

# Introduction to the course

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Learning Initiatives on Reforms for Network Economies

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# Previous Telecom Reform courses

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- Africa
  - Rabat, Morocco
  - Johannesburg, South Africa
- Asia Pacific
  - Singapore
- Americas
  - La Antigua, Guatemala
  - St Georges, Grenada
- Europe
  - Maastricht, the Netherlands
  - Koge, Helsingor (2) & Hilleroed, Denmark



# LIRNE.NET

## Learning Initiative for Reforms in Network Economies

- Technical U of Denmark
- Delft U of Technology
- Witwatersrand U
- London School of Economics & Political Science
- *LIRNEasia*
- *LIRNEamericas*



# LIRNEasia's mission

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- To improve the lives of the people of the Asia Pacific by facilitating their use of information and communication technologies; by catalyzing the reform of the laws, policies and regulations to enable those uses; by building Asia-Pacific-based human capacity through research, training, consulting and advocacy



# Strategies to achieve connectivity & convergence

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- ❑ Strategies, not “cooking instructions”
  - Executive level: meant for decision makers
- ❑ Achieving sector performance
  - Connectivity
  - Value for money
  - Choice
- ❑ Achieving regulatory performance
  - Regulation not as an end in itself



# Strategies to achieve connectivity & convergence

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- Regulation is too important to be left only to regulators
  - Operators
  - Civil society
  - Other parts of government
- LIRNE.NET has always included operators & other parts of government
- This time also, with IDRC's help
  - Significant participation by universities, research organizations and NGOs



# Content and approach

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- ❑ Cutting-edge issues
- ❑ Usable knowledge from reflective practitioners
- ❑ Assignment that knits together key themes including legitimacy and indicators





- On Friday & Saturday, as an integral part of the course,
  - ***World Dialogue on Regulation Expert Forum on Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Sector and Regulatory Performance Indicators***
- Builds on course material as well as the assignment





# Focus of WDR Expert Forum

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- ❑ Improving the quality of data “produced” at ground level by operators and then channelled through the national regulatory agencies
- ❑ Also lay foundation for improvement of data supplied by National Statistical Organizations (NSOs) and improve coordination with NRAs



# Objective of WDR Expert Forum

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- ❑ To advance the work on developing region-appropriate and comparable data and also to improve the timeliness of reporting



# Logistics

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- ❑ Program and logistics note has most answers
  - We will run on time
- ❑ Prashanthi Weragoda in charge of course arrangements
  - Except for Thursday Awards Banquet and Friday WDR dinner, dinner on your own
- ❑ Content issues: Samarajiva and Melody

