



ITU/BDT Arab Regional Workshop on "Wireless Solutions for Universal Access/Universal Service", Khartoum - Sudan, 1st – 3rd October 2005

Intercai Mondiale continued the support that it has provided to the Arab Region Centre of Excellence of the ITU by providing two expert consultants, David Hughes and Chris Angell to speak at this ITU sponsored workshop on "Wireless Solutions for Universal Access/Universal Service". David Hughes spoke on the opportunity for using wireless technologies in underserved areas to provide universal telephone services and to provide universal access to telephony services and broadband internet services. He also discussed regulatory issues associated with using wireless technologies for universal service/access. Chris Angell talked on GSM and WiMax technologies and their application particularly in rural areas.

The workshop was organized by ITU / Arab Centre of Excellence (CoE/ARB), and conducted in cooperation with Sudatel.

The main objectives of the workshop were to develop a detailed understanding of wireless solutions for universal access and universal service, to shed light on the opportunity for underserved areas where wired technology is not a sustainable option for economic or geographic reasons, for both telephony and broadband internet services in order to bridge the digital divide and to facilitate the economic and social development of rural areas.

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