India has proposed to **establish ITU South Asian Area Office and Technology Innovation Centre in India in the ITU Council Meeting held in Geneva during 17-27 April 2018**.

Enables ICT development in the South Asia Region through leveraging:

- ICT Applications Ecosystem
- Innovation centres of excellence
- ICT manufacturing and R&D

in IoT, M2M, Smart Cities, Disaster Management, Cost-effective technology solutions and other developmental activities.

ITU Local Area office will also provide a boost in technological reach and advantages for SMEs in the APT region boosting employment and wealth creation.

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Candidate for ITU Council
Region E (Asia and Australasia)

India shares the dream and vision of ITU to realize the world as one information & knowledge society and enabling ICTs to contribute in accomplishing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 for the world. With a population of over 18% of the world's, India is a microcosm of diverse cultures, innovations, languages, challenges and opportunities as well.

Engagements with ITU

As a Member of ITU since 1869, India has been a part of ITU activities, earnestly working for and supporting the global community for growth and development of Telecom/ ICTs.

India has been the regular member of the ITU Council since 1952. Since then, India has actively participated in the ITU meetings and processes and has successfully steered in harmonizing the contributions of ITU member states from the region, always respecting the principles of equality and consensus building.

Mr. Manohar Balaji Sarwate, who was also the Wireless Advisor to the Government of India, held the post of Secretary General of ITU during 1965 to 1967.

Indian candidates also held various other posts of ITU, i.e.DSGs, RRBs etc.

India has been an active partner and strong supporter of ITU's development programs with focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developed Countries (LLDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other similarly placed countries

India also holds a number of positions of Chairman, Vice-chairman, Rapporteur, etc. of various council working groups/ study groups/ advisory bodies etc. for various ITU sectors i.e. Radio, Standardization and Development at the ITU platforms.

ITU Events hosted in India

- First Financial Inclusion Global Initiative (FIGI) Symposium in Bengaluru during 2017
- Meeting of Steering Committee of ASP CoEs, ITU at Bengaluru in 2016
- ITU –T Study Group 5 meeting at Kochi in 2014
- ITU – R Working Party 5D Meeting at Goa in 2011
- ITU – R Working Party 4A, 4B, 4C at Bengaluru in 2010
- WTDC, 2010 at Hyderabad

Regional and Multilateral Cooperation – *A Reliable Partner*

India has been active through technical cooperation and collaboration programmes with Africa, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, SAARC countries through Pan Africa e-Network, Digital Connectivity projects, ICT CoEs, South Asian Satellite, Super Computer Programme etc. India reiterates its support to bridge digital divide under South – South cooperation.

India shares its success stories under Digital India programme such as BharatNet (fibre for 250,000 village clusters), Aadhaar (Unique ID for over Billion people), Financial inclusion and Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) programmes, Capacity building in ICTs for all with focus on rural communities.

As a member of ITU council in the current cycle (2015-2018), India stood for the causes of co-member states and took on every opportunity to voice its support and extended active collaboration. India contributed in building mechanisms of effective deliverance in ICT development programs with enhanced focus on assistance to the member states through various regional and global initiatives.

India is active on APT preparatory processes, TDAG, Council, CWGs thorough its contributions.

CONNECT THE UNCONNECTED REMOTE AREAS

Capacity Building Programmes

Advanced Level Telecom Training Centre (ALTTC) (ITU recognized Centre of Excellence (CoE) in India) have been imparting Capacity Building Programmes in Broadband Access Technologies and Services for various member states. India shares its ICT/ Telecom experts with different CoEs of ITU for imparting the training.

India organizes training in Advanced Telecom Technologies and ICTs for various developing countries of different regions through organizations like DoT, TRAI, CDAC and TEC

Recently, India with active support of ITU has started online training programmes on Digital Payments.

India has resolutely been working towards achieving goals of **Connect 2020 of ITU**. India is happy to share that it achieved affordability of telecom services - one of the lowest voice and data tariffs, enabling access of telecom and broadband services to unconnected through Bharatnet, one of the largest project in the world and empowering people digitally through wide range of e-Governance services and Digital India.

INDIA, a land of diversity with vibrant colours of rich cultural heritage, varied geographical terrains, with a large pool of IT skilled young talent, is fully committed to work with ITU and members for attainment of ICTs for all and SDGs.