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**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop for CIS on the Role of ICT in Saving Lives: Climate Change and
Emergency Telecommunications, Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic, 19-21 August 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop for CIS on the Role of ICT in Saving Lives: Climate Change and Emergency Telecommunications, organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau in cooperation with the Institute of Electronic and Telecommunications at the Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov, which will be held in Lake Issyk-Kul, Kyrgyz Republic, from 19 to 21 August 2013.

The World Telecommunication Development Conference that was held in Hyderabad, India in 2010 (WTDC-2010), identified natural disasters as a major threat to socio-economic development and adopted Programme 5 for Least Developed Countries, Countries in Special Need, Emergency Telecommunications and Climate Change adaptation.

The workshop will bring together national agencies involved in disaster risk reduction and disaster management, private telecommunication entities, United Nations Agencies, and Non-Governmental Organizations to discuss and exchange views on how to assist the CIS countries to mitigate, respond and cope with natural disasters, using information and communication technology (ICT).

At the end of the event, an Action Plan will be adopted covering regulatory, legal, technical, standard operating procedures and the designing of National Emergency Telecommunications Plans (NETPs).

The workshop will be conducted in both Russian and English, supported by simultaneous interpretation.

The workshop will be paperless. All the seminar materials, including presentations will be available on the ITU-D website: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/CDS/events> .

No registration fee will be required. All expenses of the workshop participants (travel, accommodation, meals) are to be covered by the sending organizations.

If you wish to participate in the workshop, please use the on-line registration indicated as follows:
http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000163

Alternatively you can use the Registration Form attached (Annex 2) and send it to the contacts indicated in the form **by 5 August 2013**.

Those participants requiring entry visa to Kyrgyz Republic are requested to contact their local Consulate of Kyrgyzstan for visa information well in advance.

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Yours faithfully,

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Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Hotel Reservation Form