

# The Benefits of Broadband

## **Current State of Broadband**<sup>1</sup>

	Mature markets	Emerging markets
Internet penetration	64%	18%
Broadband penetration	23%	4%
% income spent on ICT	1.5%	17.5%

<sup>1</sup>International Telecommunication Union (ITU), "Measuring the Information Society," 2010



# Benefits of Broadband

- Bridge the digital divide
- Increase national competitiveness
- Enable all citizens to communicate faster and in more ways
- Increase access and improve delivery of essential social services





# **Evidence of Benefits of Broadband**

- Economic growth: Increasing broadband penetration boosts economic growth  $\sim 1\%-3\%.^2$
- **Jobs:** In Latin America, increasing penetration 5.5% to 7.7% would generate estimated 378,000 new jobs.<sup>3</sup>
- Health care: Telemedicine provides better access to care, reduces travel, and facilitates rapid diagnosis and treatment.<sup>4</sup>
- Education: Household Internet access is associated with better educational performance.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup>See, for instance, Qiang, Christine Z., 2009. "Telecommunications and Economic Growth." Unpublished paper. World Bank, Washington, D.C.
<sup>3</sup>Dr. Raul L. Katz, "Estimating broadband demand and its economic impact in Latin America," Sept. 4, 2009
<sup>4</sup>Dutta, Soumitra, and Irene Mia. 2008. The Global Information Technology Report 2006-2007: Connecting to the Networked Economy. Basingstoke, U.K.: Palgrave Macmillan.
<sup>5</sup>ITU, Measuring the Information Society,"2010.



# **Broadband/ICT Plans**

To realize the benefits of broadband and ICT, comprehensive national plans are essential.

- Plans provide the vision, organization and support necessary to:
  - Increase broadband penetration rates quickly
  - Deliver broadband services to most or all citizens
  - Reduce costs
  - Ensure continued broadband expansion and improvement





# **Recommended Plan Structure Phase 1: Assessment**

- **Evaluate** ICT infrastructure and economic status
  - Use data such as basic demographics, GDP, ICT spending, etc.
- **Examine** the regulatory environment
  - Consider spectrum ownership/usage, licensing, tariffs/costs, etc.
- **Assess** the country infrastructure
  - Evaluate international and last-mile connectivity, in-country backbone, etc.
- **Complete** customer/user segmentation
  - Separate based on geography, occupation, population demographics, etc.
- **Conduct** a user vs. needs analysis
  - Develop a "needs roadmap" to pinpoint needs of each segment



# **Recommended Plan Structure Phase 2: Development**

- Define broadband
  - Include desired broadband performance levels over time
- **Develop** a national vision for broadband
  - Vision should be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-bound (SMART)
- Identify funding resources
  - Consider spectrum reallocation, dedicated USF, gov't subsidies, etc.
- **Develop** service provider strategies
  - Identify and work with providers to develop offers to consumers
- **Collaborate** with additional business stakeholders
  - Work with network resellers, software developers, etc.



## **Recommended Plan Structure Phase 3: Implementation**

- **Develop** an implementation strategy
  - Create a strategy to generate public and private support for plan
- **Utilize** a variety of funding strategies
  - Aggressively pursue best funding strategies identified in Phase 2
- *Implement* demand-side programs
  - Gov't and/or other stakeholders should lead variety of programs
- *Measure* progress
  - Continually track, evaluate and update programs to improve results



# **Best Practices**

- 1. Form public/private partnerships
  - Engage a broad ecosystem (banks, teachers, NGOs, SMBs, etc.)
- 2. Encourage competition
  - Adopt variety of strategies to expand the BB market and encourage investment
- 3. Release spectrum
  - Support technology-neutral, service-flexible spectrum policies





### **Best Practices** (cont.)

- 4. Apply Universal Service Funds
  - Move beyond traditional telecommunications and correct USF inefficiencies
- 5. Implement a variety of demandside programs
  - Generate investments and public interest through programs such as tax reductions and digital literacy programs
- 6. Develop metrics to measure plan success
  - Include SMART metrics, using ITU suggestions as starting point<sup>6</sup>



<sup>6</sup> www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/partnership/index.html



# **Globally Recognized Metrics<sup>7</sup>**

#### **Infrastructure and Access**

- Fixed and mobile broadband subscriptions
- International bandwidth per population
- Fixed broadband tariffs
- Public Internet access centers (PIACs) per locality by pop.

#### Education

- Student-to-computer ratio
- % of schools with broadband
- % of ICT-qualified teachers

#### **Business**

- % of businesses using computers and type of connectivity
- % of persons employed routinely using computers and Internet
- % of businesses placing/receiving orders over Internet
- % of businesses using Internet and type of connectivity

#### Households

- % of households with computer, Internet access
- % of households with broadband access and type of connectivity

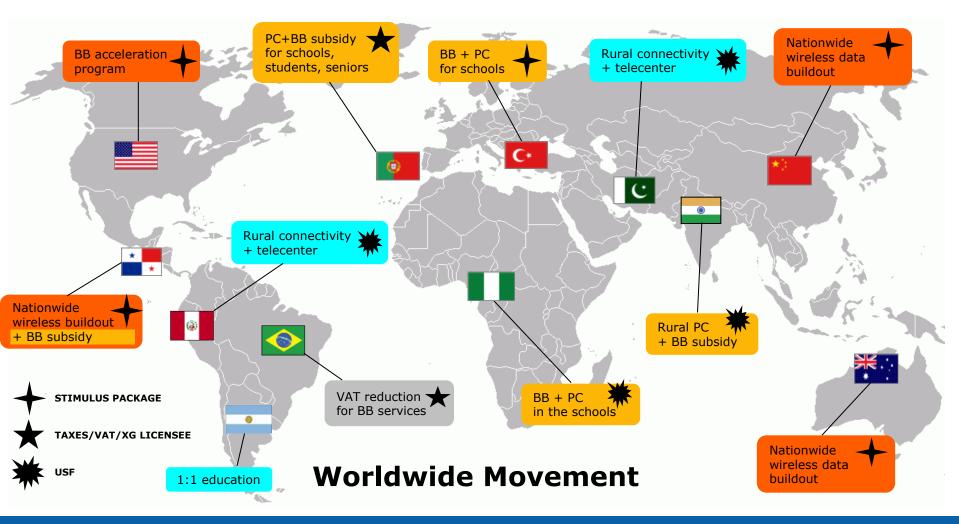
Health (Intel's recommendation)

- % of hospitals and health centers with access to broadband
- % of hospitals and health centers with digitalized patient records

 $^{7}$  ITU, Measuring the Information Society," 2010.



### **Accelerating Broadband Adoption**





## **Example 1: Australia**

- Program: Build national broadband network as part of government stimulus program
- **Partners:** Government, telcos, industry, etc.
- **Funding:** Government economic stimulus program
- Results: By 2014, 100Mbps broadband network will be available to 98% of the population.





# Example 2: India

- **Program:** Spread broadband to rural and remote areas at reduced price
- **Partners:** Government, Airtel, Nokia, Vodafone, BSNL, etc.
- Funding: USF, new subscribers, subscriptions to expanded services
- Results:
  - 30% year-over-year growth in Internet users
  - 54% year-over-year growth in broadband





# Example 3: Morrocco

- **Program:** NAFIDA lowers price for notebook plus broadband for teachers
- **Partners:** Government, 3 telcos, banks, NGO
- Funding: USF and foundation
- Results:
  - 74% Internet penetration
  - 85% teacher training
  - 70% have home PCs





## Example 4: Panama

- **Program:** PUIA initiative to provide free Internet access to public
- **Partners:** Government, telecom operator, Intel
- Results: Free Internet access now available in 22 cities, serving 2.3 million people (80% of population)





### **Summary**

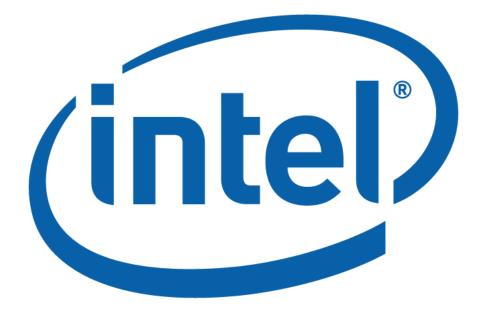
- Broadband/ICT access has proven economic and social benefits.
- Broadband/ICT plans ensure more effective programs.
- Wordwide, dozens of countries are developing broadband/ICT plans that are successfully bridging the digital divide.



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