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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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ITU Member States and ITU-D Sector Members in Africa

Subject: **Seminar on Costs and Tariffs for Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR),
Cairo, Egypt, 4 - 5 February 2013.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs, organized jointly by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB), in collaboration with the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt in Cairo, Egypt, from 4 to 5 February 2013.

A meeting of SG3RG-AFR will follow the seminar from 6 to 7 February 2013. The invitation for this meeting has been sent in a separate mail. Participants are invited to pre-register for both events by 4 January. Pre-registration of participants to these meetings is carried out online at the event website. Delegate on-site registration will begin at 14:00 hours on 3 February.

Participants are requested to submit, in advance, an update of their telecommunication sector scenario, by updating the Tariff Policy Survey at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/. For login information (password and username), please contact us at: tariffs@itu.int.

Information concerning these meetings is available online at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/treg. Please follow the visa instructions available in the Information Note to avoid delays. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the host organization by 8 January 2013 using the Hotel Reservation Form.

The contact person in Cairo is Ms Maha Badr, Senior Manager, Events International Relations Department at the National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) Tel: +20 2 35344108, e-mail: mahab@tra.gov.eg.

We are pleased to inform you that one partial fellowship per administration will be awarded, within the Africa region only, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx>). The fellowship form is available on the website: <http://www.itu.int/md/T13-SG3RG.AFR-COL-0001/en>. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Fellowship request must be returned to ITU not later than 3 January 2013.

In order to build on work in progress and optimize transfer of knowledge, I strongly recommend that, where possible, organizations designate their SG3RG-AFR representative to attend this seminar or register an official who has the expertise and responsibility for matters of costs and tariffs. Both meetings will be conducted in English and French and interpretation will be provided.

I have enclosed the provisional agenda for your information, and I look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

ANNEX 1



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

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

Cairo, Egypt, 4 - 5 February 2013

Provisionnel programme / Programme provisoire

| Day 1 / Jour 1 | |
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| 08.00 – 08.45 | <i>Delegate registration / Enregistrement des délégués</i> |
| 09.00 – 10.00 | <i>Opening Ceremony / Cérémonie d'ouverture</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt</i> • <i>International Telecommunication Union (ITU)</i> • <i>Secretary General, African Telecommunications Union (ATU)</i> • <i>Chairman / Président SG3RG-AFR</i> |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | <i>Pause Café / Coffee break</i> |
| 10.30 – 11.30 | Session 1 : <i>Strategies for the deployment of NGN and NGA in a broadband environment – Regulatory and economic aspects / Stratégies de déploiement des réseaux NGN et NGA dans un environnement large bande - Aspects réglementaires et économiques</i> |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Session 2 : <i>Internet connectivity: a benchmark for broadband access costs / Connectivité Internet: point of reference pour les coûts d'accès au large bande</i> |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | <i>Pause déjeuner / Lunch</i> |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Session 3 : <i>Regulation in a converged broadband world / Régulation dans un monde convergent haut débit</i> |
| 15.00 – 16.00 | Session 4 : <i>Initiatives to stimulate demand for broadband services and development of local content/ Initiatives pour stimuler la demande de services à large bande et le développement de contenu local</i> |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | <i>Coffee break / Pause Café</i> |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | Session 5 : <i>Taxation pressures on the telecommunication sector / Pressions fiscales sur le secteur des télécommunications</i> |
| Day 2 / Jour 2 | |
| 09.00 – 10.00 | Session 6 : <i>Discussions sessions on the taxation situation in Africa / Discussions sur la situation des taxes en Afrique</i> |

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| 10.00 – 10.30 | <i>Coffee break / Pause café</i> |
| 10.30 – 11.30 | Session 7 : <i>The Internet Ecosystem in Africa / L'Ecosystème Internet en Afrique</i> |
| 11.30 – 12.30 | Session 8 : <i>Market definition and Significant Market Power (SMP) designation in a broadband world / Définition de position dominante sur le marché (SMP) dans un monde de haut débit</i> |
| 12.30 – 14.00 | <i>Lunch / Pause déjeuner</i> |
| 14.00 – 15.00 | Session 9 : <i>Presentation of WTSA and WCIT results / Présentation des résultats de l'AMNT et de la CMTI</i> |
| 15.00 – 16.30 | Session 10 : <i>Economics of ICT (relationship between GDP and ICT) / Economie des TIC (relation entre PND and TIC)</i> |
| 16.30 – 16.45 | <i>Coffee break / Pause-café</i> |
| 16.45 – 17.30 | <i>Concluding Remarks and Closing / Conclusions et clôture</i> |