



ITU Southern and Eastern Africa Workshop on the Use of
Telecommunications/ICT for Disaster Management:
Saving Lives



Lusaka, Zambia (17 – 18 July 2008)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

ABOUT THE EVENT

1. Background

The frequency and impact of disasters have drastically increased in recent years. In 2008 alone, thousands of lives have been lost, millions have been displaced, and billions of dollars have been lost as a result of infrastructure destruction. Early this year, a number of countries in the southern African region were hit by severe floods. For instance, low-lying districts across Zambia were heavily affected resulting in nearly 400'000 people in 19 districts across the country falling victim. Over 78'000 people were killed and hundreds of thousands displaced in Myanmar following Cyclone Nargis that hit the country on May 2, 2008. A severe earthquake struck central China on 12 May 2008. The 8.0-magnitude quake in Sichuan province of China killed more than 60'000 people and over a million people displaced and many people still missing. While neither natural nor man-made hazards can be entirely prevented, information and communication technologies (ICT) can help reduce their impact and avoid them turning into disasters that impede sustainable development. This event contributes to the progress made at the Global Forum on the Effective Use of Telecommunications/ICT for Disaster Management: **Saving Lives** that was held in Geneva, Switzerland (10-12 December, 2007), details are available at: www.itu.int/itu-d/emergencytelecoms

2. Purpose of the event

The purpose of this event is to bring together the main humanitarian stakeholders who will benefit from discussions that will revolve around the use of telecommunications/ICT resources before, and particularly during the disaster relief phase of disaster management. Participants will map out concrete strategies and adopt practical measures aimed at giving telecommunications/ICT a central role in disaster management, i.e. **early warning, preparedness, relief and response**. Discussions will include issues pertaining to policy, regulation, technology, finance, and the deployment of last-mile communications systems.

3. Expected outcomes

This event, which will attract representation from governments, regulatory authorities, the private sector, United Nations Agencies, and Non-Governmental Organizations, will result in an increased awareness of the role that each of the participating entities play in giving telecommunications/ICT a central role in disaster mitigation.

4. Format of the meeting

ITU Southern and Eastern Africa Workshop on the Use of Telecommunications/ICT for Disaster Management: **Saving Lives** will comprise plenary sessions, panel discussions and thematic sessions, as outlined in the draft programme.

5. Contact details of Focal Point in the Communications Authority of Zambia:

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6. Language

The event will be held in English only.

7. Registration

Registration is by the accompanying registration form. This form is also available on the Web (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/emergencytelecoms>) and can be downloaded, completed and returned to the given coordinates. Badges will be available on the first day of the meeting.

8. Visas

A valid passport is required to enter Zambia. Visas can be issued from any Consulate or Embassy of Zambia in your country of origin.

In the event that there is no Consulate or Embassy in the country of departure, participants are advised to send copies of their passports prior to departure to the Communications Authority of Zambia to enable the necessary arrangement to be made in due time to obtain an entry visa.

9. Dates

17 – 18 July 2008

10. Event Venue

Cresta Golfview Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia

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10247 Great East Road, Munali
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11. Sponsorship Opportunities

Organizations wishing to sponsor this event are encouraged to do so. Any such sponsorship will be acknowledged at this event and at our website.

12. Currency

The official currency for Zambia is the Kwacha and the exchange rates are:

1 USD = 3700 (United Nations rate)
1 Euro = 5800 (Fixed rate)

13. Electricity

The voltage is 220 volts/50 Hz.

14. Climate

The weather in June and July is mostly cool. The temperature varies from 8° to 15° degrees Celsius.

15. Transport

There will be transport provided for the participants from the airport to hotels/workshop venue and vice versa.

16. Accommodation

The following is the list of recommended hotels: Participants are advised to directly make their hotel reservations with the listed hotels.

List of Hotels

Name	Room	Prices	Contact
CRESTA GOLF VIEW HOTEL	Single Room	125 US\$	Contact Person: Yvonne Tel.: +260 290 770 +260 966 637 721 E-mail: reservations@cresta.co.zm
	Double Room	150 US\$	
FAIR MOUNT HOTEL	Single Room	K198,000.00 (Breakfast) 10% Service charge	Contact Person: Melody Chikasa Tel: +260 977 779 431
	Double Room	K286,000.00 (Breakfast) 10% Service charge	
	Executive Queen Suite	K297,000.00	
HOLIDAY INN	Single Room	180 US\$ (Breakfast)	Contact Person: Mwangala Tel.: +260 251 666 +260 977 785 414 E-mail: reservations@holidayinn.co.zm
	Double room	200 US\$ (Breakfast)	
LITTLE PARADISE HOTEL	Single Room	K150,000.00 (Breakfast)	Contact Person: Constance Ngwira Tel: +260 977 320 220 +260 966 598 884
	Double Room	K225,000.00 (Breakfast)	
	Twin Room	K300,000.00 (Breakfast)	
PAMODZI	Single Room	195 US\$	Contact Person: Magaret Tel.: +260 254 455 +260 977 889 495 E-mail: pamodzi.lusaka@tajhotels.com
	Double Room	220 US\$	
ROYAL LIVINGSTONE	Single Room Friday and Saturday	359 US\$ 422 US\$	Contact Person: Constance Tel.: +260 3 321 122 Fax: +260 3 322 930 E-mail: zambia.reservations@zm.suninternational.com
	Double Room Friday and Saturday	391 US\$ 454 US\$	
ZAMBEZI SUN	Single	168 US\$	Contact Person: Constance Tel.: +260 3 321 122 Fax: +260 3 322 930 E-mail: zambia.reservations@zm.suninternational.com
	Double Room	189 US\$	