# **Big Data for** Measuring the Information Society



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BIG DATA PROJECT - INNOVATIVE WAYS TO UTILIZE BIG DATA AS A NEW DATA SOURCE FOR ICT INDICATORS

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6 Pilot Countries Colombia, Georgia, Kenya, The Philippines, Sweden, United Arab Emirates



## 15 Indicators + Additional

BD01: Percentage of the Land Area Covered by Mobile-Cellular Network, by Technology

BD02: Percentage of the Population Covered by a Mobile-Cellular Network, by Technology

BD03: Usage of Mobile-Cellular Networks for non-IP Related Activities, by Technology

BD04: Usage of Mobile-Cellular Networks for Internet Access, by Technology

BD05: Number of Subscriptions with Access to Technology

BD06: Active Mobile Voice and Broadband Subscriptions, by Contract Type

BD07: Average Number of Active Mobile Subscriptions per Day, by Contract Type

**BD08: Active Mobile Devices** 

BD09: IMEI Conversion Rate

BD10: Fixed Domestic Broadband Traffic, by Speed, Contract Type

BD11: Mobile Domestic Broadband Traffic, by Contract Type, Technology

BD12: Mobile International Broadband Traffic, by Contract Type

BD13: Inbound Roaming Subscriptions per Foreign Tourist

BD14: Fixed Broadband Subscriptions, by Technology

BD15: Fixed Broadband Subscriptions, by Speed

BD16+: Proposed New Indicators from Pilot Countries



### Project Timeline in Pilot Countries





# Major Challenges

# Administrative and legal procedures for accessing the data

# Participation of all data providers (MNOs, ISPs)

Initially planned exploratory project (data mining) -> create specific methodology with defined indicators

Availability of the data scientists' resources by ITU



# Stakeholders

#### ITU

Staff members of ITU ICT Data and Statistics Division

**Project coordinator** 

Two data scientists assigned to assist the countries

#### PILOT COUNTRY

Telecommunication Regulator / ICT ministry

National Statistics Institute

Telecommunication Service Providers (MNOs, ISPs)

Data Protection Authority



# Processing Model Option 1

Indicators calculated by data providers, then aggregated to resulting indicators:

- Kenya
- The Philippines
- UAE





# Processing Model Option 2

Raw data extracted by data providers, indicators calculated by TRA/ITU:

- Georgia
- Colombia
- Sweden





## Indicators Example BD05

#### BD05: Number of Subscriptions with Access to Technology





# Additional Indicator (UAE – O/D matrices)

Dubai	Dubai
Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi
Sharjah	Sharjah
Ajman	Ajman
Ras Al Khaimah	Ras Al Khaimah
Umm al Quwain	Fujairah
Fujairah	Umm al Quwain



## Lessons Learned

Prepare all administrative and legal procedures to access the data before the project starts

Standard, clear and unambiguous methodology:

- detailed data source description (input data)
- calculation methodology
- example algorithms for calculation

Agreed processing model for calculation (by data providers or by TRA/NSO)

Preparation of infrastructure for calculation (processing model 2) and capable human resources (data scientists)

Validation of the raw data and processing

Agreed method for data transfer



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