



International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Meeting on Arab Region ICT Market Harmonisation
Manama, 21-22 October, 2007

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Subject: ***Meeting on Arab Region ICT Market Harmonisation***
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Dear Sir/Madam:

As you are aware, the World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC-2006) in Doha, Qatar, had agreed to and adopted regional initiatives for the various regions of the ITU. The Arab region approved an initiative on the development of an Arab regulatory framework/guidelines for ICT.

The initiative is based on the output of the ICT Formalisation Committee that was established by the Arab Council of ICT Ministers in the run up to the World Summit on the Information Society held in Geneva and Tunis. This initiative was agreed to by their Excellencies the Arab Ministers of ICT during their meeting in Tunis in June 2005.

As the success of this initiative requires the active participation of all stakeholders, I am convening a kick-off meeting with all the beneficiaries to finalise the implementation scheme and deliverables of the initiative.

At the kind invitation of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of Bahrain, the present Chair of the Arab Regulators Network, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) has the pleasure to invite a high level representative of your organisation to attend this first meeting concerning the Arab Region Regulatory Harmonisation Initiative in **Manama, Bahrain, from 21-22 October 2007.**

The objective of the meeting is to present the initiative to the beneficiaries and obtain comments and inputs on its implementation scheme and proposed deliverables.

ITU will provide one fellowship for each LDC, covering travel and subsistence allowance. We kindly request that you complete the attached **Fellowship Form** and return to the **ITU Fellowship Services by 10 October, copy to ITU Cairo Office.**

Interpretation will be provided in Arabic, English and French. You will find enclosed the meeting registration form as well as other logistical information. You are kindly requested to **return the registration form by 15 October 2007 to ITU Cairo Office, by fax +202-2-2622274 or by email mail@ituarabic.org** .

All relevant details, including the Registration form, Hotel Reservation Information, Venue Information, Draft Agenda and more complementary information for this meeting and workshop will be posted on the ITU Arab States Website by the 10 October 2007.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to participate in this important meeting and workshop and look forward to meeting you in Manama.

Yours faithfully,

Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director of BDT

Annexes