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To:
- Administrations of Member States of the Union;
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates;
- Regional Organizations

Subject: **ITU-D Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region: “Access to spectrum, including broadcasting services – trends and technologies”, Tunis, Tunisia, 1 - 3 June 2009**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Ministère des Technologies de la Communication en Tunisie, the ITU-D Regional Development Forum on “Access to spectrum, including broadcasting services – trends and technologies” will be held on 1 – 3 June 2009 in Tunis (Tunisia) jointly organized by ITU and the Agence Nationale des Fréquences (ANF), Tunisia. The event is held in conjunction with the ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Africa and Arab States (4 and 5 June 2009).

The main aim of this Regional Development Forum is to provide an opportunity for regulatory, technology and legal experts of spectrum management organizations and broadcasters to learn about the current state of the art in the field and share their knowledge, experiences and views on present situation and the future of the spectrum management and broadcasting.

The Regional Development Forum is opened to all ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates, as well as to any individual from an ITU Member State wishing to contribute to the work (no registration fee). Individuals belonging to international, regional or national organizations may also participate. The Academia and all associated and related Institutions are all welcome.

The discussions will be held in English, Arabic and French with simultaneous interpretation. Please note that the Regional Development Forum is a paperless event. All documents and their updated versions will be posted at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/indexDevelopmentForum.html>. Documents which are not provided online will be available in paper form during the meeting.

Additional information with respect to programme, entry visa, registration, fellowships, hotel reservation as well as other practical and general information can be found as follows:

- Draft programme for the meeting in **Annex 1**;
- Practical and general information and entry visa requirements for Tunisia in **Annex 2**;
- Hotel and transfer reservation form in **Annex 3**;
- Fellowships: please note that ITU will provide a limited number of **full fellowships** (one fellowship per eligible country from least developed country or low income country). Due to the very limited number of fellowships, priority will be given to the delegate who will present accepted paper submitted on one of the items of the agenda and subject to availability of budget. You are kindly requested to nominate your candidate by filling the form in **Annex 4** and return it to BDT Fellowship Services **no later than 10 May 2009**;
- Registration form in Annex 5: Please fill in the form and return it, as soon as possible, and no later than 22 May 2009.

For any further information, or should you require any clarification, please contact one of the following:

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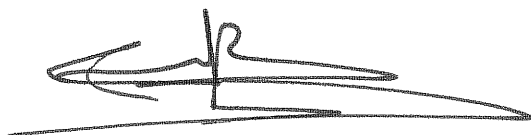
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