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Increasing the use of broadband as well as wireless networks require governments to allocate and regulate frequency spectrum to cope with the increased demand. Operators too need to upgrade their networks and more must be done generally to adopt national or regional policies that further stimulate competition and private investment, especially in rural and remote areas. The use of private-public partnerships was underlined as well as using creative solutions to achieving the goal of universal access to telecommunication infrastructure.

A key hurdle in many developing countries remains the establishment of electronic payment systems and dist

The third session focused on the private sector and successful E-commerce ventures in developing countries. One such venture was in Bangladesh and was called "My country my village". This project tries to bring E-commerce to the rural sector by creating e-centres in villages. Managed by local youth, the project allows rural citizens throughout Bangladesh to sell local products such as fresh produce or textiles on the Internet. This model helps to reduce rural to urban migration and can be easily replicated all over the world. It was noted that this

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