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Subject:- Formation of National working groups for the study groups 1& 2 of ITU- D sector

The Development sector of ITU (ITU-D) aims at achieving the Sector's objectives based on the right to communicate of all inhabitants of the planet through access to infrastructure and information and communication services. <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/information/aboutbdt.html>. The broad objectives of the ITU-D are:-

- Assist countries in the field of information and communication technologies (ICTs), in facilitating the mobilization of technical, human and financial resources needed for their implementation, as well as in promoting access to ICTs.
- Promote the extension of the benefits of ICTs to all the world's inhabitants.
- Promote and participate in actions that contribute towards narrowing the digital divide.
- Develop and manage programmes that facilitate information flow geared to the needs of developing countries.

In this context, there are two study groups, formed under ITU Development sector with the following mandates. The study group 1 has the mandate Enabling environment, cyber security, ICT applications and Internet-related issues and the mandate for study group 2 is Information and communication infrastructure and technology development, emergency telecommunications and climate-change adaptation. These study groups have prepared relevant questions that are available at ITU D site at <http://www.itu.int/net3/ITU-D/stg/index.aspx>. There is a hyperlink for each question which leads to the description in terms of all relevant aspects such as statement of situation, Question for the study, target audience etc. The list of questions is attached at Annex 1 for ready reference.

The International Relations division is forming the National working groups for the both the study groups. We invite your participation as the member of the of the National working groups if you have dealt or dealing with any of the subjects above. It requires active participation through contributions during the working group meetings and other related activities. If you are interested kindly send your details in the attached annex 2 to the undersigned or through mail to dirir2-dot@nic.in by 8th August, 2011. A copy of this letter with annexures is also published in the DoT website under International Relations unit.


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To

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- The mandate of **STUDY GROUP 1** on "Enabling environment, cybersecurity, ICT applications and Internet-related issues" is:

National telecommunication policies and strategies which best enable countries to benefit from the impetus of telecommunications/ICTs as an engine of sustainable growth, employment creation and economic, social and cultural development, taking into account matters of priority to developing countries. The work will include access policies to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular access by persons with disabilities and with special needs, as well as telecommunication/ICT network security.

Tariff policies and tariff models for next-generation networks, convergence issues, universal access to broadband fixed and mobile services, impact analysis and application of cost and accounting principles, taking into account the results of the studies carried out by ITU-T and ITU-R, and the priorities of developing countries.

- The mandate of **STUDY GROUP 2** on "Information and communication infrastructure and technology development, emergency telecommunications and climate-change adaptation" is:

Methods and approaches that are the most suitable and successful for service provision in planning, developing, implementing, operating, maintaining and sustaining telecommunication services which optimize their value to users. This work will include specific emphasis on broadband networks, mobile radiocommunication and telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas, the needs of developing countries in spectrum management, the use of ICTs in mitigating the impact of climate change on developing countries, telecommunications/ICTs for natural disaster mitigation and relief, conformance and interoperability testing and e-applications, with particular focus and emphasis on applications supported by telecommunications/ICTs.

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1	<u>Question 7-3/1, Implementation of universal access to broadband services</u>	1
2	<u>Question 10-3/1, The impact of the licensing and authorization regime and other relevant regulatory measures on competition in a converged telecommunications/ICT environment</u>	1
3	<u>Question 12-3/1, Tariff policies, tariff models and methods of determining the costs of services on national telecommunication networks, including next-generation networks</u>	1
4	<u>Question 18-2/1, Enforcing national policies and regulations on consumer protection notably in a converging environment</u>	1
5	<u>Question 19-2/1, Implementation of IP telecommunication services in developing countries</u>	1
6	<u>Question 20-1/1, Access to telecommunication services and information and communication technologies (ICTs) by persons with disabilities</u>	1
7	<u>Question 22-1/1, Securing information and communication networks: best practices for developing a culture of cybersecurity</u>	1
8	<u>Question 23/1, Strategies and policies concerning human exposure to electromagnetic fields</u>	1
9	<u>Question 24/1, Strategies and policies for the proper disposal or reuse of telecommunications/ICT waste material</u>	1
10	<u>Question 9-3/2, Identification of study topics in the ITU T and ITU-R study groups which are of particular interest to developing countries</u>	2
11	<u>Question 10-3/2, Telecommunications/ICT for rural and remote areas</u>	2
12	<u>Question 11-3/2, Examination of terrestrial digital sound and television broadcasting technologies and systems, interoperability of digital terrestrial systems with existing analogue networks, and strategies and methods of migration from analogue terrestrial techniques to digital techniques</u>	2
13	<u>Question 14-3/2, Information and telecommunications for e-Health</u>	2
14	<u>Question 17-3/2, Progress on e-government activities and identification of areas of application of e government for the benefit of developing countries</u>	2
15	<u>Question 22-1/2, Utilization of telecommunications/ICTs for disaster preparedness, mitigation and response</u>	2
16	<u>Question 24/2, Question on ICT and climate change</u>	2
17	<u>Question 25/2, Access technology for broadband telecommunications including IMT, for developing countries</u>	2
18	<u>Question 26/2, Migration from existing networks to next-generation networks for developing countries: technical, regulatory and policy aspects</u>	2
19	<u>Resolution 9, Participation of countries, particularly developing countries, in spectrum management</u>	2

Name, Designation, Office address	Mobile no.	Study group (1 or 2)	EMAIL ID	Question no.	Are / Were you member of any working group earlier? If so please give details of the group, area contributions if any.	Technical Contributions made if any
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