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Subject: **Invitation to the ITU/SPC Training of Trainers in RICS Operations, 23-24 Nov 2009, Nadi, Fiji**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) launched the Pacific Rural Internet Connectivity System (PacRICS) in 2007, a number of RICS sites have been deployed in the Pacific wide by the SPC and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Some important aspects of RICS are governance model, operations and maintenance, ICT applications, and human capacity building.

In this connection, SPC and ITU are organising "**ITU/SPC Training of Trainers in RICS Operations**" to be held from **23rd to 24th November 2009 at Novotel Nadi, Fiji**. The training will be held back to back with the ITU PacificCERT Stakeholder Meeting on 25th Nov, and the ITU-EC project kick-off meeting from 26th to 27th Nov at the same venue, in which invitations will be sent out separately.

The training aims to build human capacity related to community telecentres and ICT applications within Pacific Island Countries and create a network of experts and/or trainers in the region. It, therefore, targets potential trainers, RICS operators, and government officials in charge of RICS deployment.

I am pleased to inform you that with support from ITU and SPC a full fellowship covering air ticket and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) is available per one country. Please find more information about the event including registration and fellowship forms at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2009/RICS/index.asp> Participants are required to complete the forms and send them back to the Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon (wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int) before **6th November 2009**.

I look forward to your positive reply at the earliest convenient to make this event a success.

Yours sincerely,

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