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To All:
ITU Member States
ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and
Academia
National Regulatory Authorities of ITU
Member States
Regional organizations in the Americas region

Subject: Second Multi-stakeholder Forum on the Role of Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster Management, from 29 to 31 August 2017, Bogotá, Colombia

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite you to the *Second Multi-stakeholder Forum on the Role of Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster Management*, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), and in cooperation with the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communications (MINTIC) of Colombia, which will take place from 29 to 31 August 2017, in Bogotá, Colombia.

The Forum will be attended by heads of the telecommunication regulatory authorities, executive directors of private sector entities, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and other high-level participants from humanitarian organizations, regional disaster management organizations, academic institutions and media. Participants will use this platform and opportunity to exchange experiences and practices in the use of modern technologies for humanitarian purposes. Experts will present state-of-the-art ICT solutions that will show how emerging technologies can be used to save lives.

During the Forum, an exhibition showcasing new technologies for disaster monitoring, early warning, mitigation, search and rescue, and coordination with other risk management activities will be organized. In this regard, Member States and Sector Members are invited to take advantage of allocated free space to exhibit their ICT solutions that could contribute to disaster mitigation and management. The available space will be indicated in detail in the Information Note that will be published in due time at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Emergency-Telecommunications/Pages/Events/2017/Bogota>. Please note that the exhibition spaces will be allocated in the order in which the applications are received.

For purposes of facilitating planning and preparation, participants are encouraged to register online at www.itu.int/go/regitud.

For further information, the provisional agenda and practical information are available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Emergency-Telecommunications/Pages/Events/2017/Bogota>.

I look forward to your participation and your valuable contribution to the success of this important Forum.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brahima Sanou', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brahima Sanou
Director