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Subject: **ITU-D Seminar “Transition from analog to digital broadcasting: correlation between technical, economic and social costs and advantages”, Saransk, Russia, 16 – 18 June 2009**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Russian Federation Communications Administration, the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the ITU will organize the seminar on **“Transition from Analogue to Digital Broadcasting”, from 16 to 18 June 2009, in Saransk, Republic of Mordovia, Russia**, hosted by the “VolgaTelecom”.

The main aim of this seminar is to provide the listeners with latest information and exchange experience of digital broadcasting development in order to improve the efficiency of digital broadcasting introduction in the countries of the seminar participants.

The seminar is open to all ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates, as well as to any individual from an ITU Member State wishing to contribute to the work. Individuals belonging to international, regional or national organizations may also participate. The Academia and all associated and related Institutions are all welcome.

The discussions will be held in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation. All documents and their updated versions will be posted at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/digital-broadcasting/indexUpcomingEvents.html>.

Additional information with respect to programme, entry visa, registration, hotel reservation as well as other practical and general information can be found as follows:

- Draft agenda for the meeting in Annex 1.
- Registration form in Annex 2.
- Hotel reservation and transfer form in Annex 3.
- General Information for participants in Annex 4.
- Visa support form in Annex 5.

Any presentations and contributions for the organization of the Seminar will be highly appreciated and should be notified electronically to the attention of Mr Andrei Untila, ITU Area Office in Moscow, e-mail: [andrei.untila@itu.int](mailto:andrei.untila@itu.int) and Mr V.A. Korzh, NIIR, e-mail: [kori@niir.ru](mailto:kori@niir.ru), **no later than 5 June 2009.**

Although there is no participation fee for this seminar, please note that all the expenses relating to participation of your representatives in the seminar should be covered by your Administration/ organization.

The participants are kindly requested to note the attached Information for Participants, as well as to fill in and fax or e-mail the attached relevant Forms (Registration and Hotel Reservation, Visa Support) to the individuals and by the deadlines specified on these Forms.

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