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Subject: Invitation to "Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management Pacific Forum", 7-9 July 2009, Samoa

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the upcoming "Using ICT for Effective Disaster Management Pacific Forum" being jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), and the Commonwealth Secretariat's Governance and Institutional Development Department (GIDD) from 7-9 July 2009. This activity is held within the framework of the ITU's Doha Action Plan Programme 6 which deals with the use and application of information and communication technologies in mitigating the impact of disasters.

The Forum, which will kindly be hosted by the Government of Samoa at Aggies Hotel in Apia, will bring together policy makers, national disaster management officers and experts, as well as ICT professionals from across the region and beyond.

Following an ITU series of Global and Regional Forums on Effective use of telecommunications/ICT for disaster management: saving lives and the recent ITU Pacific ICT Ministerial Forum which gives prominence to Emergency Communications and Disaster Relief/Climate Change, this Forum will examine the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders in the disaster management life cycle and highlight how ICTs can be used to enhance efforts in disaster management. It will also see participants develop practical tools that will contribute to the development of robust Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies.

It is envisaged that the practical tools and the interactive nature of the Forum will result in the establishment of sustainable mechanisms for networking, improved stakeholder collaboration and capacity building across the region.

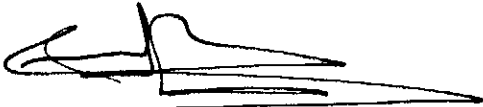
To register for the Forum, participants are kindly requested to complete the attached Registration form and send it to Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon (wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int) by **15 June 2009** at the latest.

I am pleased to inform you that ITU will be able to provide one full fellowship covering air ticket and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) to Least Developed Countries and Low-Income Developing Countries in the Pacific respectively. Kindly fill in the attached fellowship request form and send it with your registration form **by 15 June 2009** at the latest.

The latest information on this event can be found on the ITU website at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2009/PacificDisaster/index.asp> and at www.itu.int/itu-d/emergencytelecoms.

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

Yours faithfully,



Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director

Annexes:

1. Tentative Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Fellowship Request Form