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Subject **ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs and Meeting of Study Group 3
Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) (former TAF Group)
Dakar, Senegal, 16 – 19 March 2010**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs, organized jointly by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Agence de Régulation des Télécommunications et des Postes du Sénégal (ARTP). The seminar will take place at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Dakar (Senegal), from 16 to 17 March 2010.

A Regional Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) will follow the seminar from 18 to 19 March 2010. Participants are invited to pre-register for the seminar and meeting by 22 February 2010 at the latest. Please note that pre-registration of participants to ITU-T meetings is carried out online at: the following address: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/othergroups/taf/index.asp>.

The seminar will be conducted in English and French and interpretation will be provided. Information on these meetings is also available online at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/>.

Participants are requested to submit in advance an update of their telecommunication sector scenario including insights into regulatory and pricing policy aspects. This should be sent by e-mail to makhtar.fall@itu.int or faxed to +41 22 730 6210.

Hotel reservations should be made directly with the host organization by no later than 22 February 2010 using the hotel reservation form available online at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/>.

Due to visa requirements, and in order to ensure that your visa is processed in time for the meeting, we encourage you to follow the visa instructions available on the information note. Information regarding these meetings is available at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/>.

Delegate on-site registration will begin at 14:00 hours on 15 March 2010. Please note that presentations will be distributed in the original language and will not be translated.

In order to build on work in progress and optimize transfer of knowledge, we strongly recommend that, where possible, organizations designate their SG3RG-AFR Group representative to attend this seminar or register an official who has the expertise and responsibility for matters of costs and tariffs. Discussion sessions will be conducted to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences among participants. Please find enclosed the provisional Agenda.

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We look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex: Provisional Agenda



Séminaire régional sur les coûts et tarifs pour les pays Membres du
Groupe régional pour l'Afrique (SG3RG-AFR)

*Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs for Member Countries of the
Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR)*

Dakar, Sénégal, 16-17 mars 2010

Programme préliminaire / Provisional Agenda

Mardi / Tuesday	
08.00 – 08.45	Enregistrement des délégués / <i>Delegate registration</i>
09.00 – 10.00	Cérémonie d'ouverture / <i>Opening Ceremony</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agence de Régulation des Télécommunications et des Postes du Sénégal (ARTP) • Union internationale des télécommunications / International Telecommunication Union (ITU) • Président du SG3-AFR / Chairman SG3RG-AFR
10.00 – 12.30	Session 1 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situation des câbles sous marins en Afrique / Submarine cables in Africa • Régulation du câble sous marin / Regulation of submarine cables
<i>Pause déjeuner / Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 15.30	Session 2 : Problématique du réseau unique / Difficulties with a unified/single network
<i>Pause Café / Coffee break</i>	
16.00 – 17.30	Session 3 : Régulation tarifaire du marché de gros et de détail / Wholesale and retail tariff regulation
Mercredi / Wednesday	
09.00 – 9.45	Session 4 : Régulation tarifaire du marché de gros et de détail / Tariff regulation of wholesale and retail
09.45 – 10.30	Session 5 : Régulation tarifaire des offres promotionnelles des opérateurs mobiles (et encadrement des promotions) / Tariff regulation of promotional offers of mobile operators (management of offers)
<i>Pause café / Coffee break</i>	
10.45 – 11.30	Session 6 : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspects tarifaires du roaming / Tariffs aspects of roaming • Tendances réglementaires du roaming / Regulatory trends of roaming
11.30 – 12.00	Session 7 : Régulation des services SMS / Regulation of SMS services
12.00 – 12.30	Session 8 : Mécanisme de tarification des services dans le hubbing / Hubbing service pricing mechanism
<i>Pause déjeuner / Lunch</i>	
14.00 – 15.00	Session 9 : Présentation des outils de RME en modélisation des coûts / Presentation of RME cost modeling tools
15.00 – 16.00	Discussions de groupe / Group discussions
<i>Pause café / Coffee break</i>	
16.15 – 17.00	Conclusions et clôture / <i>Concluding remarks and Closing</i>