



Abstract

- Standardization is one of the essential pillars of the information society. It makes it possible to offer increasingly innovative, efficient, secure and universal services by creating an environment in which everyone can access services, anywhere in the world, regardless of the underlying technology used.
- Standards are therefore essential to the interoperability of ICT infrastructure and functionality, the dissemination of affordable and accessible technologies, and our ability to exchange messages, whether voice, video or data.
- However, disparities exist between developed and developing countries in terms of human resources for standardization and effective participation in standardization activities. This contributes to the persistence of the digital divide between developed and developing countries, thus reducing opportunities for technological innovation and economic development.
- In Resolution 44 (Resolving the standardization gap between developing and developed countries), the ITU-T World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly recognizes these disparities and the importance for developing countries to increase their participation in the development of ICT standards. It therefore recommends that developing countries be assisted in establishing a standardization secretariat to coordinate standardization activities and participation in ITU-T study groups.
- In accordance with Resolution 44, ITU-T has developed the "Guidelines for the Establishment of a National Standards Secretariat for ITU-T" as part of its "Bridging the Standards Gap" programme. The purpose of this programme is to facilitate and increase the participation of developing countries in the standardization process, so that they can benefit from the economic benefits of technological progress and their needs and interests are better taken into account in the development of standards.
- In Côte d' Ivoire, the national entity in charge of Standardization (CODINORM) established the Telecommunications sector as a standardization office in 2007. The activities of this office ceased in 2012 due to the restructuring of the sector.
- The purpose of this presentation is therefore to present the Ivorian strategy for injecting new dynamism into the standardization activity in order to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by the digital economy.