Afghanistan Profile (Latest data available: 2017)

Various statistics (Latest data available: 2016)	
Fixed-telephone subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0.3
Mobile-cellular subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	62.3
Fixed (wired)-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	0
Mobile-broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants	13.5
Households with a computer (%)	3.4
Households with Internet access at home (%)	4.8
Individuals using the Internet (%)	10.6

Policy Maker (Latest data available: 2014)	
Please provide the name and contact details of the main Policy-Maker in charge of telecommunications/ICTs	Planning and Policy Department of MCIT

Regulatory Authority (Latest data available: 2014)	
Name of the telecom/ICT regulator	Afghanistan Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (ATRA)
Please provide the name of the Head of the Regulatory Authority	Eng. Abdul Wakil Shergul
Please provide the exact title of the Head of the Regulatory Authority.	Chairman of ATRA board
Legal document creating the regulator	Law for Regulating Telecommunication Services
Year separate regulator created	2006
Regulator also regulates other utilities	
Regulator autonomous in decision making	No
Who is responsible for approving the budget of the Regulator? [2005]	Minister
Sources of regulator's budget and % financed from each source	• Regulatory fees, percentage:,
Reporting requirements of the regulator	• Annual report to the Sector Ministry • Other Indicate: Reporting to the Ministers Council related to Telecommunication Affairs (Minister of Communication and IT, Finance, Commerce, Economics and Justice),

Regulatory Functions (Latest data available: 2014)	
Entity in charge of licensing	R
Entity in charge of interconnection rates	R Op
Entity in charge of price regulation	R
Entity in charge of technical standards setting	R
Entity in charge of radio frequency allocation and assignment	R
Spectrum Monitoring and Enforcement	R
Entity in charge of numbering	R
Entity in charge of type approval	R
Entity in charge of service quality monitoring	R
Entity in charge of universal service/access	R

Quality of service standards setting	R	
Entity in charge of enforcement of quality of service obligations	R	
Broadcasting (sound transmission)	R	
Entity in charge of broadcasting content	O M*	M: Ministry of Information and Culture
Entity in charge of Information Technology	S	
Entity in charge of Internet content	S O R M*	M: Ministry of Information and Culture

S: Sector Ministry
O: Other Ministry or Government body
R: Regulatory Authority
Op: Operator
N: Not regulated
M: If more than one entity or another body is involved in this function, please explain

Level of Competition (Latest data available: 2014)

Local Fixed Line Services	C*	
Domestic fixed long distance	N	
International Fixed Long Distance	N	
Mobile	P*	P: 2003
IMT (3G, 4G, etc.)	P*	P: 2012
Wireless Local Loop	N	
DSL	M	
Cable modem	N	
Fixed Wireless Broadband	P*	P: 2012
Leased Lines	M	
International Gateways	N	
Internet Services	C*	
Cable Television	N	
Fixed Satellite Services (FSS)	N	
Mobile Satellite Services (MSS)	N	
VSAT	C*	

M: Monopoly
P: Partial competition (year when competition was introduced)
C: Full competition (year when competition was introduced)
N: N/A

Universal Service - services covered and operator obligations (Latest data available: 2014)

Definition of universal service/access exists	Yes
Universal access/service policy adopted	Yes
Voice services included in Universal service/access definition	• Individual mobile cellular service as part of universal service definition • Public mobile payphone service as part of universal service definition
Internet services included in Universal service/access definition	
Other services included in Universal service/access definition	• Schools (primary, secondary post secondary) :, • Health centres :, • Telecentres as part of universal service definition Explain: Universities, Local public Telephony,

Operators under universal access/service obligation	• Mobile operators • Mobile operators with significant market power/dominance
Operators/service providers required to offer below-cost prices	No

Financing of Universal Service activities and/or Universal Service Funds (Latest data available: 2014)

Means of financing operator(s) universal access/service obligations	• Universal service funds
Operational Universal Service Fund	Yes
If Yes, when?	
Operators/ service providers required to contribute to USF	• Mobile operators • Mobile operators with significant market power/dominance
Means of calculating USF contribution amounts	• Percentage of net revenues Percentage: 2.5 %,
USF financed by other sources	No
USF budget financing by source (in percentage)	
Regulator administrating USF	Yes
If No, name the entity responsible	
Other financing mechanisms for the provision of Universal service	No
If Yes, please explain [2005]	The TRB shall establish, administer and maintain the TDF in a separate account. All payments made shall be credited to and all funding for universal access shall be made from this account.