

## REGIONAL BROADBAND OBSERVATORY (ORBA)



ORBA was established at the request of the Regional Broadband Dialogue, it currently includes 11 countries from the region: Argentina, Brazil, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Its objective is to serve as a source of relevant and timely information that will help the countries of the region to elaborate and pursue public policies for the universalization of broadband.

### SIXTH SUMMIT MANDATE:

*To foster increased connection of telecommunication networks in general, including fiber optic and broadband, among the region's countries, as well as international connections, to improve connectivity, increase the dynamism of communications between the nations of the Americas, as well as reduce international data transmission costs, and, thus, promote access, connectivity, and convergent services to all social sectors in the Americas. (Integration of Infrastructure in the Americas)*

### ACTIVITIES:

#### **Elaboration of service indicators**

- Availability by modality: fixed or mobile
- Affordability
- Quality: upload and download speeds, and latency

#### **Compilation, systematization and dissemination of information on policies aimed at massification of the service**

- Country-specific fact sheets summarizing key policies
- Repository of policies and initiatives geared towards massification

#### **Elaboration and dissemination of studies and reports on specific topics**

- Development and dissemination of studies in service-cost drivers
- Elaboration and dissemination of periodic reports on broadband in the region

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

#### **The State of Broadband in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2012**

[Report of the Regional Broadband Observatory \(ORBA\)](#) (only available in Spanish)