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Subject: **ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2017 for Arab Countries (RRS-17-Arab)
Muscat, Oman, 10 - 14 December 2017**

Madam, Sir,

I am pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the [Oman Telecommunications Regulatory Authority](#) (TRA), the [International Telecommunication Union \(ITU\)](#), organizes the Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2017 for Arab Countries (RRS-17-Arab), to be held in Muscat, Oman, from 10 to 14 December 2017 in cooperation with the Arab Spectrum Management Group (ASMG).

RRS-17-Arab will be held in the following format (see the Annex: Proposed Programme):

- A pre-seminar web tutorial will be available on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/RRS-17-Arab> with the basic concepts of spectrum management at national and international levels, their links with ITU Radio Regulations (RR), ITU and ITU-R structures and functions, including the study groups and BR departments, and ITU basic texts, with the main focus on RR and their associated Rules of Procedure (RoP). A good understanding of the pre-seminar web tutorial concepts is required in order to be able to participate actively in the seminar.
- Sunday and Monday sessions will cover concepts related to spectrum management as well as the procedures associated with the recording of frequency assignments in the Master International Frequency Register (MIFR). The review of the modifications to the RR, associated WRC Resolutions and ITU-R Resolutions decided by the last World Radio Conference (WRC-15) and Radiocommunication Assembly (RA-15), as well as agendas of the next WRC-19, will follow. These sessions will also cover the current regulatory framework for international frequency management and the ITU-R Recommendations and best practices regarding the use of spectrum for both terrestrial and space services, including basic training on ICT tools developed by ITU for frequency notifications for those services and for the technical examinations.
- Tuesday and Wednesday sessions will be devoted to workshops (terrestrial and space respectively). Workshops will be carried out on the use of these tools for terrestrial stations and space stations. These workshops will enable the participants to get hands-on experience with ITU notification procedures as well as with the software and electronic publications made available by the Radiocommunication Bureau to the Administrations of Member States and to the ITU-R Sector Members.

- Thursday RRS-17-Arab will conclude with Forum on: “*WRC-19 Agenda: challenges and opportunities for Arab Countries*”, that will gather main stakeholders in order to prepare the future key spectrum management decisions in view of next WRC-19.

The detailed Seminar and Forum programme is available on the ITU website at www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/RRS-17-Arab.

Languages

The lectures and discussions during RRS-17-Arab will be in English and Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation (please note that some material such as presentations or software tools will be in English only).

Format

The seminar will be conducted in a “paperless” environment, i.e. the seminar documentation will be available on the website. Given the amount of practical work expected during the workshops, participants are required to bring their laptops, performing the set of minimal specifications detailed on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/RRS-17-Arab>.

Registration

The Member States, ITU-R Sector Members, Associates and Academia from the Arab countries are invited to attend the RRS-17-Arab. Attendance to this Seminar is free of charge for their representatives.

Registration for this event is carried out exclusively online, through their respective designated focal point (DFP). The list of DFPs for ITU-R Activities, including the Seminar, is available at <http://www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/RRS-17-Arab>.

Advance registration of all participants is strongly advised. Unannounced participants might face further delays at the on-site registration desk. For those Member States/Sector Members wishing to modify the indicated DFP or for any further information, please contact the ITU-R Delegate Registration Unit at ITU-R.Registrations@itu.int.

Venue, Accommodation, and Visas

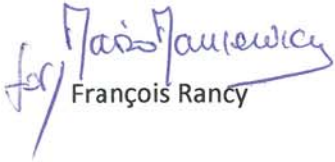
Information on the seminar venue, accommodation, visa matters and other practical arrangements are provided on the “*General Information*” document, available at the event website at: <http://www.itu.int/go/ITU-R/RRS-17-Arab>. Please take note that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter in Oman. Please refer to instructions in this regard on the above-mentioned document.

Fellowships

Recognizing the difficulties faced by low-income countries, the ITU offers one partial fellowship per eligible country in the Arab region, with priority given to requests coming from least developed countries (LDCs). Fellowships should be requested by designated focal points during the online registration process (see “Registration” above) and must be submitted before **Friday, 17 November 2017**.

As the information mentioned above might be updated or complemented without notice, it is recommended to visit the Seminar web pages regularly.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'François Rancy', with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Annex: Draft programme

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- Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU
- Mr. Ebrahim Al-Haddad, Director, ITU Regional Office for Arab countries

Annex



**Draft Programme
ITU Regional Radiocommunication Seminar 2017 for Arab Countries (RRS-17-Arab)
Muscat, Oman, 10 to 14 December 2017**

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Timeline	SEMINAR	WORKSHOP			FORUM
08:30 a.m. to 09:00 a.m.	Opening Ceremony: ITU; AMSG; TRA Oman				Opening Speech: ITU; AMSG; TRA Oman
09:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	ITU and ITU-R at a glance: ITU, ITU-R, WRC, RA, RAG, RRB, BR, SGs	Space Services: Notification Procedures	Workshop Terrestrial	Workshop Space	Digital Switchover status & Digital Dividend
	ITU Radio Regulations Navigation Tool				
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Coffee Break				
11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	Article 5 Analyzer	Space Services: Publications and Tools	Workshop Terrestrial	Workshop Space	IMT: Present and Future (WRC-19) Bands, Regional Status, Harmonization
	Spectrum Management and Regulation: Regional Cases: ASMG, SM National Regulators				
12:30 p.m. to 01:30 p.m.	Lunch Break				
01:30 p.m. to 03:00 p.m.	Space Services: Regulatory Framework	Terrestrial Services: Notification Procedures	Workshop Terrestrial	Workshop Space	New Technologies & Techniques
03:00 p.m. to 03:30 p.m.	Coffee Break				
03:30 p.m. to 05:00 p.m.	Terrestrial Services: Regulatory Framework	Terrestrial Services: Publications and Tools	Workshop Terrestrial	Workshop Space	Satellite Services, WRC-19 challenges & opportunities for Arab Countries Closing Ceremony: ITU; ASMG; TRA Oman