



# Global Standards Collaboration Roundtable:

# **Building Bridges**

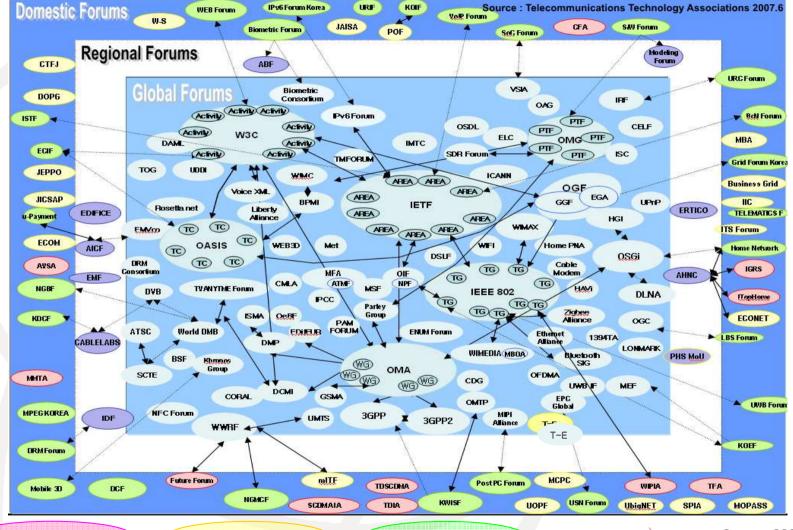
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### **Standards Complexity in ICT Standardization – ITU and:**



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Yellow circles : Fora in Japan

Green circles : Fora in Korea

Red circles : Fora in China

Source: GSC-12, 2007 International Telecommunication Union







Bridging the Standardization Gap:
 Plenipotentiary Resolution 123
 WTSA-08 Resolution 44

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# **ITU facilitates access to info and meetings**

- Free access to ITU-T Recommendations
  Before: a few thousands sold
  Now: millions downloaded
- Regional groups established in Africa, the Americas, Arab states and Asia-Pacific
- ITU-T's WTSA-08 and GSS in Africa
- ITU study group meetings and workshops increasingly held in developing countries
- Remote participation tools
  - ITU-T: close to 100 remote meetings in 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2008





#### Regional Development Forums in 2008





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- Partial fellowships for all ITU-T study groups in new study period
- Voluntary fund >USD 200,000 for bridging the standardization gap
  - So far: Korea Communications Commission, Nokia Siemens Networks, Microsoft and Cisco
  - To support organization of ITU-T study group meetings / workshops in developing countries





- Safaricom Kenya's M-PESA: send money by phone. Anywhere. Anytime.
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- Expect a wave of innovation from developing countries ...

... requiring standards ...

... and ever greater co-ordination among standards bodies

