



Damascus - Syria, 27-29 July 2009

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To: Private Sector / Potential Partners to Arab CoE

Subject: ITU/BDT Arab Regional Workshop on "ICT Applications for Rural Communications", Damascus - Syria, 27 – 29 July 2009

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the **ITU Arab Regional Office and the Syrian Telecom Establishment**, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Arab Regional Workshop on "**ICT Applications for Rural Communications**", to be held in Damascus - Syria, during the period 27-29 July 2009.

Reference is made to the 2009 CoE Action Plan, which was approved during the 2nd Advisory Committee Meeting, Cairo (Smart Village) 1-2/3/2009 and the recommendations of participants in the previous ITU/BDT Arab Regional workshops in order to build up a relevant capacity process for the professionals in the region.

Workshop Description: The workshop covers all the issues related to ICT Applications for rural communications, solutions and technical applications for the use of ICT in the remote areas. The regulatory aspects for the use of these applications will be also discussed. The workshop also includes case studies to provide the participants the opportunity to articulate the various elements of knowledge acquired.

Target Audience: This course is intended for professionals and engineers in charge of improving and implementing the ICT Applications for remote and rural areas from the administrations, regulatory authorities and Operators, in addition to the experts, trainers and others who are dealing with such issues or who will be prepared to handle these tasks in the future.

The workshop will focus on the following subjects:

- Radio Systems for Rural Communications & Technical solutions:
 - 3G
 - WiMAX/4G.
- Radio network planning and engineering.
- Wireless Broadband Solutions.
- Regulatory aspects.
- Case Study.

It is essential to submit for each candidate the Registration Form; Annex (1), no later than 1 July 2009, to:

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Workshop Fees: The ITU CoE-ARB will collect participation fees of Five Hundred Dollars (\$ 500) per participant. The participant who will present an accepted case study on the applications of new technologies on this issue in his country will be exempted from the participation fees. The paper should be sent to the following e-mail: nefertiti.ali@itu.int, no later than 1 July 2009.

Kindly find attached the Fees Payment Instructions; Annex (2) for transferring participant's fees directly to ITU account.

Should you need further information on the workshop, such as the Draft Agenda, the Information Note and the Hotel Registration Form, a home page is available on CoE-ARB website on the following address:

www.itu.int/ITU-D/arb/COE/2009/RuralCommunications/

Looking forward to seeing you soon in Damascus.

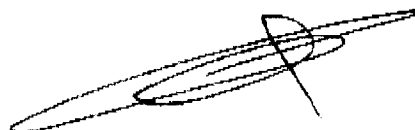
Yours faithfully,

Head, ITU Arab Regional Office



Dr. Miloud AMEZIANE

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Annexes:

Annex (1): Registration Form.

Annex (2): Fees Payment Instructions.

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