## NEPAL:

## Broadband Internet infrastructure and international connectivity: status and future plan

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# **Presentation Summary**

Nepal's ICT scenario
Regional connectivity
Issues and conclusion

### Vital Stats:

 Around 15 000. sq. km. in size
 (15%snow-cover, 68% mountain, and 17% plain )

Popln 27.47 million

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## Nepal's ICT scenario

.. Ever increasing telecom penetration..

- 92.68 %, Predominantly mobile, only 3.19 fixed
- Internet penetration: 33.15%, predominantly wireless-

(GPRS,EDGE,WCDMA CDMA 1X, EVDO, <u>4G WiMAX IEEE 802.16e</u> 18 hotspots)

- Adoption of wireless broadband on the rise
- Mobile predominantly a device of choice>> fostering innovation, creating value..

## Nepal's ICT scenario...

Increasing level of eReadiness

- > Telecom penetration >> mobile 3G
- > Enhanced pace of ICT uptake across agencies
  - eGovernment initiative underway
  - Cloud computing/ shared infrastructure
  - Increasing volume of local content

## Current Status (Policy, legal and regulatory framework)

• IT Policy

• Electronic Transaction Act

Nepal Telecom Act and Regulations

### Some key milestones....

- Wireless broadband masterplan rolled out
  - economic and social importance of broadband and its role in improving productivity and providing information and services;
  - structure of the telecommunications market and the current regulatory framework;
  - broadband access targets and future spectrum requirements;
  - examining the case for regulatory change including amendments to the Radio Act 1957 as well as the current applicable licencing regime; and
  - key technologies, including GSM, W-CDMA, WiMAX, satellite and LTE.
  - All districts to be covered by FO backbone by 2015



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### connectivity – room for improvement (25+Gbps)

and availability >> high IP transit costs (45-50 US\$/Mbits), 17.8% 7% monthly income in developed nations) for basic, entry level fixed

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l spectrum management policy and planning, including road maps for transition from analog broadcasting

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