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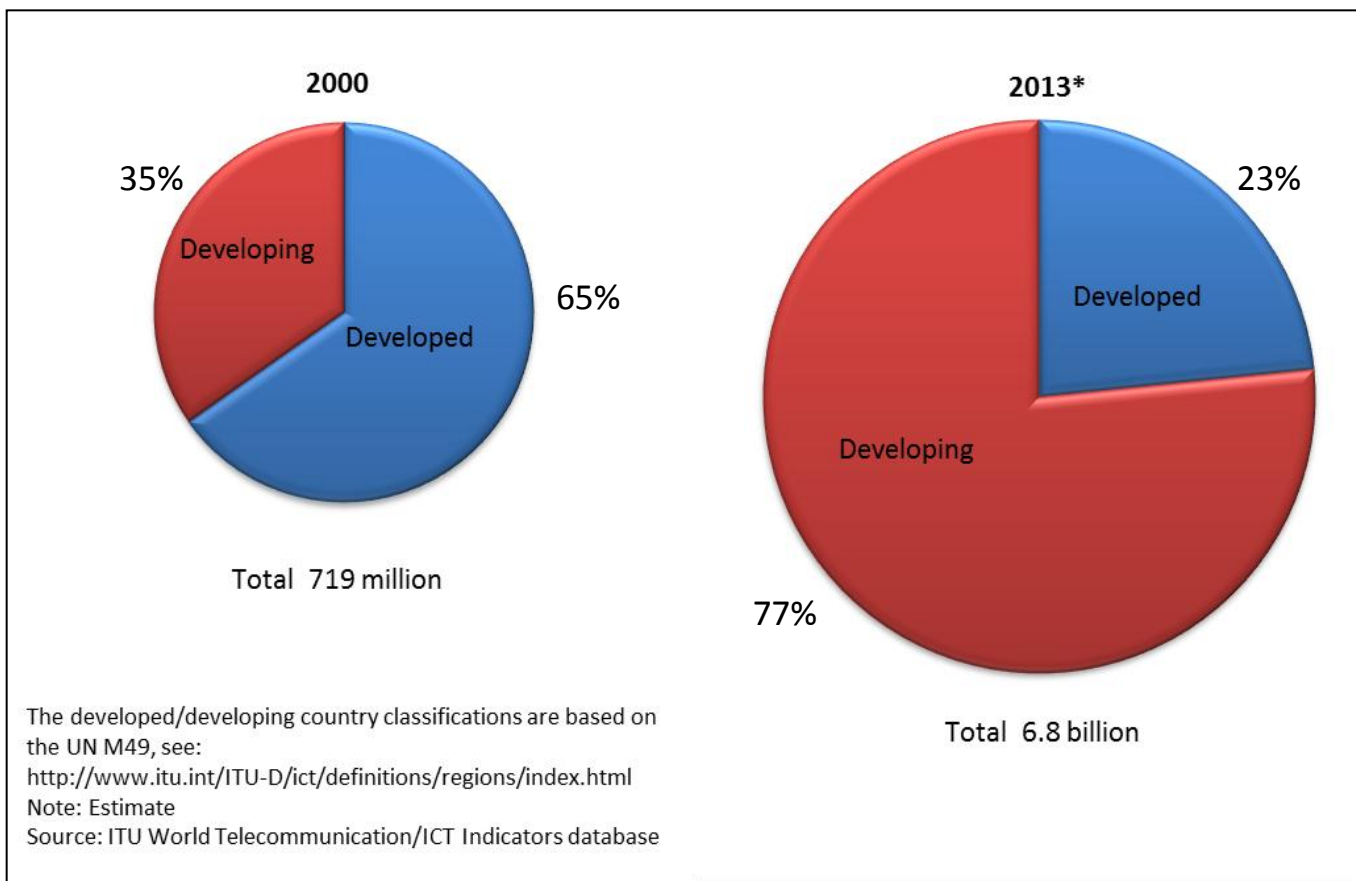Geneva, Switzerland

Key trends in ICT developments

- 35% of world's population uses Internet (2.5 billion users in 2012)

- Mobile phone subscriptions exceed 6 billion.

- Mobile broadband subscriptions exceed 1 billion and growing at 40% per year.
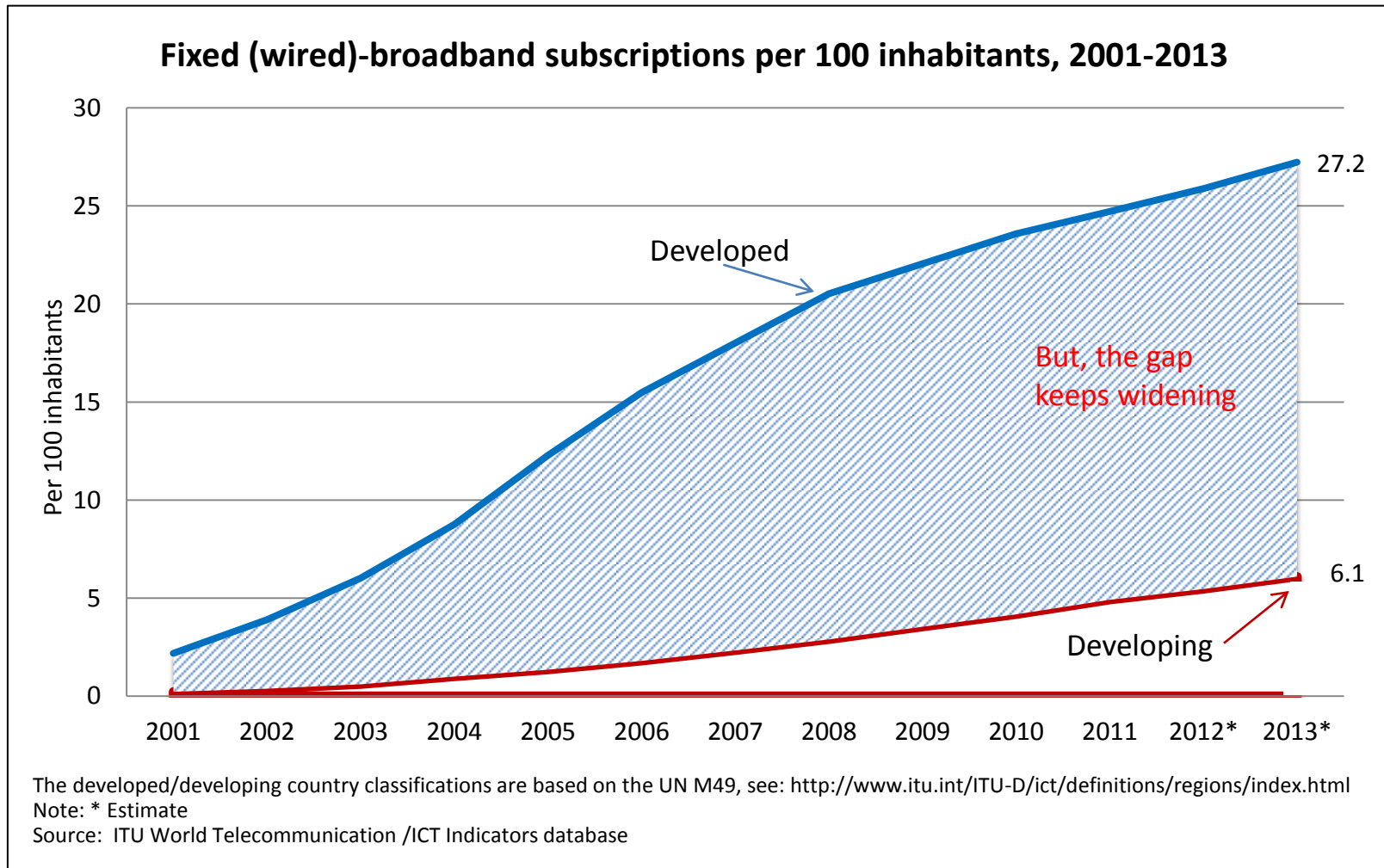
Global ICT developments, 2001-2013

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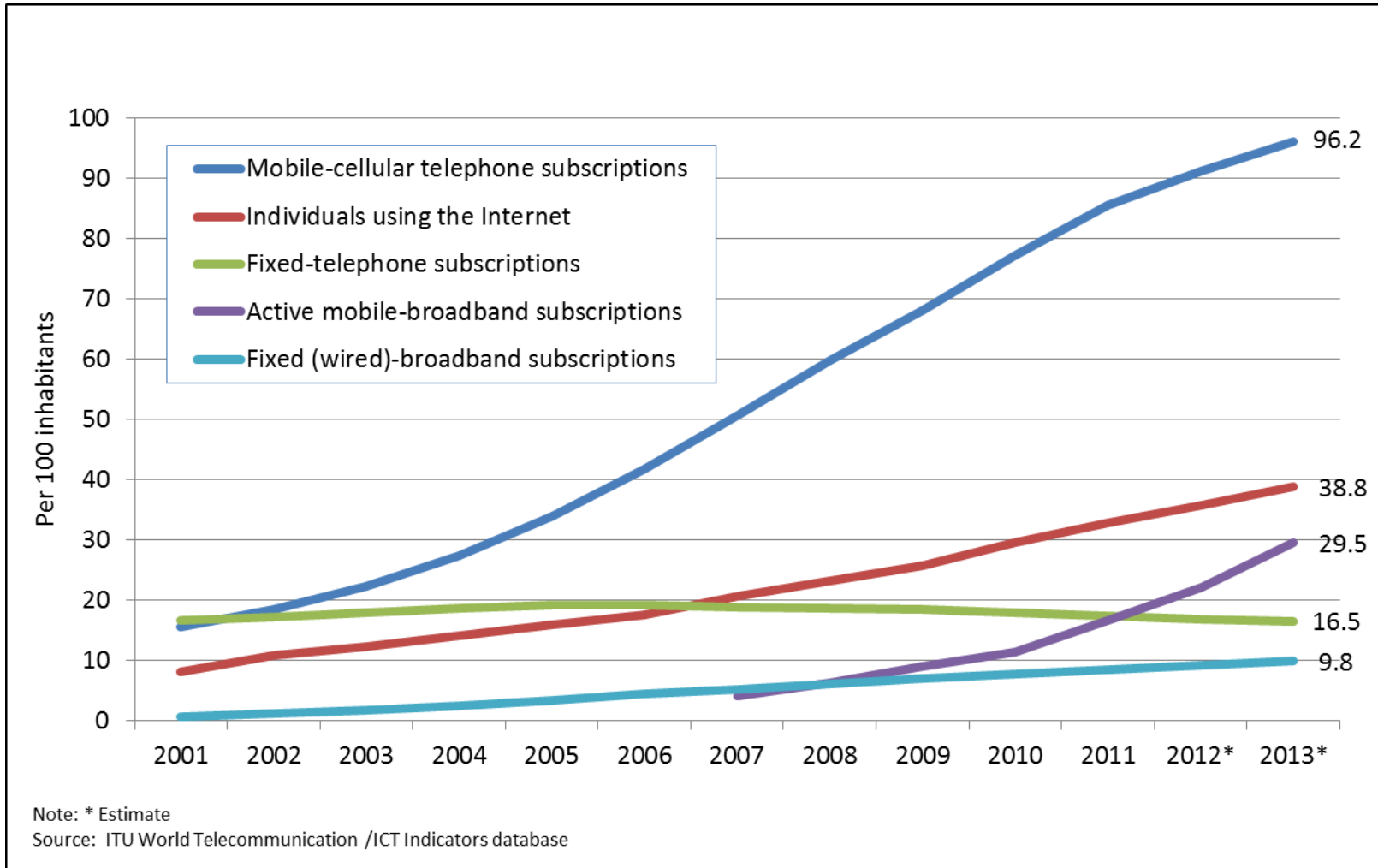
Increase in mobile telephony

Mobile-cellular subscriptions, by level of development, 2000 and 2013
(in million)

The developed/developing country classifications are based on
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Increase in broadband subscriptions

Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants, 2001-2013

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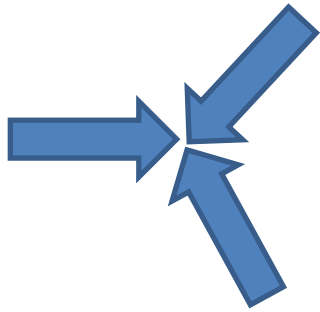
Convergence and mobility

- A key driver of growth in the ICT sector and innovation in non-ICT sectors.

- Rapid expansion of smart-phones has accelerated the variety of services provided

- Leading to greater diversification of product and services

Cloud computing

Benefits:

- flexibility, costs savings and reliability

Challenges:

- privacy and security concerns, scope for local enterprises, requires high quality infrastructure and enabling legal environment.
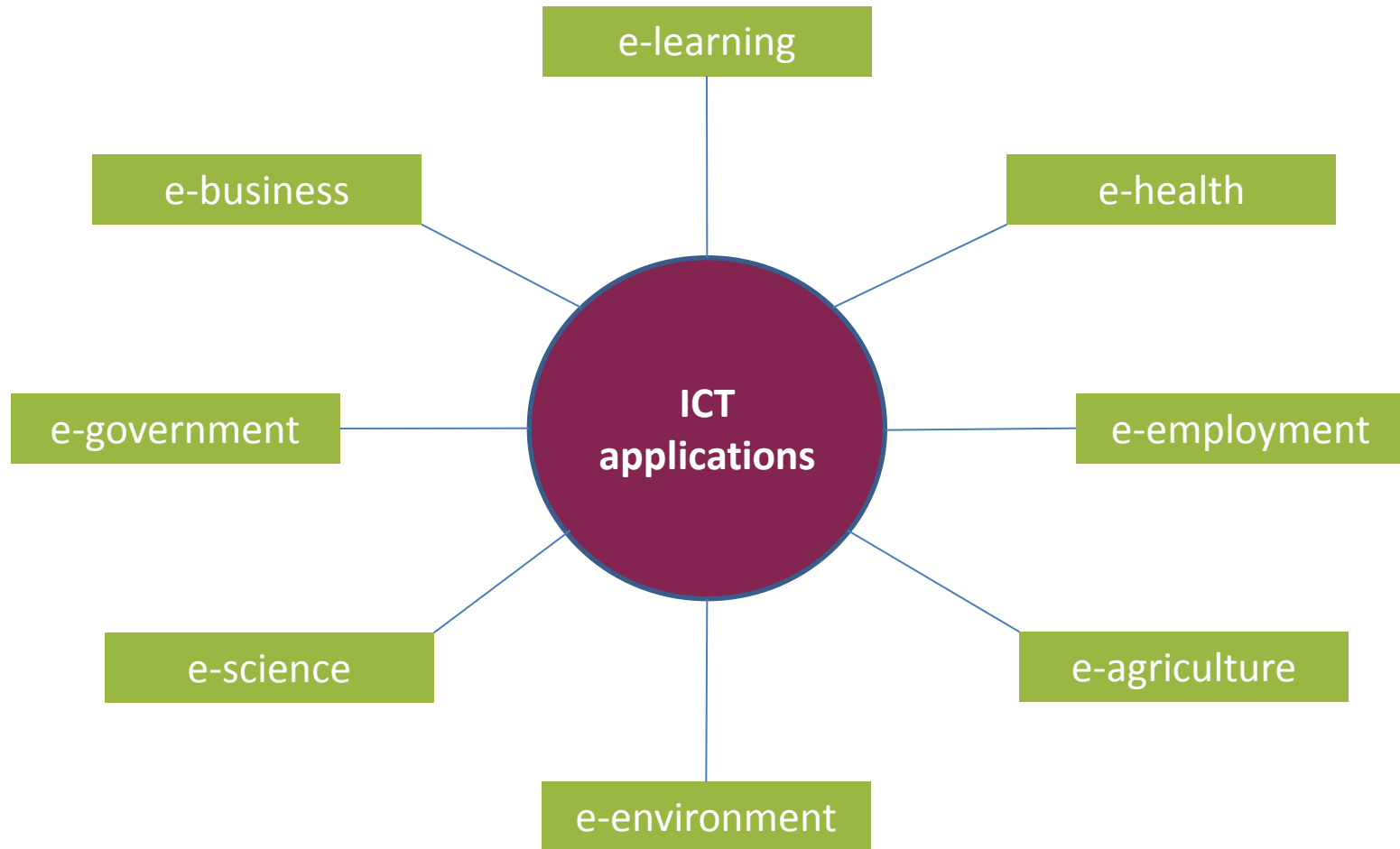
Interactive applications

- +150 million blogs by 2011

- Facebook is visited by 40% of daily internet and Twitter by 6-7%.

- Tools for free expression and citizen journalism.

- Concerns about piracy, bullying, hate speech and intellectual property.

Growing reach of ICT applications

This has led to a greater focus on issues such as

- Information and communication infrastructure.

- Access to information and knowledge.

- Capacity-building.

- Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs.

- Role of public governance authorities and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development.

- The enabling environment.

Enhanced Cooperation

- The General Assembly (A/RES/67/195) invited the Chair of the CSTD to create a working group to examine the mandate of WSIS regarding enhanced cooperation as contained in the Tunis Agenda.

- The WGEC was established in March 2013.

- First meeting of the WGEC was held on 30-31 May 2013.

Internet Governance Forum

- Seventh IGF annual meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan:
  - More than 1600 participants.

- 15 national and 9 regional IGF meeting held in 2012

- The Working on IGF improvement reported to the 15th session of the CSTD. In its resolution 67/195 the GA took note of the WGIGF report.

- Report on implementation of recommendations of the WG on IGF improvement

- Eighth meeting of IGF in Bali, Indonesia, from 22-25 October 2013.

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Measuring ICT for Development

- Partnership On Measuring ICT for Development.

- ITU report on Measuring the Information Society, 2012 .

- Tenth World Telecommunication/ICT indicators meeting organized by ITU
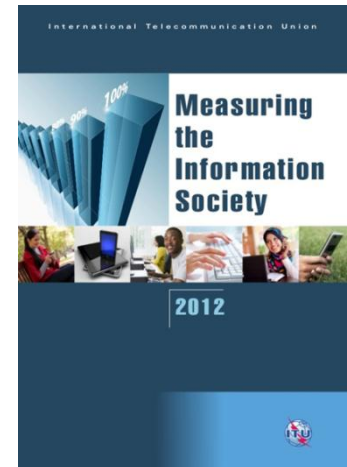
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