



## ITSO's Capacity Building Initiative

ITSO's mission is derived from the ITSO Agreement, an intergovernmental agreement that brings together 150 countries and which primarily mandates the Organization to supervise Intelsat, Ltd according to some specific provisions. The Agreement requires that ITSO ensures the performance of Core Principles, namely to maintain global connectivity and global coverage; to serve its lifeline connectivity customers; and to provide non-discriminatory access to the Intelsat system. As part of the fulfillment of its mission, ITSO believes that it is vital to create conditions that support and enable member States to more effectively achieve the goals stated in their respective ICT policies, especially through the use of international public telecommunications services. With that in mind, it is ITSO's belief that providing Capacity building programs to member States will help in creating the necessary conditions for the effective use of international public telecommunications services.

Through the cooperation between ITSO [www.itso.int](http://www.itso.int) and the ITU Academy <[www.academy.itu.int](http://www.academy.itu.int)>, a training program has been developed for two separate kinds of courses: one intended for policy makers and regulators, and one intended for other stakeholders, including communications operators. The partnership between ITSO and ITU to provide satellite communications training to member States was launched during the quadrennial ITU World Communication Development Conference, held in Hyderabad, India during the period 24 May – 4 June 2010, thanks to the shared ideals and goals of the leadership of ITSO and ITU. We are also particularly pleased to announce that Intelsat will be contributing to the first phase programs being held in Africa.

Finally, we would like to use this opportunity to very sincerely thank all those that have been involved at : ITSO, ITU, Intelsat, the Centers of Excellence and of course the Trainers in putting together this program. We believe it will be a flagship for a new era in global partnership efforts in respect of satellite communications.

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