



World Information Society Report 2006

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- A new, annual series of reports tracking progress in implementing the WSIS outcomes
- A new tool—Digital Opportunity Index—for benchmarking and policy evaluation
- A multi-stakeholder partnership: ***Digital Opportunity Platform***



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“A realistic international performance evaluation and benchmarking (both qualitative and quantitative), through comparable statistical indicators and research results, should be developed to follow up the implementation of the objectives, goals and targets in the Plan of Action, taking into account different national circumstances.”

**Geneva Plan of Action,
paragraph 28b**

1. A Summit for Building the Information Society
2. Measuring the Information Society
3. Information Society Trends
4. From measurement to policy-making
5. Beyond WSIS: Making a difference globally

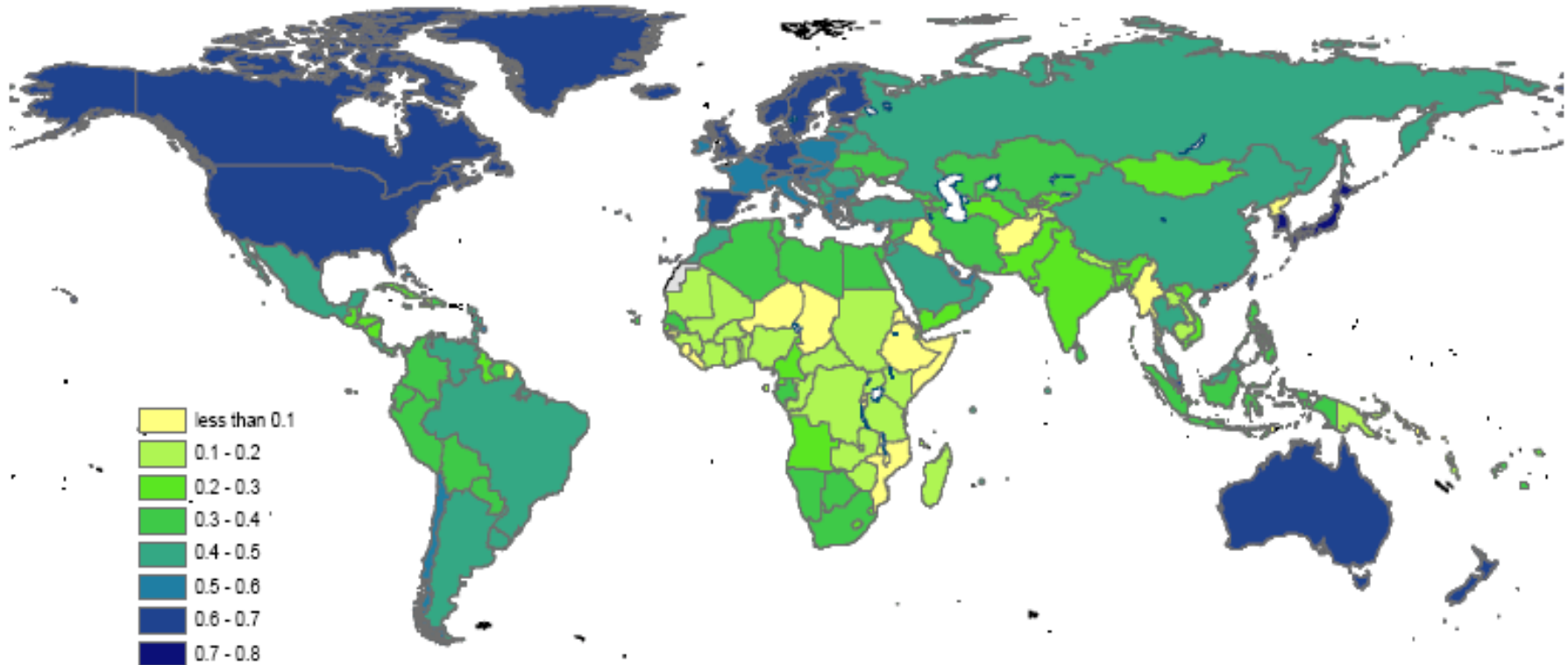
Statistical Annex, including Digital Opportunity Index (DOI)



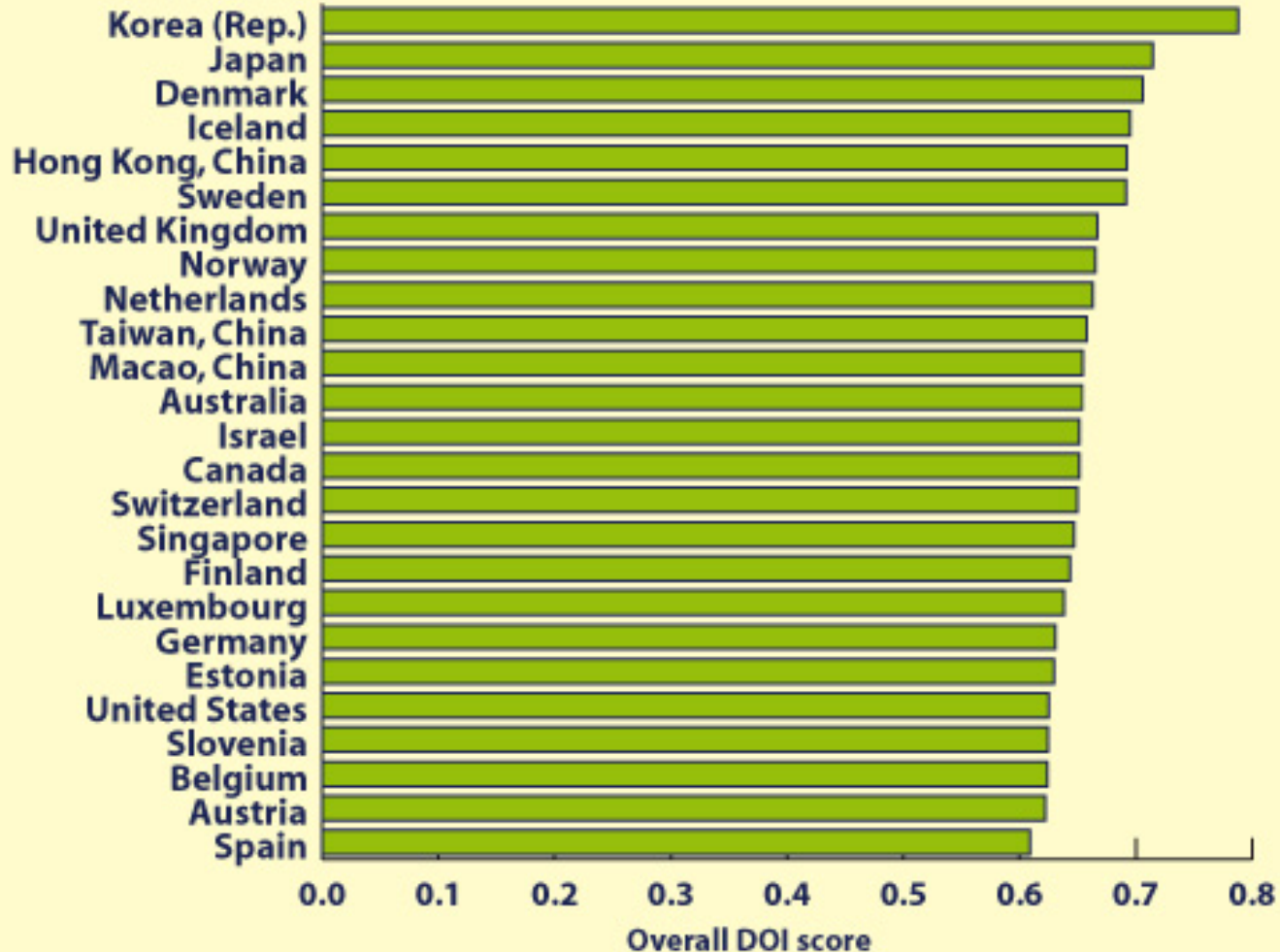
1: A Summit for Building the Information Society

- World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)
 - Geneva phase, 10-12 December 2003
 - Tunis phase, 16-18 November 2005
- Tunis Agenda adopted an approved methodology for evaluation, including use of composite indices
- WSIS invited UN Secretary-General to report to ECOSOC on a mechanism for implementation
- This new series of annual reports will track progress in building the Information Society, to 2015

2. Measuring the Information Society The DOI Worldwide, 2005



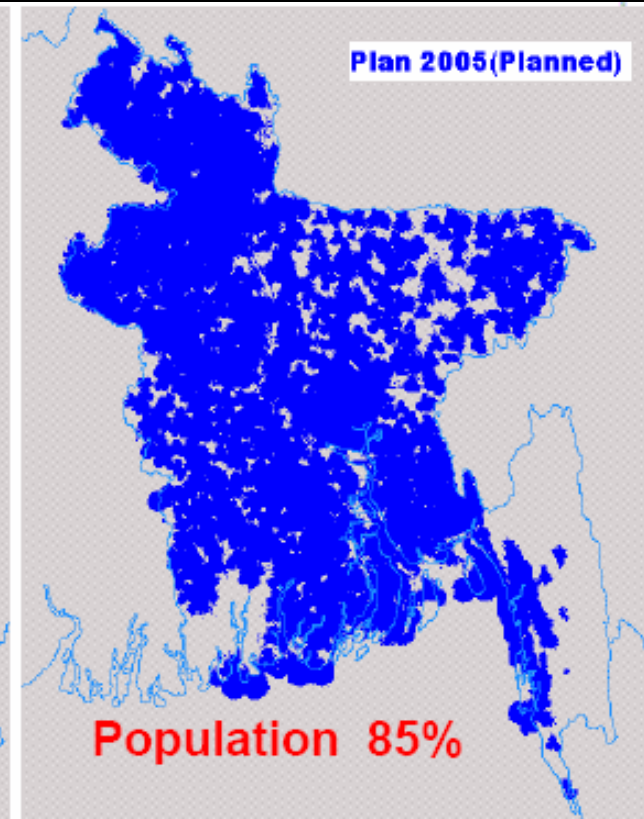
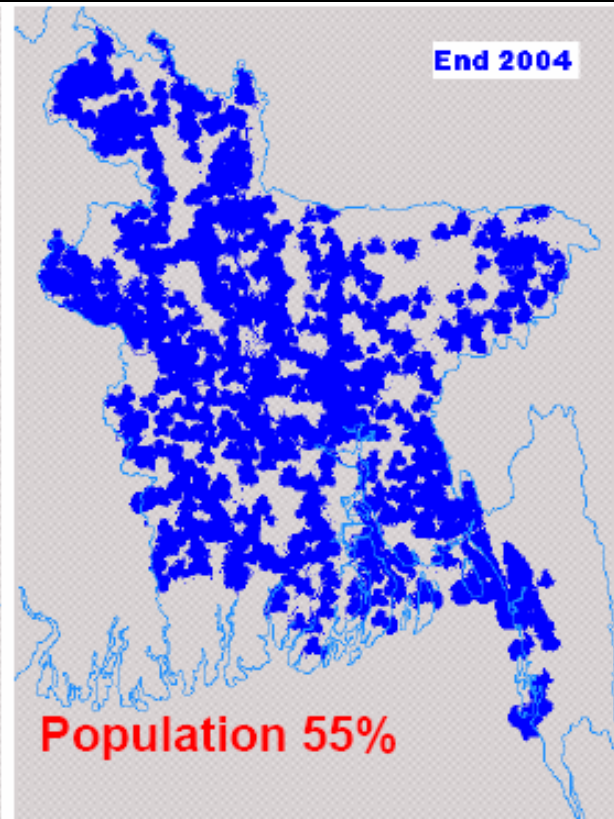
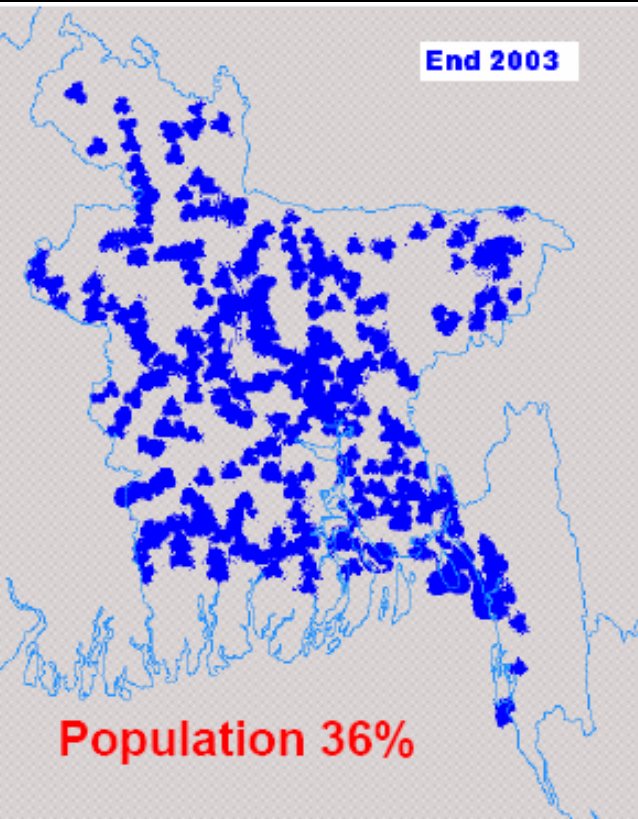
2. Top 25 DOI economies



3. Key Trends in the Information Society

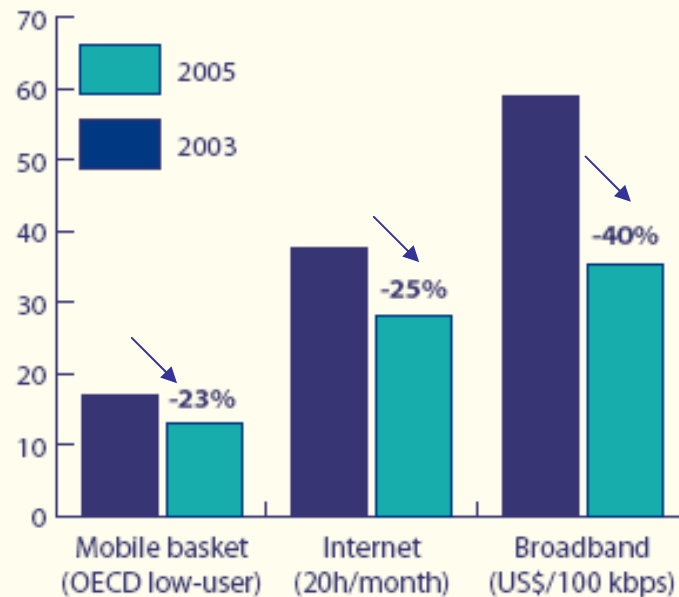
- A. Expansion in coverage
- B. Decline in ICT prices
- C. Growth in infrastructure
- D. New & advanced technologies (such as broadband and mobile Internet)

A. Expansion in coverage & opportunity e.g. Bangladesh



B. Declining prices, 2003-2005

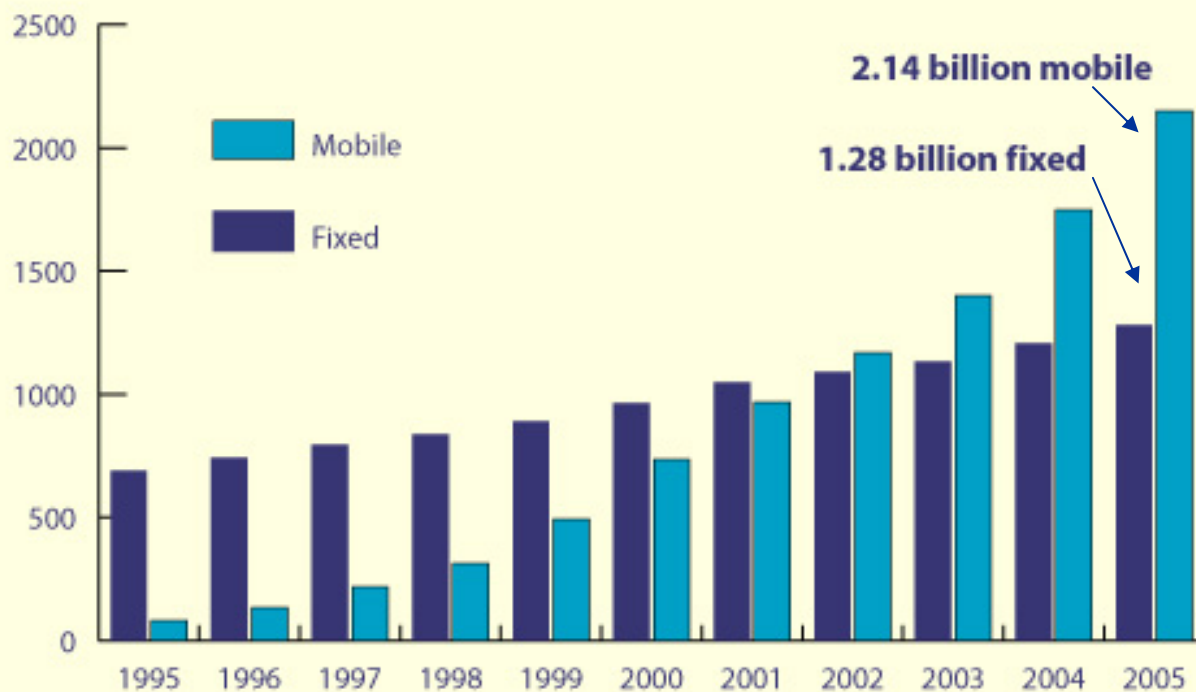
Average cost of ICTs worldwide, 2003-2005



Source: World Information Society Report 2006

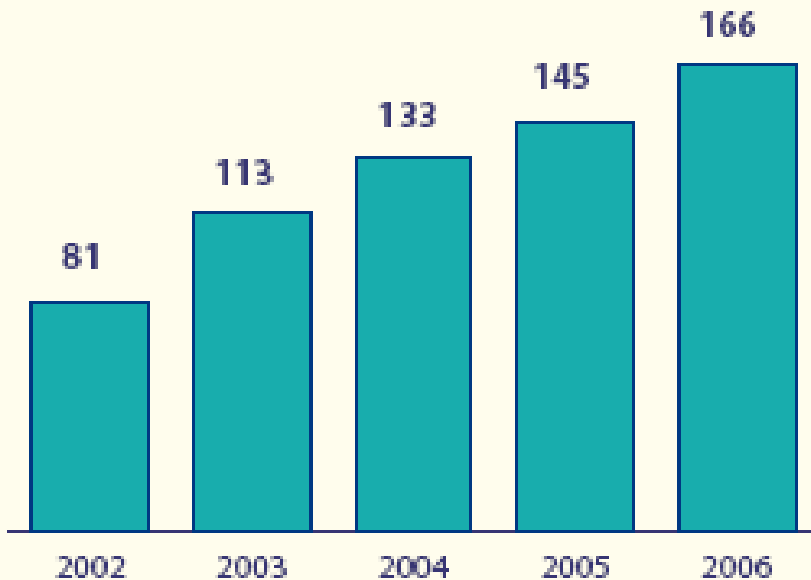
C. Growth in infrastructure: telephony

Growth in telephony 1995 - 2005



D. New and advanced technologies

Number of countries with commercial broadband at speed 256 kbit/s or more, 2002-April 2006



Number of mobile broadband subscribers and countries with networks



Source: World Information Society Report 2006

4. From measurement to policy-making

- The DOI provides a useful tool for policy analysis and evaluation
 - Regional comparisons (e.g. **Africa**)
 - National comparisons (e.g. **India**)
 - Within country comparisons (e.g. **Brazil**)
 - Disaggregated statistics, for instance, by gender (e.g., **Czech Republic**)
- DOI has modular structure that can easily be extended or combined with other indicator clusters
 - For instance, **UNDP Human Development Index**, **UNPAN eGovernment index**, **Regulatory indicators** etc

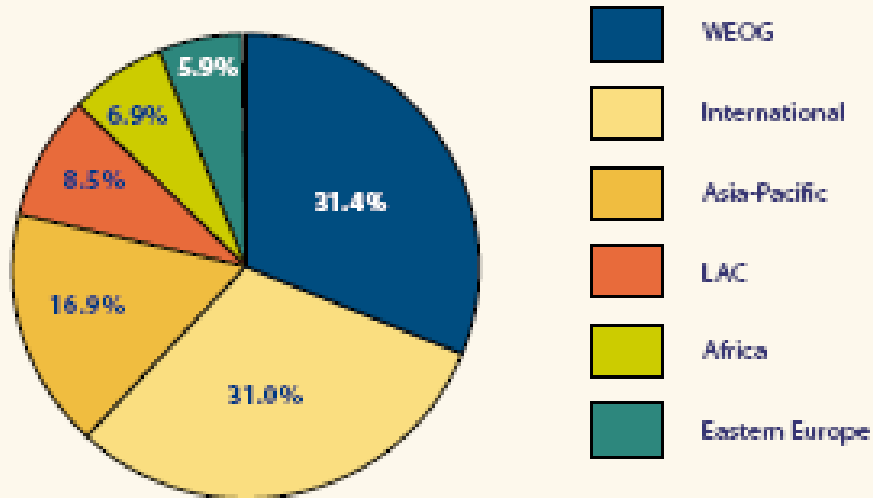


5. Beyond WSIS: Making a difference globally

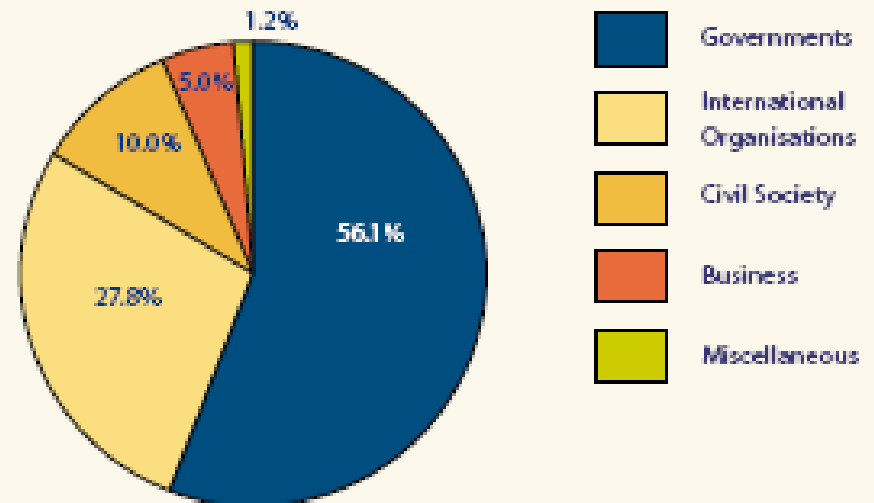
- WSIS implementation
 - At national, regional and international levels
 - Multi-stakeholder partnerships
 - Action line facilitation teams
 - UN Group on the Information Society
- WSIS stocktaking
 - Database of activities being undertaken by WSIS stakeholders, at www.itu.int/wsis/stocktaking

Stocktaking of WSIS-related activities (>3'000)

Breakdown by UN region



Breakdown by organisation submitting the activities



Source: WSIS Stocktaking at www.itu.int/wsis/stocktaking



Towards an Information Society for All

- Annual report tracking progress with WSIS implementation and bridging the digital divide
- Full report, ~150 pages incl. maps, charts and statistical table
- Report produced especially for ECOSOC meeting in Geneva (high-level segment, 3-5 July 2006)
- Second edition, May 2007
- Report available free of charge online at www.itu.int/wisr

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