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Bridging the standardization gap in Korea

- Case Study : Strategy and Systems -

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Understanding S-Gap in ITU

- The topic "Bridging the standardization gap between developed and developing countries" was introduced to ITU's work through Resolution 123 at the Marrakesh Plenipotentiary Conference, 2002.
- "Standardization Gap" might be defined as Shortages in human resources leading to disparities in the ability of developing countries, to access, implement, contribute to and influence international ICT standards (Source: ITU/UNCTAD World Information Society Report 2007: Beyond WSIS)
- Resolution 123 was revised at the Antalya PP-06, and now incorporates, by reference, WTSA-04 Resolutions 44, 17 ("Standardization in relation to the interests of developing countries") and 54 ("Creation of regional groups") as well as WTDC-06 Resolution 47 ("Enhancement of knowledge and effective application of ITU Recommendations in developing countries").

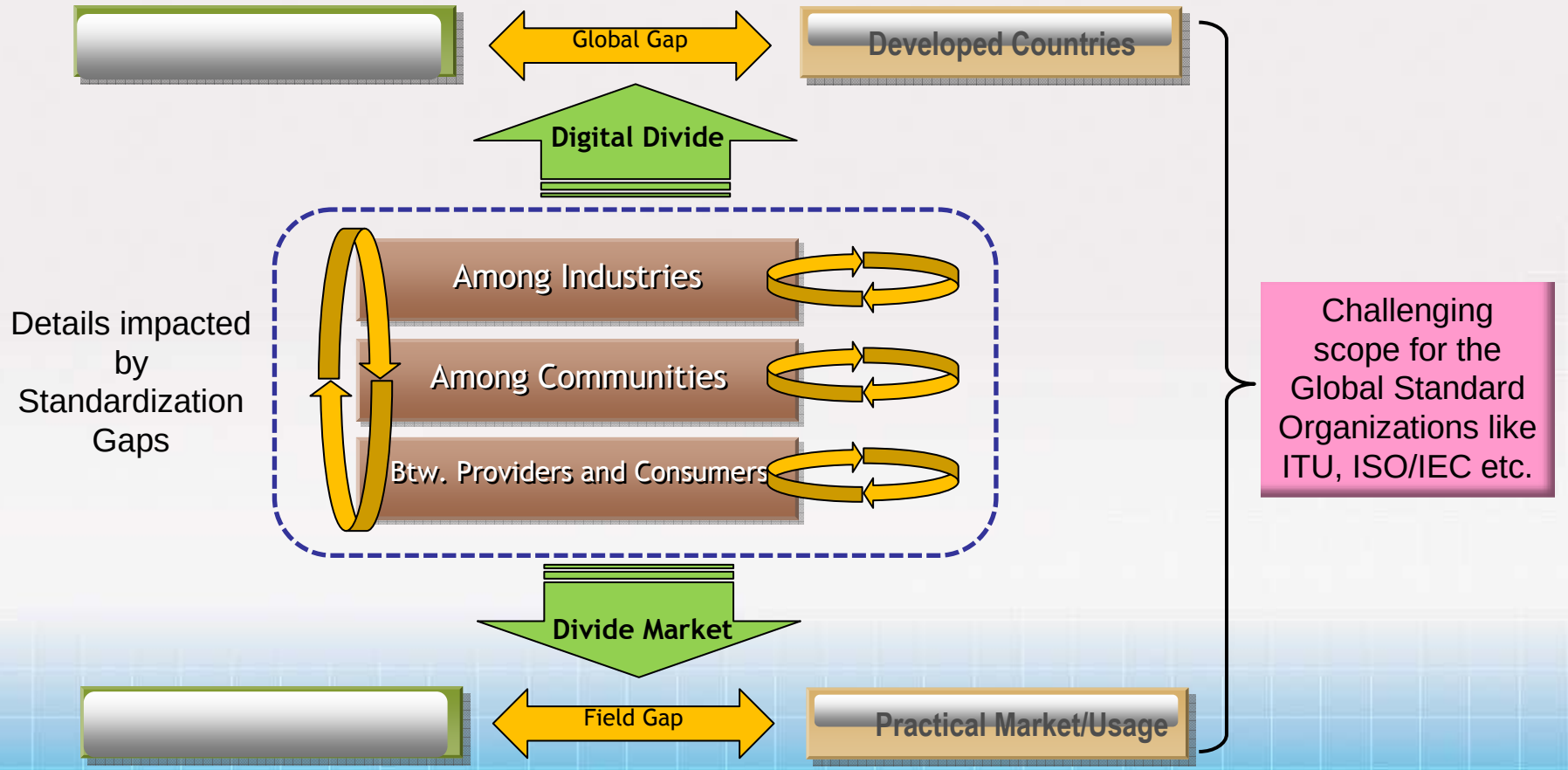
Impacts

The significance of the standardization gap is that it contributes to the persistence of the wider digital divide in ICTs. That is because one of the underlying causes of the digital divide is unequal access to technology and the ability to use that technology.

1. Identifying the Standardization Gap (2/3)

Wide scope of Standardization Gaps

- Gaps which need support from standards are in most of areas
- The Value of Global Standards are continuously decreased, while de-facto standards are continuously developed in various areas



1. Identifying the Standardization Gap (3/3)

Basic Problems of Standardization Gaps

- Standardization gaps could not limited only for ‘Gaps between developed and developing countries’
- ‘Gap’ means between A and B, so it is important to identify A and B clearly and precisely
- Standardization Gap should apply between ‘Requirements’ and ‘Available Standards’
- Requirements should be different according to the each national status, and ‘Standards’ are normally available through ITU and other SDOs
- Many of developing countries, industries and other communities do not have enough capabilities to involve/participate in ‘Standard Development Process’ and this will result ‘Standardization Gaps’
- Following the technology development, ‘Requirements’ are sectionalized according to the interests and yield various de-facto standards which will lead divergence of ‘Standardization Gaps’
- The value of global standards are continuously decreased resulting from the competition and convergences, therefore gaps between ‘Global Standards’ and ‘Real Products’ are being increased and diverged

2. Koreans Efforts to shorten the Gap (1/5)

Government initiate and Market driven

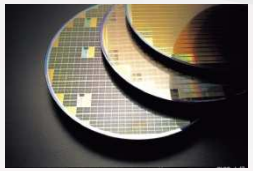
- After the ‘Korean War’, government initiated national development strategy with clear long term plan (every 5 years until 1986)
- Government leaded and promoted national activity with clear vision and detailed plans
- All relevant communities set up ‘Requirements’ and ‘Identity requested technology’
- After the certain stage, government encourage driving forces which generated by the market
- Now Korea has the balanced situation among Users, Providers and Governors

Based on these achievements, Korea now actively involve into the global standard activities

2. Koreans Efforts to shorten the Gap (2/5)

Government Initiation and its Achievements

1960 – 1986	1987 – 2003	2004 – 2007	2008 – Future
Getting Start	**Infrastructure**	**Supply-Demand Positive Feedback**	**Convergence**
Equipments-oriented	Network Infra-oriented	Service-Infra-Equipments	Convergence of Technology and Industry
▪ 5-year Science and Technology Plan ▪ Plan for Semiconductor Industry Promotion ▪ Basic Plan for National Administration information Service	▪ Basic Plan for IT Promotion ▪ Cyber Korea 21(1999) ▪ e-Korea Vision 2006(2002) ▪ Broadband IT Korea ▪ Vision 2007(2003)	▪ IT 839 Strategy ▪ u-Korea Plan : National strategy for Ubiquitous Society	?



Semiconductor

- 3rd Rank in World Market Share(11.0%)
- Export 39.3B US$('07)

Cellular

- 2nd Rank in World Market Share(24.8%)
- Export 18.6B US$('07)

Display

- 1st Rank in World Market Share(38.4%)
- Export 21.8B US$('07)

Broadband Internet

- Subscriber : 14.7M households
- Penetration rate : more than 90%

Mobile Comm

- Subscriber : 43.49M
- Penetration rate : 93.2%

2. Koreans Efforts to shorten the Gap (3/5)

- Korean government shows another flag named **'New IT'** with following themes:
  - Convergence IT
  - Problem Solver IT
  - Advancing IT
- **'New IT'** should have an important role as a growth engine for the future Korea
  - Industrial Technology Roadmap has been developed by the involvements from Industry, Academia and Research Institutions
  - 14 R&D Areas of ICT are identified to strengthen the competitiveness of the Korean industry
  - 36 Key technologies are selected for standardization roadmap which is being prepared

2. Koreans Efforts to shorten the Gap (4/5)

Continue through the Government Policy

Cyber Korea 21 (1999)

e-Korea Vision 2006 (2002)

Broadband IT Korea 2007 (2003)

u-Korea (2006)

New IT Strategy

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- 8 services
- 3 Infrastructure
- 9 New Growth Engine

-WiBro
-DMB
-Home Net.
-Telematics
-RFID App.
-W-CDMA
-DTV
-VoIP
-BcN
-USN
-IPv6
-4G Mobile Com.
-DTV/Broadcasting
-Home Net.
-IT SoC
-Next Gen. PC
-Embedded SW
-Digital Contents
-Telematics
-Ubiquitous Robotic Companion

2004

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- 8 services
- 3 Infrastructure
- 9 New Growth Engine

-HSDPA/W-CDMA
-WiBro
-BCS
-DMB/DTV
-u-Home
-Telematics/LBS
-RFID/USN
-IT Service
-BcN
-USN
-Soft Infraware
-Mobile/Telematics
-Broadband/Home Net.
-Digital TV/Broadcasting
-Next Gen. Computing
-Ubiquitous Robotic Companion
-RFID/USN
-IT SoC
-Embedded SW
-DC/SW Solution

2006

New IT

- Convergence IT
- Problem Solver IT
- Advancing IT

-Product-IT Convergence
-Process-IT Convergence
-Service-IT Convergence

-Green IT
-LED
-Health/Bio + IT
-Life + IT

-Semiconductor/Display
-Network/Mobile Communication
-IT SoC & SW

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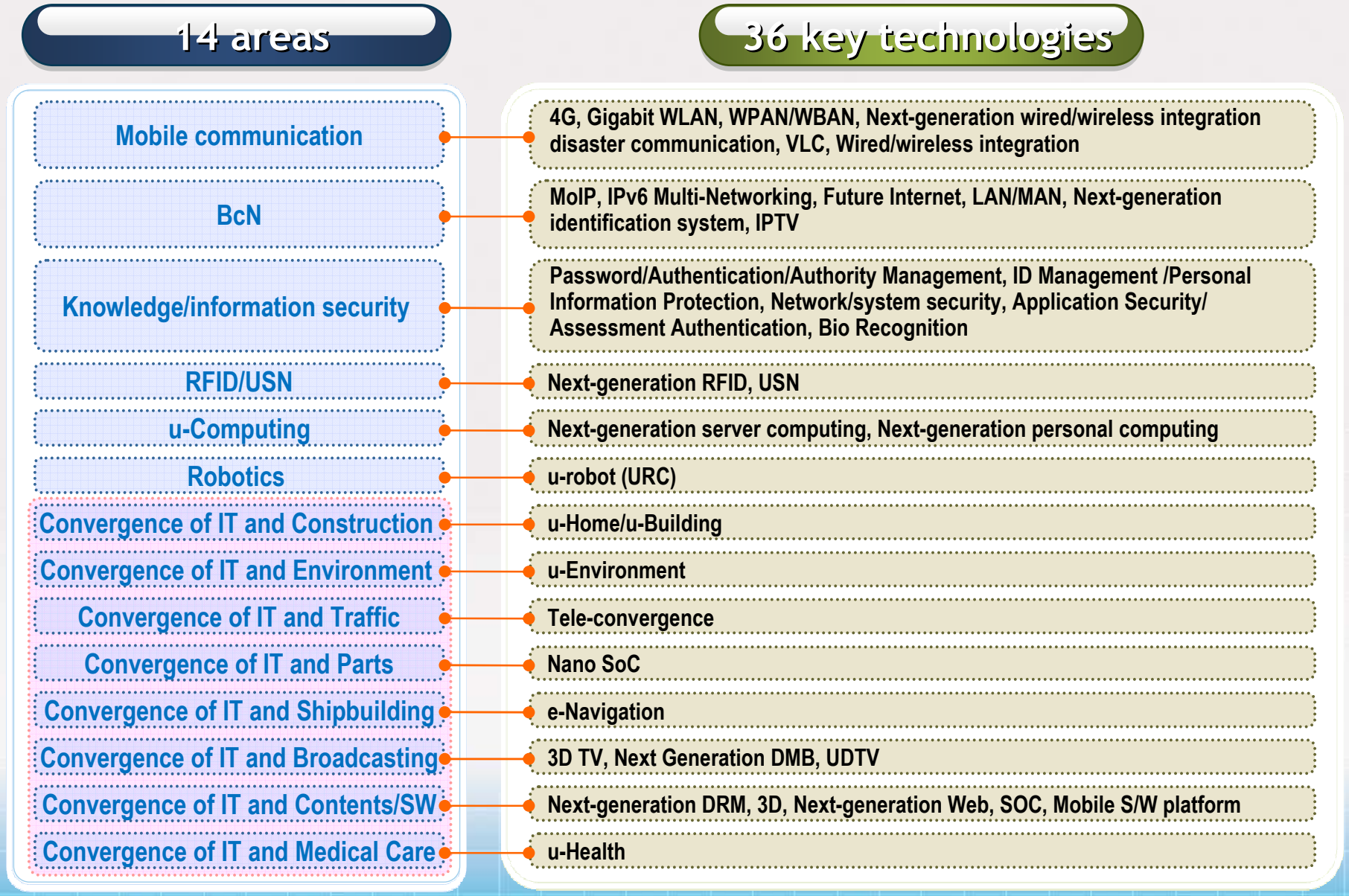
2. Koreans Efforts to shorten the Gap (5/5)



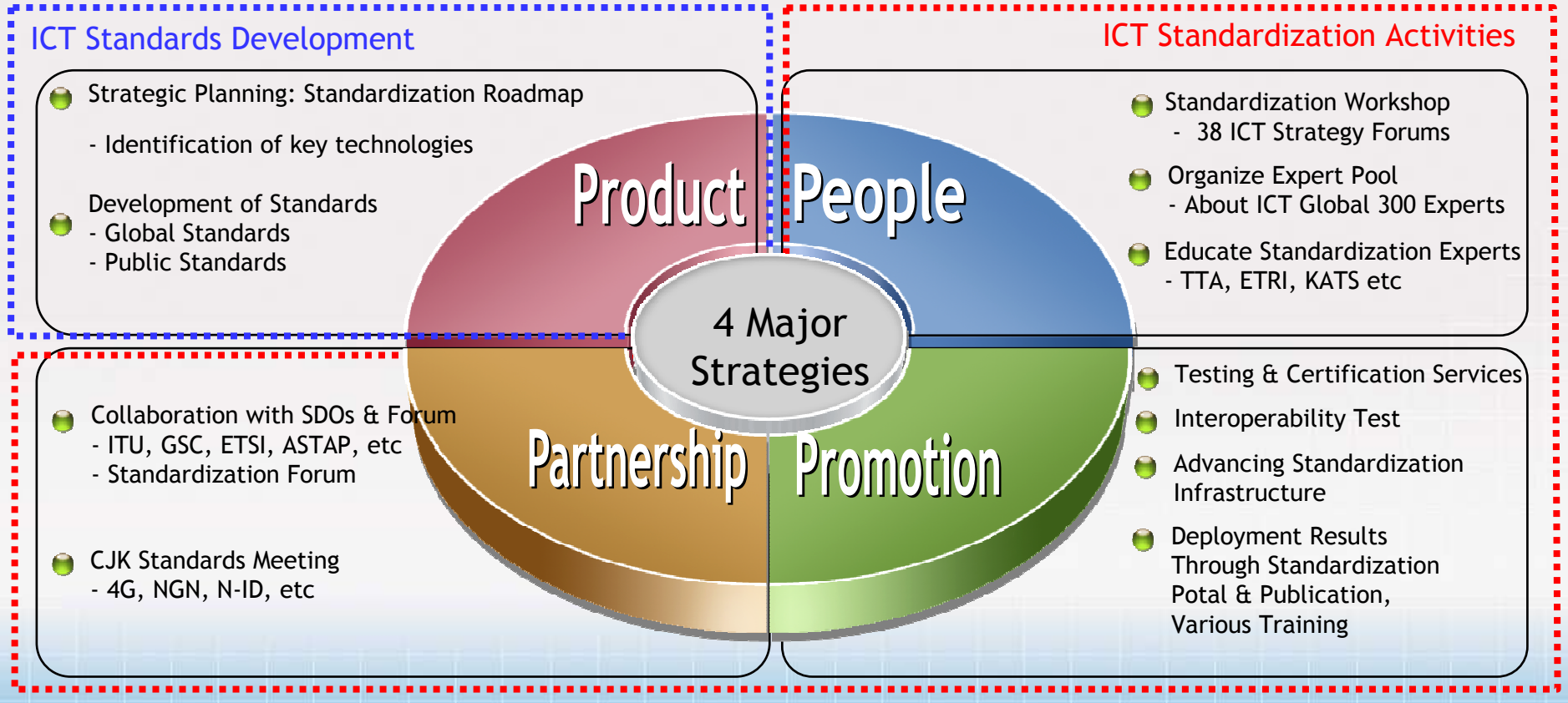
3. ICT Standardization System in Korea (1/5)

- Korea ICT Standardization System
  - Governments shares the areas:
    - ITU : Korea Communications Commission/ Radio Research Agency
      - Korea Communications Standards Commission : Mandatory Technical Requirement and establishment of National ICT standards
      - Korea ITU Committee
    - ISO/IEC : Ministry of Knowledge Economics/Korean Agency for Technology and Standards

  - TTA (Telecommunications Technology Associations) manages standardization activities by technical experts and contributions
    - Standardization Assembly which composed of 7 Technical Committees is the highest decision making committee to approve technical standards,
    - Under 7 Technical Committees, there are 58 Project Groups and 59 Working Groups/Special Groups

3. ICT Standardization System in Korea (2/5)

Vision : Global Standardization Leadership



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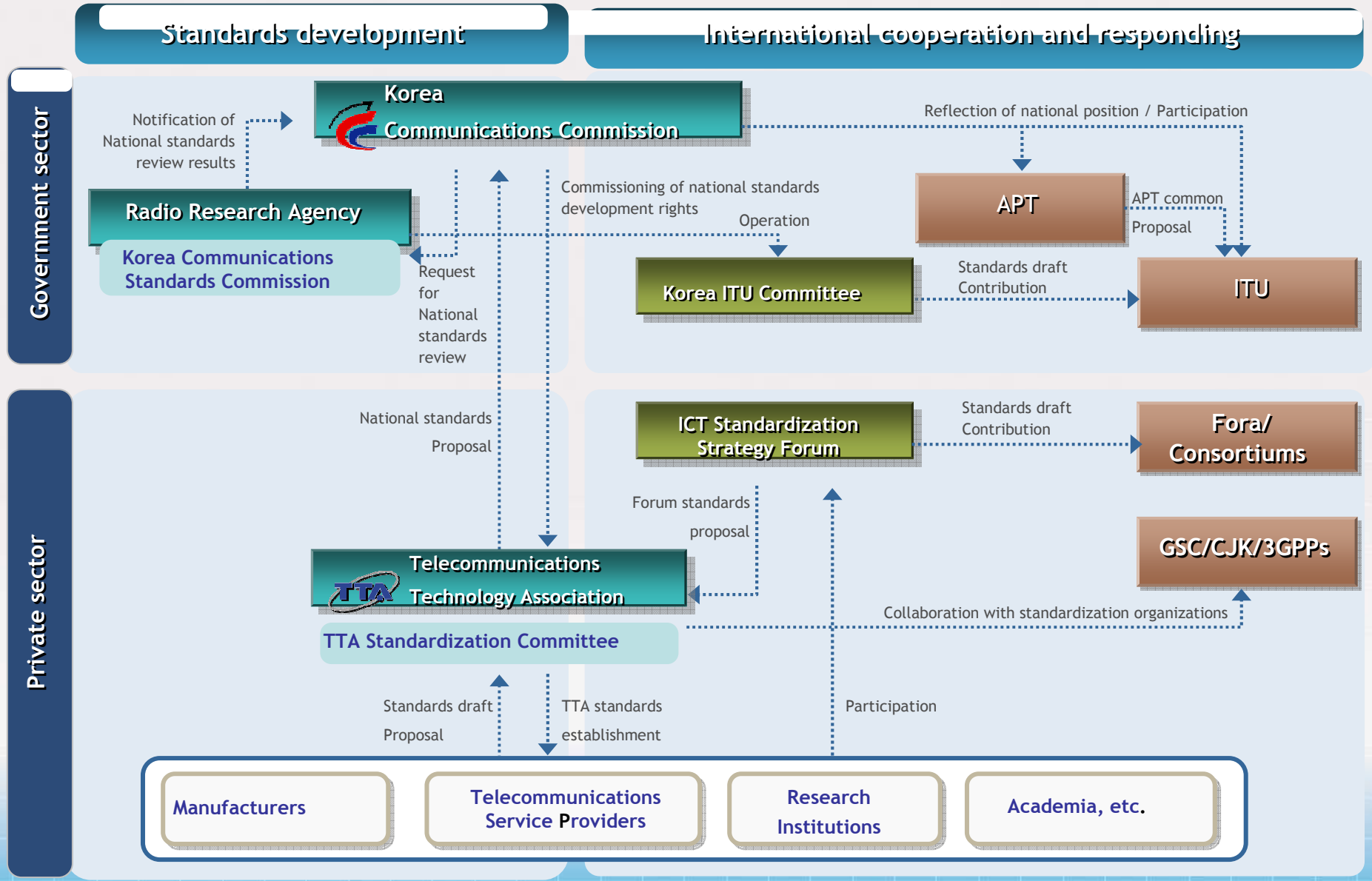

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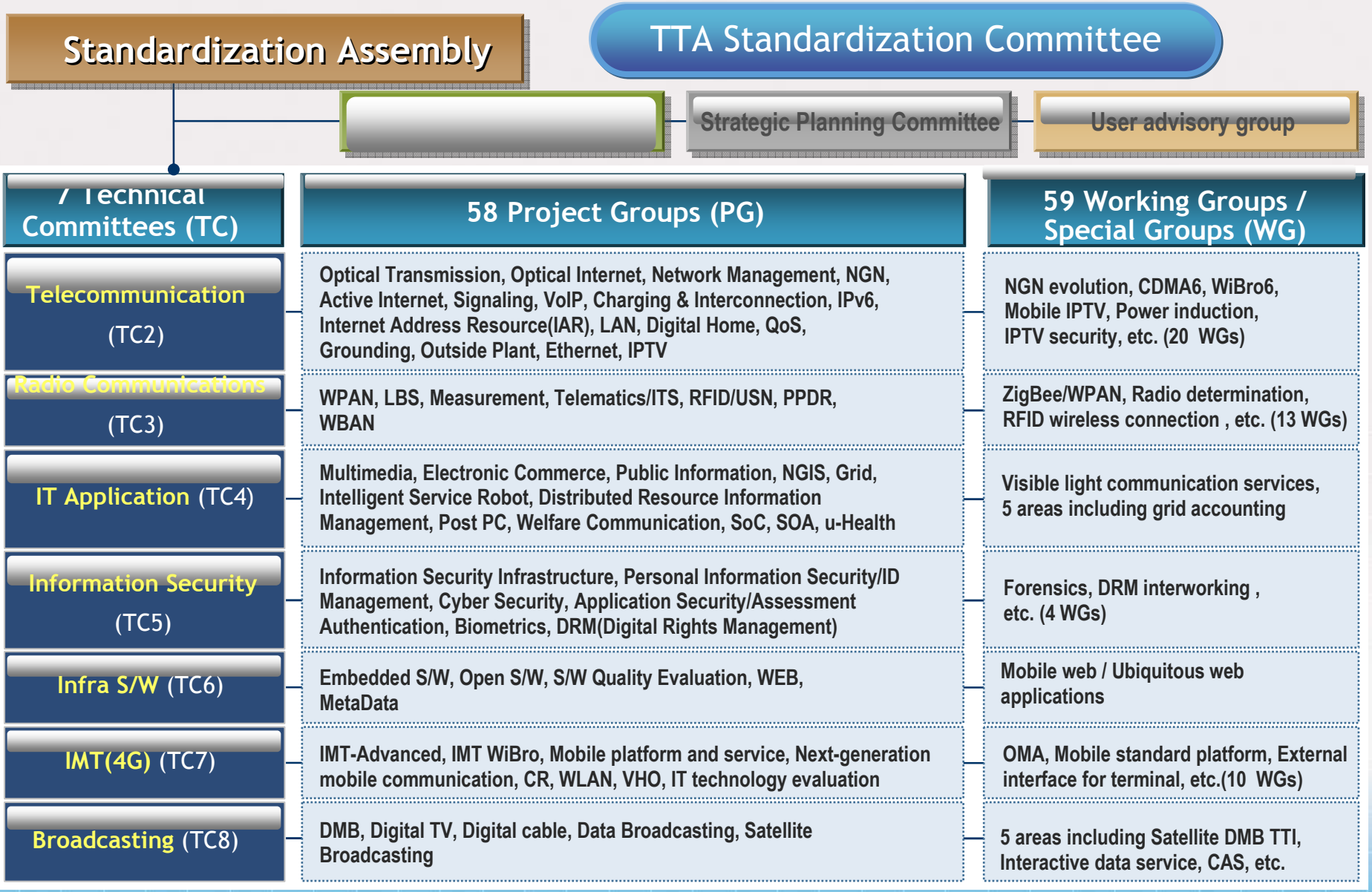


3. ICT Standardization System in Korea (5/5)

4. Bridging the Standardization Gap: Step wise approach (1/2)

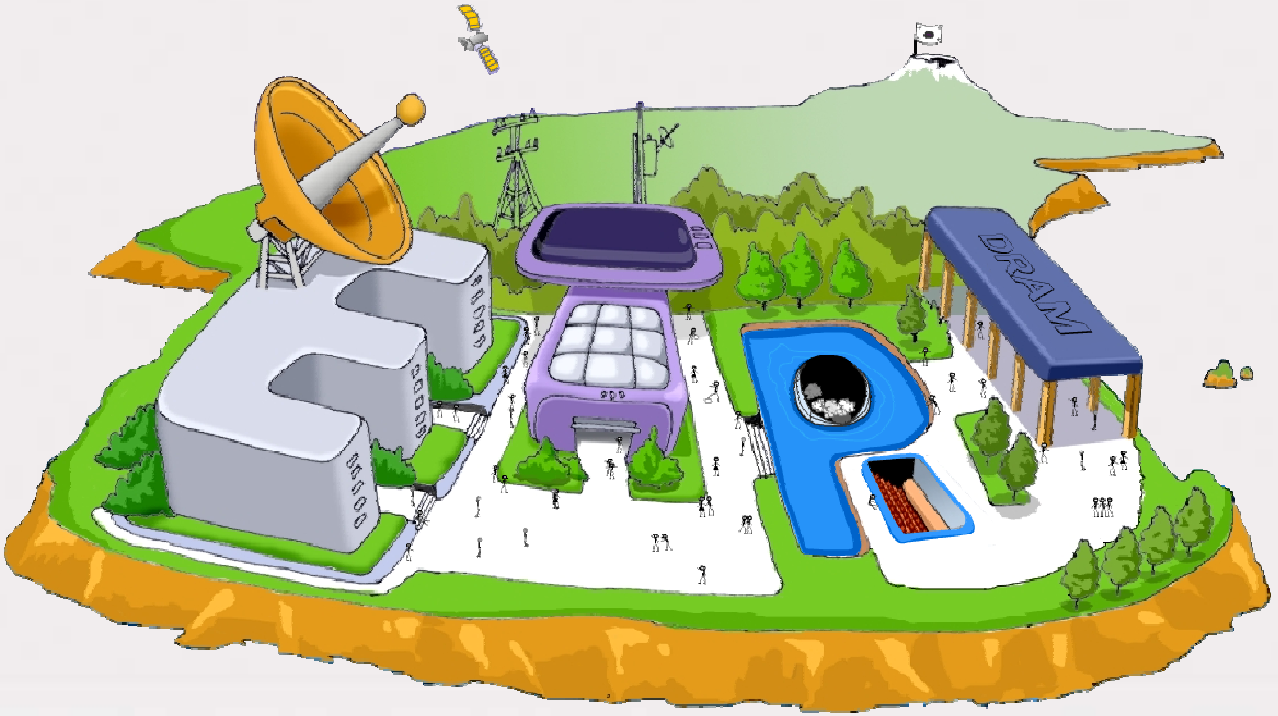
4. Bridging the Standardization Gap: Korea involvement (2/2)

- Korea has joined ITU initiative for bridging the standardization gap activities
  - Korea has contributed to "Bridging Standardization Gap Fund" together with Nokia Siemens, MS, Cisco and others
  - Korea has also proposed to develop the methodology to measure standardization gap to ITU and the study is going on with ITU
    - CA between ITU and Korea in October 2008
    - Development of Measurement Model for Standardization Capability is expected in early 2009
    - ITU Workshop for Measurement of Standardization Gap will be held in the middle of 2009

- Korea has also participated in the regional activities for bridging the standardization gap in Asia-Pacific region
  - Advisory Program for Standardization in Developing Countries
  - In 2008, TTA of Korea and National Telecommunications Commission of Thailand work together to bridge the standardization gap

5. Conclusions

- Standardization Gap covers not only for ‘Developing/Developed’ but also between industries/communities taking into account ‘The value of Global Standards’
- Identify the ‘Requirements’ and ‘Requested Technology’ which need support of standards is the most important factor to solve the standardization gaps
- Education for standardization experts and technical workshops in developing countries supported by developed community are effective in strengthening the standardization capabilities
- ITU should have more efforts to provide an unique working platform for developing ‘Global Standards’
- ITU and Regional SDOs in developed regions should have more efforts to strengthen other Regional SDOs in developing regions
- ITU should continue to develop collaborations with other SDOs including fora and consortia



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