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| Subject:  | **ITU Green Standards WeekRome, Italy, 5-9 September 2011** |

Dear Madam/Sir,

1 ITU is organizing the first *Green Standards Week* from **5** to **9 September 2011 in Rome, Italy,** which will be hosted byTelecom Italia.

2 The Green Standards Week will be structured as follows:

* Workshop on ***Methodologies for Environmental Impact Assessment of ICT***to be held on 5 September 2011 and jointly organized by ITU and the European Commission.
* Workshop on ***Moving to a Green Economy through ICT Standards***, to be held from 6 to 8 September 2011 and jointly organized by ITU and Telecom Italia.
* Workshop on ***Using Submarine Communications Networks to Monitor the Climate*** to be held from 8 (afternoon) to 9 September 2011 and organized by ITU.

3 The main purpose is to raise awareness of the importance and opportunities of using ICTs to monitor climate change, to mitigate and adapt to its effects and, in this light, to identify future requirements for ITU’s related work – including standardization of ICT equipment and networks as well as development activities (see Resolution 73 of the 2008 World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-08) and Resolution 182 of the 2010 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-10)).

4 The Green Standards Weekwill bring together leading specialists in the field, from top policy-makers to engineers, designers, planners, government officials, regulators, standards experts and others.

5 Participation in the event is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia and to any individual or company from a Member State of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work.

6 Participation in the ITU Green Standards Week is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted. Discussions will be held in English only.

7 More information including a draft programme, practical information and registration details for the ITU Green Standards Weekis available on the ITU website at: <http://www.itu.int/itu-t/climatechange/gsw/201102/index.html> . We encourage participants to kindly confirm their participation no later than 15 August 2011.

8 Please note that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter Italy and participants should take appropriate steps, well ahead of the meeting dates.

9 I look forward to your participation in the first ITU Green Standards Week and to your views on ITU’s future strategy in responding to the global challenge of climate change.

Yours faithfully,

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