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Subject: *Workshop on Use of Information and Communication Technologies in Disaster Management
Dakar, Senegal, 10 -12 March 2009*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to invite experts from your country to the workshop on the use of Information and Communication Technologies in Disaster Management to be held in Dakar, Senegal at the Teranga Hotel. The event is co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Agence de Régulation des Télécommunications et des Postes (ARTP).

This event which is being organized within the framework of the Telecommunication Development Bureau's Programme 6 (Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States, and Emergency Telecommunications), will be held against the backdrop of an increase in the frequency and magnitude of disasters across the globe resulting from climate change and other factors. During most of these disasters, telecommunications infrastructure is completely or partially destroyed making it difficult or even impossible for relief workers to coordinate complicated logistics and ensuring the effective delivery of rescue and relief operations such as finding the location of survivors, determining the number of injured or dead people and the number of people requiring medical help or transport to take them to medical facilities. The event will address policy, regulatory, and technological issues that are related to Emergency Telecommunications before, during, and after disasters strike.

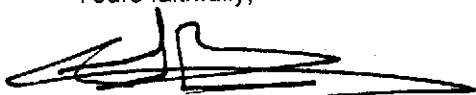
Find hereto attached a Draft Programme, Information Note, Fellowship Form, and Registration Form. Preferably, a duly completed registration form should be returned to ITU at the earliest possible date to facilitate preparations. I am pleased to inform you that ITU has a limited number of fellowships available for this workshop to be provided to participants from least developed countries and those from eligible low-income countries. The fellowship application form should be completed and sent to ITU by 15 February 2009

For further information about this meeting, please visit our website:

www.itu.int/ITU-D/emergencytelecoms/events

I look forward to the experts' invaluable contribution and have no doubt that the meeting will successfully come up with concrete strategies that will lead to effective disaster mitigation in the future.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid', written over a horizontal line.

Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director

Annexes: Draft Agenda
Registration Form
Information Note
Fellowship Form