

world connectivity and access, foster policy, regulatory and network readiness, expand human capacity through training programs and others.

To bridge the digital divide, nevertheless, is a task so enormous that it cannot be achieved by the ITU alone. Though providing of food, safe drinking water, shelter and education for all might seem to be more urgent and burning challenges for the world development community, being cut off from telecommunication services is a hardship almost as acute as those other deprivations, and may indeed reduce the chances of finding remedies to them. That was why world leaders in