

## Directory of statistical services of international organisations

### International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

<p><b>Brief description of the organisation<sup>1</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The ICT Data and Statistics Division is under the Project Support and Knowledge Management Department within the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the ITU, which is located in Geneva, Switzerland.</li> <li>▪ ITU's work on statistics originated in 1973, when member states attending the World Administrative Telegraph and Telephone Conference in Geneva, instructed the ITU to publish telecommunication statistics, and a "Yearbook of Common Carrier Telecommunication Statistics", in addition to several other telephone and telegraph indicators. As a result, the first edition of the Yearbook of Public Telecommunications Statistics (later called the Yearbook of Statistics) was launched in 1974.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mission<sup>2</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The overall mission of the Statistics Division is to identify and produce timely and internationally comparable statistics on the telecommunication sector and the Information Society. In this context, the division is responsible for the effective collection, harmonization, analysis, interpretation, presentation and dissemination of ICT statistics and publication of reports, in accordance with the statistical standards established by the World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Meeting and the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Fields of Activity/ structure</b></p> <p><i>Statistics</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Data collection, harmonization, dissemination in the field of telecommunication and ICT through annual questionnaires sent to national telecommunication/ICT authorities and National Statistical Offices. Annual time series date back to 1960 and include more than 100 indicators and around 200 economies: the data are maintained in the ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (WTI) database.</li> <li>▪ Data analysis and publication of global and regional research reports, including the World Telecommunication/ICT Development Report (WTDR) and the Measuring the Information Society (MIS) Report. Monitoring of the global digital divide. Publication of annual Yearbook of Statistics.</li> <li>▪ Technical assistance to member countries in the field of telecommunication and ICT statistics. Development of guidelines, methodological material (e.g. ITU Manual on Measuring ICT Access and Use by Households and Individuals) and tools related to statistical standards, data collection, storage and dissemination. Organization of training courses, workshops and seminars on ICT measurement.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Mandate</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ World Telecommunication Development Conference, Hyderabad, India, 2010, Resolution 8</li> <li>▪ ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2010, Resolution 131</li> <li>▪ World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) (paragraphs 113-120 of the Tunis Agenda).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Statistical work</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Multiannual four-year programme, as decided by the ITU Plenipotentiary Conferences, and the World Telecommunication Development Conferences.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Description of the statistics section/department in the organization

<sup>2</sup> Mission of the statistics section/department of the organization

<b>programme</b>	
<b>Number of staff</b> <i>Total / Statistical division</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 7</li> </ul>
<b>Flagship Publications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Yearbook of Statistics</li> <li>▪ World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database</li> <li>▪ World Telecommunication/ICT Development Report</li> <li>▪ Measuring the Information Society Report</li> </ul>
<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.itu.int/ict">http://www.itu.int/ict</a>

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