



BROADBAND COMMISSION

FOR DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT



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ABOUT THE COMMISSION

The Broadband Commission for Digital Development was launched by the ITU and UNESCO in response to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's call to step up efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Established in 2010, the Commission unites top industry executives with government leaders, thought leaders, policy pioneers, international agencies and organizations concerned with development. The Broadband Commission embraces a range of different perspectives in a multi-stakeholder approach to promoting the roll-out of broadband. To find out more, and to access our reports, best practices and case studies, please see

www.broadbandcommission.org



The Commission has achieved many milestones since 2010:

- Thanks in part to the Commission's advocacy, the number of countries National Broadband Plans has increased from under 100 to 142 countries today.
- Growing recognition is being given to Internet access as a popular right (see the Broadband Declaration, issued by the Commission in 2011).
- The Commission's research has contributed to a body of evidence demonstrating the benefits of broadband for growth and productivity- ICTs are now widely recognized as a powerful driver of economic growth and social progress.
- The Commission is now campaigning for broadband to be included in the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- The Commission tracks the global roll-out of broadband, affordability and availability (individually, by household and by gender) through its five global advocacy targets.

Going forward, the Commission will unite industry and policy pioneers to ensure the fastest and most efficient broadband networks and services for the benefit of all the world's population.

