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Telecommunications Management Group (TMG) is pleased to announce that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations specialized agency for telecommunications, and *infoDev*, a multi-donor program focusing on information and communications technologies today launched the Legal and Institutional Aspects of Regulation Online Module for the ICT Regulation Toolkit authored by TMG.

The Legal and Institutional Framework Module was developed by a team of highly experienced regulatory advisors from TMG and consists of a 400 page report providing in-depth information on best regulatory practices, such as financial and structural independence, organizational structure, corporate governance, enforcement and dispute-resolution procedures, staffing, and ethics.

Available at [www.ictregulationtoolkit.org/section/legal\\_regulation](http://www.ictregulationtoolkit.org/section/legal_regulation), the Legal and Institutional Framework Module provides regulators, policymakers, and stakeholders with a comprehensive and user-friendly tool to access information on the key issues confronting regulators and practitioners involved in the telecommunications and information technology sectors, particularly in this age of convergence.

The Module contains a collection of over 500 references to laws, regulations, regulatory consultations, proceedings, decisions, licenses and case studies, and real examples of how best practices have been put into action in over 50 countries in both the developed and developing world.

The Legal and Institutional Framework Module was presented by TMG at the 2005 ITU Global Symposium for Regulators, as well as at the ITU World Telecommunications Development Conference held in Qatar in March 2005. In addition, training related to the Module was presented by TMG at a regional regulators meeting in Moldova and a follow-up training is planned at the 2006 ITU Telecom World in Hong Kong, from December 4-8, 2006.

The ICT Regulation Toolkit designed by the ITU and *infoDev* provides a repository of regulatory resources, particularly for developing countries. Additional modules covering interconnection, price regulation and competition; new technologies and their impact on regulation; and radio spectrum management are also being developed.

## **About TMG**

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