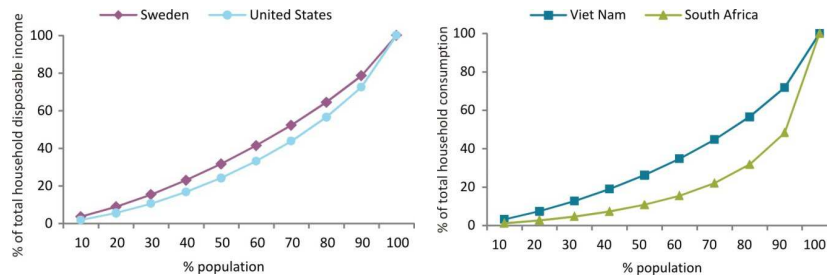
## Affordability of broadband services in view of income inequalities



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- Data on household disposable income and expenditure:
  - ▣ Reflect people's economic welfare
  - ▣ Provide insights into differences in affordability within countries

Distribution of household disposable income (left) and household consumption (right)

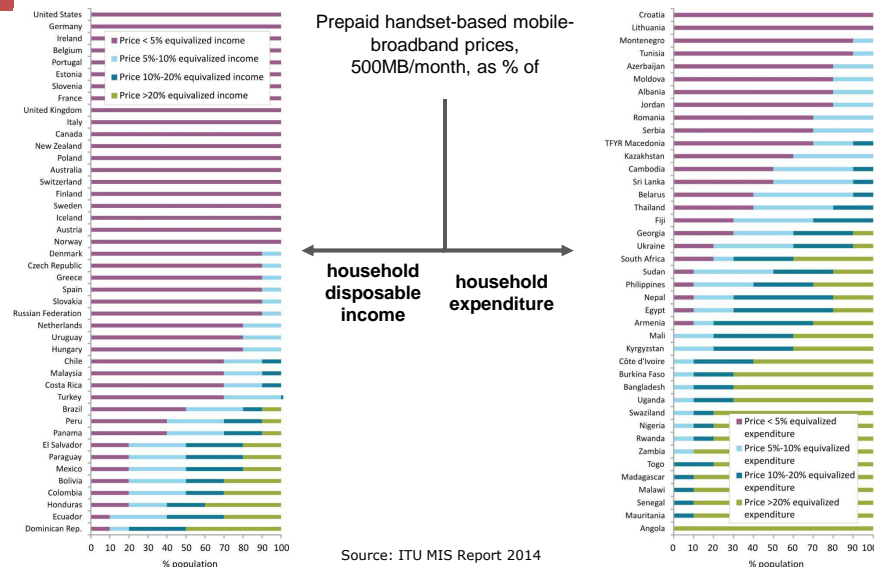


Source: Data for the United States and Sweden are sourced from the OECD Database on Income Distribution and refer to 2011. Data for South Africa and Viet Nam are sourced from the World Bank's PovcalNet and refer to 2008.

## Households income inequalities greatly influence the affordability of mobile broadband



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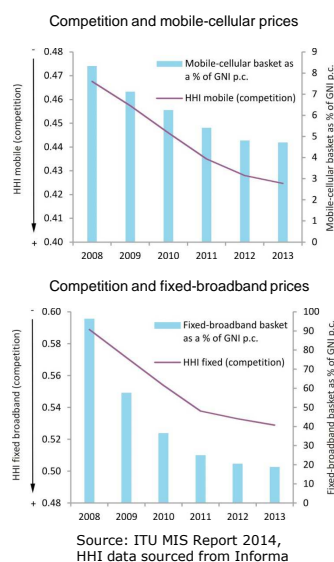


## Impact of competition and regulation on ICT prices – Quantitative assessment



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- Descriptive statistics suggest a link between competition and ICT prices
- Econometric model to assess the impact of regulation and competition:
  - ▣ Data for up to 144 economies
  - ▣ 2008-2013 period
  - ▣ ITU data on prices and regulation
  - ▣ Mobile cellular and fixed broadband

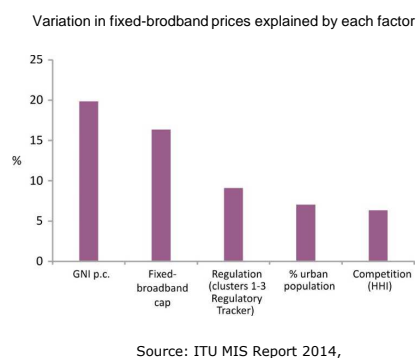


## Competition and regulation could help reduce fixed-broadband prices by 10% in developing countries



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- Factors that are purely attributable to the ICT sector are together the main determinant of fixed broadband prices
- An increase in competition in developing countries could lead to a 5% reduction in mobile-cellular prices
- International regulatory best practices, such as the ones adopted at the ITU Global Symposium for Regulators, may serve as guidelines for effective regulatory frameworks

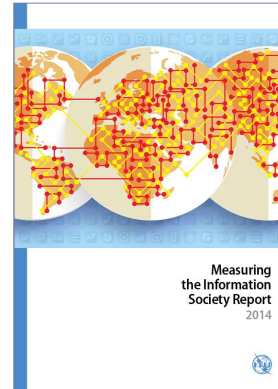


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## Behind big data...



Rapid transformation of ICT sector and advances in technology

- ❖ Capture, store, and process more data from more sources

An increasingly digitized world

- ❖ Datafication & digitization of human activity into digital footprints





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The diagram illustrates the five Vs of Big Data as interlocking puzzle pieces:

- VELOCITY** (Red piece): Speed at which data are generated and analyzed.
- VARIETY** (Green piece): Different types and forms of data, including large amounts of unstructured data.
- VALUE** (Dark Blue piece): Potential of big data for socio-economic development.
- VERACITY** (Yellow piece): Level of quality, accuracy and uncertainty of data and data sources.
- VOLUME** (Teal piece): Vast amounts of data generated through large-scale datafication and digitization of information.

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Big data to complement official statistics

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**A WORLD THAT COUNTS**

- ❖ Improve timeliness and completeness of official statistics
  - ❖ Complement, not replace!
- ❖ Formulate social and economic development policy
- ❖ An important element in the data revolution and part of the post 2015 development agenda

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## Big data from the ICT industry for social and economic development



Data captured through the use of ICTs are one of the richest sources of big data & producing development insights for better policy making

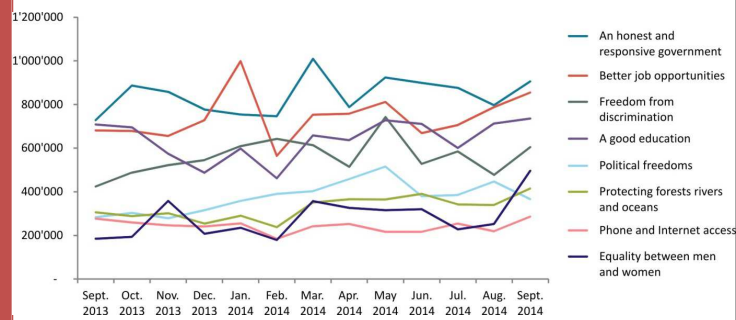


## ICT sector big data



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Using Twitter to visualize trends in global development topics



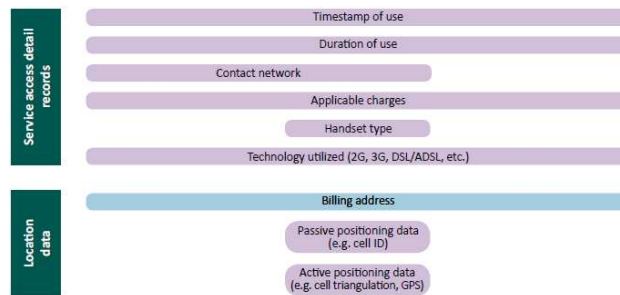
Source: UN Global Pulse

# Mobile operator data



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- ❖ Real-time and low-cost
- ❖ Huge development potential, also because of its high representativeness



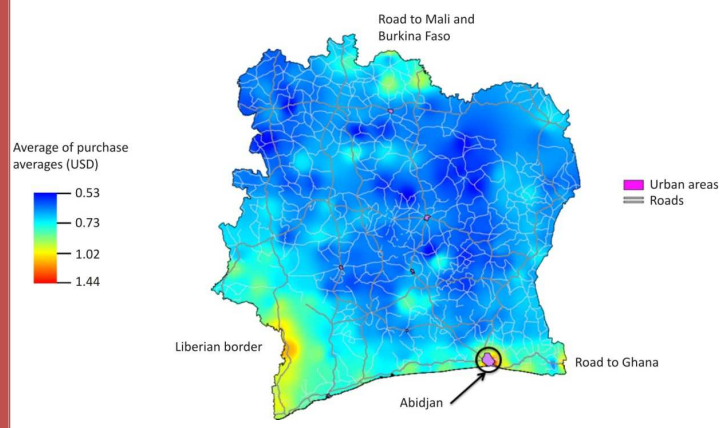
# Mobile data for poverty mapping



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Poverty mapping in Côte d'Ivoire

Source: Gutierrez et al. (2013)



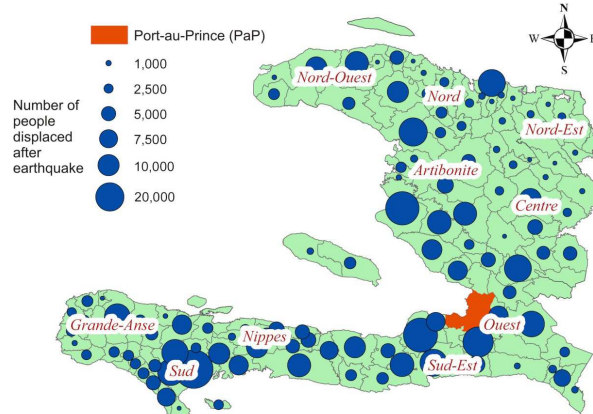
# Mobile data in emergencies



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Tracking mobility through mobile phones

Source: Bengtsson et al. (2011)



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## Big data to monitor the information society



To analyze the digital divide

To understand uptake and access and usage patterns by pooling data from different sources

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## Challenges



- Privacy
- Security
- Standardization
- Continuity
- Data curation etc...



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## How to maximize potential of big data



- Cooperation among international stakeholders
- Public private partnerships
- Bring proof of concept studies to replicable scale



Thank you



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