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PLENARY MEETING

Kenya (Republic of)

NEW QUESTION ON INTERCONNECTION ISSUES IN A MULTI-OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Statement of the problem or situation

As the developing countries open up their telecommunications sector for competition in line, the incumbent telecommunications operators will be required to provide the necessary communication facilities without discrimination and at fair prices.

The international telecommunications operators will be keen to enter into these markets and due to their long experience in competitive markets and negotiation skills may put the incumbent operators at a disadvantage while negotiating the interconnection agreement.

ITU-D can assist the developing countries in formulating interconnection policies, regulations and guidelines.

Question or issue proposed for studies

- Identify and formulate the necessary policies and regulations required for interconnection agreements.
- Identify the technical facilities incumbent operators are required to provide in order to offer interconnection to the upcoming operators.
- Formulate appropriate guidelines on setting interconnection charges taking into account the existing networks in developing countries.

Expected output

- Policy and regulation document that will guide developing countries in negotiations and arbitration of interconnection agreements.
- Guidelines on technical requirements for interconnection.
- Guideline on calculation/formulation of interconnection charges.
- Recommendations.

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Timing of the expected output

Mid-2000.

Input required in carrying the study

Collection of contributions from Member States and Sector Members with experience in interconnection arrangements.

Contributions from ITU-T study group dealing with related issues.

Target audience

	Developed countries	Developing countries	LDC
Telecom policy makers	X	X	X
Telecoms regulators	-	X	X
Service providers	X	X	X
Manufacturers	X	X	X

Proposed method of handling this question/issues

Due to the complexity of the question and the need to have the output as quickly as possible, it is proposed the question be handled by an expert group.
