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Latest global information and communication technology data and reporting now available through new ITU iLibrary digital platform

ITU and OECD come together in knowledge partnership to launch new tool

Geneva, 23 April 2018 – The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technology (ICT) is today launching with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) a new digital platform to expand global access to key ICT data and reporting. The new ITU iLibrary is accessible via www.itu-ilibrary.org.

The new ITU iLibrary digital platform, allows users across the globe to access key global ICT data and reports from a single platform, supporting the expanded sharing of knowledge and the increased development of ICT capacities worldwide. It includes the most trusted global ICT sector data sources, including among others:

- Annual Global Cybersecurity Index – country ranking
- Yearbook of Statistics - Telecommunication/ICT Indicators
- High-Frequency Broadcasting Schedule
- Annual Measuring the Information Society Report and accompanying ICT Development Index – country ranking
- The World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators database – containing more than 180 telecommunication/ICT statistics covering fixed-telephone networks, mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions, quality of service, Internet (including fixed- and mobile-broadband subscription data), traffic, staff, prices, revenue, investment and statistics on ICT access and use by households and individuals.


“Policy makers, academics, companies and other ICT stakeholders around the globe will greatly benefit from the new ITU iLibrary digital platform, as it provides them with access to the widest breadth and depth of ICT related data and reporting – through a single source,” said ITU Secretary-General Houlin Zhao. “This new tool is a very valuable resource to those within the ICT sector whether they are interested in policy, standards, trends or other key aspects of the sector.”
Key benefits of the new ITU iLibrary platform include:

- Streamlined content discovery features supplemented by advanced search functionality.
- Inclusion of all ITU publications and indicators dating back to 1975.
- Access to the 2017 world telecommunication/ICT indicators database containing almost 200 telecommunications/ICT statistics and more than 230 economies worldwide.
- Ability to create a personalized profile, which allows users to save content and read it later.

More about ITU and OECD:

ITU drives innovation in ICTs together with its 193 Member States and a membership of nearly 800 private sector entities and academic institutions. Established over 150 years ago in 1865, ITU is the global intergovernmental body responsible for coordinating the shared global use of the radio spectrum, promoting international cooperation in assigning satellite orbits, improving communication infrastructure in the developing world, and establishing the worldwide standards that foster seamless interconnection of a vast range of communications systems. From broadband networks to cutting-edge wireless technologies, aeronautical and maritime navigation, radio astronomy, oceanographic and satellite-based earth monitoring as well as converging fixed-mobile phone, Internet and broadcasting technologies, ITU is committed to connecting the world.

The OECD, an international forum where countries work together to develop a wide range of policies to better the lives of citizens around the world, is a leader in digital publishing. Each year it publishes books, working papers and statistics, all of which can be found on their single source digital platform.

Since 2014 the OECD Publishing unit has been lending its technical expertise to facilitate the hosting of content from like-minded intergovernmental organizations (IGOs). With the ITU partnership, it is continuing its efforts to collaborate and share more content to a wider audience. The ITU represents the fifth IGO to partner with OECD Publishing.

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