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To Regulatory Associations

**Subject: Regulatory Associations Meeting , Nassau, Bahamas, 12 July 2017
Global Symposium for Regulators, Nassau, Bahamas, 11 -14 July 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the annual meeting of Regulatory Associations that will precede the **Global Symposium for Regulators 2017** (GSR-17). This meeting will take place in Nassau, Bahamas, in the morning of 12 July 2017, from 09:00 AM until 12:00 PM, and will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority of the Bahamas (URCA).

Participation in the event is by invitation only as the event is reserved for Regional Regulatory Associations, in particular the Head of the Secretariat and the Chairs, or a duly appointed representative. The Regulatory Associations meeting provides an opportunity to discuss, exchange information and build bridges towards better and more active cooperation between the Regulatory Associations in the various regions.

The topic for discussion this year will focus on the role of regional and international organizations in achieving affordable access to ICTs, addressing in particular Universal Access and Service Strategies in a collaborative regulatory environment, and International Mobile Roaming. Participants will also be granted the opportunity to present their activities, in particular in terms of exchanging relevant information with other Regional Regulatory and International Organizations. A summary of discussions will be included in relevant panels at GSR-17.

You are also invited to participate in GSR-17. This year, the theme will be "Living in a World of Digital Opportunities." The draft Agenda for GSR-17 (available here) has been built carefully taking into account the input from GSR-16, the chief Regulatory Officers Meeting and inputs that were sent to us later. On 11 July, the Global Dialogue on Digital Financial Inclusion will be held as a pre-event to GSR-17, focusing this year on the security of digital financial services.

All information, including visa requirements for this meeting can be found at: www.itu.int/gsr17

Interpretation will be provided based on the requests of participants. You are therefore invited to indicate on the registration form whether you require languages other than English by 1 June 2017. Based on the requests made by this deadline, and provided there are requests for a given language, interpretation will

be provided in the requested language.

Ms Sofie Maddens, Head, Regulatory and Market Environment Division is at your disposal should you require any information and can be contacted by e-mail: gsr@itu.int or phone: +41 22 730 6256/730 5443.

Registration for GSR-2017 is open and Designated Focal Points of Regulatory Associations are requested to register their delegates via the GSR registration site. Both the registration site and the list of Focal Points can be accessed using a TIES log-in at this address:

https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp

Designated Focal Points of the Regulatory Associations are requested to send the list of their delegates not later than 10 June 2017, by e-mail to: gsr@itu.int.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Nassau.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Regulatory Associations Meeting
12 July 2017
Agenda

(By Invitation Only)

08h00-09h00   *Registration for GSR and Pre-events*

09h00-09h15   **Welcome**

09h15-10h15   **Overview of Past Activities and Future Plans of Regulatory Associations**

10h15-10h30   **COFFEE**

10h30-11h45   **Affordable Access to ICTs for SDGs : the role of Regulatory Associations in unlocking the potential of the digital world of tomorrow?**

- **Access to International Fiber – what next?**
- **IXPs – are they a solution for affordability and to create opportunities locally?**
- **IMR – is this the beginning? Where to with data roaming?**
- **What about Universal Strategy for SDGs? How do we achieve collaborative regulatory mechanisms to leverage ICTS for health, education, government? What can RAs do to help?**

11h45-12h00   **Conclusions and Closing**

12h00-14h00   **LUNCH**