

Alternatives to providing Affordable and Sustainable Mobile Broadband in a Fast and Cost Effective Manner

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It is now clear that the dominant access and service delivery mechanism in developing countries is mobile devices and associated mobile broadband networks. Sustainable and cost-efficient deployment of Next Generation Mobile Broadband Networks is therefore crucial to accelerate the development of innovative mobile services. Important factors to achieve this are: Models for improved affordability and sustainability of Innovative Mobile Services. Further the question that will have to be answered by the stake holders of the mobile broadband value chain are: how to take advantage of the explosive mobile subscriber growth and technological advancement to solve societal problems in service delivery. This panel will consider alternative socio-economic and technological instruments to provide affordable and sustainable mobile broadband services. Issues to be considered include:

- Value chain and sustainable socio-economic competitive models for mobile networks and provision of services
- Modalities for support and regulatory incentives for local mobile content development
- Security and reliability of mobile broadband devices and services for public, business and private enterprises.
- Energy efficiency and cost implications of emerging mobile broadband technologies and

services

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