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Subject: **2nd ITU Green Standards Week**
Paris, France, 17-21 September 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) together with TechAmerica Europe is organizing the second Green Standards Week **from 17 to 21 September 2012 in Paris, France**, which will be hosted by Microsoft.

2 The Green Standards Week will be structured as follows:

- High Level Segment on ***Greening the Economy through ICT Standards*** to be held on 17 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU, TechAmerica Europe and Microsoft.
- Award Ceremony of the ***ITU Green ICT Application Challenge*** to be held on 17 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU and Telefónica.
- Forum on ***Greener Smarter Better Cities*** to be held on 18 September 2012 and organized by ITU and the European Commission (EC).
- Forum on ***Boosting Smart Grids through Energy Efficient ICT*** to be held on 18 September 2012 and organized by ITU.
- ***Technology Focused Sessions*** to be held on 18-19 September 2012.
- Forum on ***Environmental Sustainability for the ICT Sector***, to be held on 19 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU and European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO).
- Forum on ***Greening ICT Supply Chain*** to be held on 19 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU, United Nations University (UNU) and Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE).

- Forum on ***Mapping E-Waste to Address Future Challenges*** to be held on 20 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU, UNU and CEDARE.
- Information and Training Session on ***ITU Methodologies for Environmental Impact Assessment of ICT*** to be held on 20 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU and Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI).
- Closed meeting of the ***ITU/WMO/UNESCO-IOC Joint Task Force*** to be held on 20 September 2012.
- Second Workshop on ***Using Submarine Communications Networks for Climate Monitoring and Tsunami Warning*** to be held on 21 September 2012 and jointly organized by ITU, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO-IOC).

3 The main purpose is to move forward the climate agenda and raise awareness of the importance and opportunities of using ICTs to tackle environmental challenges.

4 The Green Standards Week will bring together leading specialists in the field, from top policy-makers to standards experts, engineers, designers, planners, government officials, regulators, 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 2nd ITU Green Standards Week is available on the ITU website at: <http://itu.int/itu-t/climatechange/gsw/201209>. We encourage participants to kindly confirm their participation no later than 15 August 2012.

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

9 I look forward to your participation in the second 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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Secretary-General