INTRODUCTION
As the field of telecommunications continues to expand and develop as a thriving legal practice area posing diverse and unique challenges to practitioners across the globe, the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) and American University Washington College of Law (AUWCL) are establishing a Program on International ICT Policy and ICT Regulation, with the following objectives: (i) enhancing academic offerings, (ii) raising awareness about the ICT sector and how it can be used to implement general global policy objectives such as the MDGs and (iii) training professionals to act in the ICT sector.

The Program will be led by Dr. Renata Brazil David, S.J.D, LL.M., Director of Legal Affairs at ITSO and Adjunct Professor at AUWCL and will focus on salient issues and current developments in the field of international ICT policy and regulation.

The creation of the Program will enable the law school to build upon past accomplishments, produce opportunities for formal research and scholarship, and provide a solid foundation to those aspiring to enter the telecommunications field.

PROGRAM FEATURES
Program on International ICT Policy and ICT Regulation coordinates courses and seminars on various issues in the field of International ICT Policy and ICT Regulation. For example, the Program will offer the following courses:

- A summer course on “Introduction to ICT Policy and Institutions: The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations”.
- A course on “International ICT Policy and Regulation” for J.D. and LL.M students at AUWCL.
- An online course on “International ICT Policy and Regulation” offered to government officials working with ICT regulators, ICT professionals, operating companies and students willing to broaden their career prospects.

NETWORKING AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
One of the key developments resulting from the creation of the Program is the formation of an Advisory Board composed of AUWCL professors and experts in the field of Telecommunications and Information Communications Technology that have diverse backgrounds and eminent personalities.

Members of the Advisory Board include Dean Claudio Grossman, Dean of AUWCL, Mr. José Toscano, ITSO’s Director General and CEO, AUWCL professors and a number of leading personalities in the field of ICT. The advisory board will meet on an annual basis to provide recommendations regarding the planning and implementation of Program activities and members of the advisory board will serve as potential guest speakers and provide ample networking opportunities for Program participants.

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INTRODUCTION TO ICT POLICY AND INSTITUTIONS: THE ROLE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Organized in conjunction with the Program on International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy

This summer course will provide students with an introduction to Information Communications Technology (ICT) Policy and Institutions and an overview of the role of intergovernmental organizations in the ICT world. The course is divided into three parts. Firstly, it sets the scene by providing a general overview of the main ICT players and the key issues to be examined in the course. Secondly, it investigates who the primary players are from an international, regional, and local perspective. Thirdly, it explores current and emerging issues relating to ICT policy and institutions such as licensing, competition, privacy and data protection as well as the goal of universal access and service. This course also deals with a number of issues ranging from satellite regulation to international trade in telecommunications.

The world of ICT as well as the intergovernmental framework in which it sits is constantly expanding and offers a wide range of potential employment opportunities. The information provided in this course will increase job prospects for students by providing them with a body of knowledge that is extremely valuable for anyone willing to enter into the field of ICT law and development as well as for those willing to better understand the work of intergovernmental organizations.

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL ICT POLICY AND REGULATION

This online course will provide students with an Introduction to Information Communications Technology (ICT) Policy and Regulation. It will explore current and emerging issues relating to ICT policy and regulations, including licensing, competition, universal access and internet issues. This online course is designed to prepare participants with the foundational knowledge and skills to perform in the ICT field. With a focus on both theory and practice, the curriculum explores a range of topics, including ICT players, ICT regulations, financing and ICT development.