

Connecting people for more than 100 years



From its early origins in 1901 as a cable-laying company, through its yeoman's role as an accounting rates settlement's organisation in the 1950s to 1960s, to its more recent concentration from the 1970s to 1990s as a training institution, the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) has been working hard to connect people.

Today, through informative research and studies, consultancy and advisory services, capacity building and training, as well as knowledge-sharing events, the CTO is working even smarter to connect billions of people in especially emerging economies.

With your help, the CTO can do even more to fulfill its mandate, from the Pacific to the Caribbean and from Asia, Mediterranean, to North America, Africa and Europe. From rural connectivity, to the use of ICTs for disaster management (ICT4DM), and better use of communications to manage people and institutions (ICT4HR), and from assisting nations with their digital broadcasting switchover to their e-governance initiatives, the CTO is at the cutting edge of the process of using ICTs to transform societies.

Currently, the CTO is mobilising support to launch in 2011 a \$300 million Commonwealth Telecom Development Fund, to help provide financing for many deserving ICT initiatives in emerging markets that are currently underfunded.

Work with us to help bridge the digital divide.



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