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The Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;
The Director of the ITU Regional Office for Africa;
The Director of the ITU Regional Office for the Arab Region;
The Permanent Mission of South Africa in Switzerland

Subject: **Joint ATU-ITU Seminar on outcomes of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) - Durban, South Africa, 10-11 July 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 By means of this letter, the ITU has the pleasure to invite your administration or organization to attend the **ATU-ITU Seminar on outcomes of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12)** to be held in Durban, South Africa, from **10 to 11 July 2013**.

2 This Seminar, jointly organized by the ITU and the Africa Telecommunication Union (ATU) and kindly hosted by the Department of Communications of South Africa (DOC), will take place in Durban, South Africa. ITU will be represented at the meeting by Malcolm Johnson, Director, Telecommunication Standardization Bureau.

The following ITU workshops also hosted by the Department of Communications of South Africa will take place at the same venue: (i) A one-day **Workshop on "Countering and combating spam"** on 8 July 2013 (see details here <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/spam/201307/Pages/default.aspx>); and (ii) A one-day **Workshop on "Environmentally Sound Management of E-waste"** on 9 July 2013 (see details here: <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sound-mgmt/201307/Pages/default.aspx>).

3 The objectives of the ATU-ITU Seminar on outcomes of WTSA-12 and WCIT-12 include briefing on Resolutions, Opinions and ITU-T A-series Recommendations approved by WTSA-12 and the updated International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) and overall achievements of WCIT-12 held respectively from 20 to 29 November 2012 and from 3 to 14 December 2012 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. It will further provide an opportunity for participants to have a better understanding of the outcomes of those conferences and how to implement decisions in the region.

4 A provisional Agenda for the Seminar as well as participants' information will be made available at the ITU website: <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/atu-itu/201307/Pages/default.aspx>.

The ITU website will be updated as soon as new or modified information becomes available.

5 Discussions will be held in English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided. **Please note that this will be a paperless event** and in order to facilitate management and document handling process, ITU encourages the use of laptops and electronic documents. Electronic copies of the documents will be made available at the ITU website: <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/atu-itu/201307/Pages/default.aspx> as well as the ATU website: <http://atu-uat.org>.

6 **Fellowships:** Unfortunately ITU will not be able to provide fellowships due to budget restrictions.

7 **Registration:** Registration can be done online at the ITU website at: <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/atu-itu/201307/Pages/default.aspx>. In order to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the Seminar, please register as soon as possible, but not later than **1 July 2013**.

8 **Visas:** There may be visa requirements for citizens of some countries to enter South Africa. Where that is the case, the visa must be requested and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing South Africa in your country. Please visit <http://www.dha.gov.za/> to obtain the visa application forms.

9 **Accommodation:** Participants will be responsible for meeting their accommodation costs. Information on transportation including airport pick-up and transfers will be made available at the ITU website: <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/atu-itu/201307/Pages/default.aspx>, ATU website: www.atu-uat.org and DOC website: www.doc.gov.za.

Yours faithfully,

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