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To ITU Member Administrations
and Regulators in the Asia-Pacific
Region

Subject: (1) ITU-MCMC Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable, 24-25 August 2015
(2) Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on
Digital Financial Inclusion

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our pleasure, on behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC), to invite you to participate and join the panel discussions in the ITU-MCMC Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable that will be held on 24-25 August 2015 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Regulators' Roundtable is hosted by MCMC and supported by the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia, Malaysia and the Department of Communications, Government of Australia.

Now on its 5th year, the ITU Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable, under the central theme: "***Facing the Telecommunication/ICT Regulatory Challenges in the Digital Economy***" aims to provide a platform for high level participants from telecommunications, broadcasting and converged ICT regulators and policy makers in the region, that fosters dynamic and strategic discussions, sharing of information, real experiences and practices, and conclusively debate on possible solutions to address related emerging challenges and discuss opportunities for potential collaboration.

A Provisional Agenda for the Roundtable is attached (Annex 1) for your consideration. Please note that participation in the Regulators' Roundtable is **limited to senior representatives of telecommunication/ICT policy making and regulatory agencies only**. The Regulators' Roundtable will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

This senior level engagement will allow the Roundtable to explore fully such themes as the need for regulators to be agile and adaptive in order to remain relevant; the ways in which expectations are changing and increasing, not only of users and citizens, but also of political, industry, consumer groups, other sector regulatory authorities, content providers, media, Over the Top (OTT) service providers, other national regulatory authorities; what principles and practices can guide regulators to evolve from a position of sectoral regulatory authority to a stance that can facilitate the continued emergence of the digital economy, among others.

Taking the opportunity of the presence of Telecommunication/ICT regulators participating in the Asia-Pacific Regulators Roundtable, we are pleased to also invite you to participate in the ITU-MCMC Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion on 26 August 2015 (morning only) in the same venue where financial regulators from the region have also been invited to meet and engage in a discussion with telecommunication regulators on the subject: digital financial inclusion. This Forum is open to regulators/policy makers, industry players and other relevant

stakeholders from both the telecommunications and banking sectors. The provisional agenda of the Forum is attached (Annex 2) for your consideration. The Forum will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

ITU is pleased to provide one full fellowship to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low-Income Developing Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region (LIDCs), subject to available budget, to facilitate their participation in the Regulators' Roundtable and the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion (should the participant in the Regulators' Roundtable wish to attend the Forum). The last date for fellowship applications is 31 July 2015.

The provisional agenda of the Regulators Roundtable and the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion will be updated regularly and will be available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/Aug-RR ASP/home.aspx> and <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/Aug-DigitalFinancialInclusion/home.aspx>. The fellowship application form and other details on accommodation reservation and useful information for participants for the two events are also available at the same links. Enclosed are the registration forms for the Regulators' Roundtable and the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion. Kindly submit your accomplished registration forms before 31 July 2015.

Ms Aurora A. Rubio of ITU Area Office in Jakarta (telephone +62 21 3802322, email aurora.rubio@itu.int) is at the disposal of participants who require assistance in participating in the Regulators' Roundtable and the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion.

Mr Sean Sharidz Doral of MCMC (telephone +60 3 8688 8000, email sean.doral@cmc.gov.my) is at the disposal of participants who require assistance in registering for the above events.

We also take this opportunity to inform you that ITU and MCMC will also co-organize the International Training Programme (ITP2015) on 26-28 August 2015 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Invitations for this event will be sent separately.

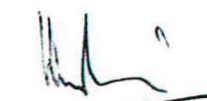
At the same time, the MCMC would further like to invite you to extend your stay in Kuala Lumpur for the *KL Converge! 2015* exhibition and event which will be happening from 27-29 August 2015. Further details on this will be circulated by the MCMC at a later date. This event however will not be covered by the ITU fellowships.

We look forward to your positive reply at your earliest convenience and to welcoming you and your colleagues to Kuala Lumpur, where we are confident that your active engagement will contribute to the success of the Regulators' Roundtable and the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion.

Yours faithfully,



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- Annexes: 1. Provisional Agenda for the Roundtable
2. Provisional agenda of the Forum