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Circular to All Arab Telecom Administrations, Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members and Associates & concerned Regional / International Organizations

Subject: Regional Workshop on "New Trends for Building and Financing Broadband: Policies & Economics", Manama- Bahrain, 24-25 September 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the Operational Plan of the **Arab Regional Office** for 2013, we are pleased to invite you and all decision-makers, responsible of setting the Operational Plans and the experts in the field of Broadband to participate in the upcoming ITU event on "**New Trends for Building and Financing Broadband: Policies & Economics**", which will be hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Manama, 24 & 25 September 2013.

This workshop will discuss all the issues related to the broadband networks development and services. Also the workshop will try to give insights on the impact of the broadband on the social and economic development, and consequently the need to set a strategy for the development of broadband. Moreover, the workshop will be an opportunity to exchange experience on how the broadband services can contribute in the sustainable development.

Furthermore, the workshop will deal with the role that the Telecommunications Regulatory Authorities should play for enhancement of the development of broadband networks and services.

Registration will be carried out exclusively online through the registration link:
www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000164

Noting that the deadline for registration is **15/09/2013**.

In order to encourage the participation of some administrations from LDCs in this event; there is a very limited number of Partial Fellowship covering the accommodation. Administrations wishing to benefit from this fellowship should fill in the Fellowship Request Form which is available on the webpage of the workshop mentioned below, at least before **1/9/2013**.

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All other related documents such as the draft Agenda, Information Note, Fellowship Request Form, Hotel reservation Form will be available on the event web page:
www.itu.int/ITU-D/arb/ARO/2013/BFB/index.html

We look forward to your participation in Bahrain.

Yours faithfully,

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