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| E-mail: | [tsbworkshops@itu.int](mailto:tsbworkshops@itu.int) | **Copy:**  - To the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-T Study Groups;  - To the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau;  - To the Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau  - To the Director, ITU Regional Office in Cairo;  - To the Permanent Mission of Tunisia in Geneva |

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| Subject: | **ITU Workshop on “ICT Innovations in Emerging Economies” – Tunis, Tunisia, 28 January 2014** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 At the kind invitation of Tunisie Telecom, Tunisia, ITU is organizing a workshop on   
“**ICT Innovations in Emerging Economies**” which will take place at [Le Palace Hotel](http://www.lepalace.tn) on   
28 January 2014. The workshop will be followed by the 7th meeting of the FG Innovation from   
29 to 30 January at the same venue and will also be hosted by Tunisie Telecom.

The workshop will open at 0930 hours. Registration will begin at 0830 hours.

2 Discussions will be held in English only.

3 Participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country which is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. The workshop is free of charge.

4 The objective of the workshop is to showcase the ICT Innovations happening in the region and to present the work of the Focus Group Bridging the gap: from innovation to standards, in order to enhance participation from the region in the work of the focus group.

5 A draft programme of the workshop, presentations and relevant information will be made available on the ITU-T website at the following URL: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/ict/201401/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be updated as new or modified information become available.

6 General information including hotel accommodation, transportation, visa and health requirements can be found at the ITU-T website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/ict/201401/Pages/default.aspx>.

7 **Fellowships**: Unfortunately, due to budget restrictions, there will be no fellowships offered for this workshop.

8 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, I would be grateful if you would register via the on-line form at the ITU-T website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/ict/201401/Pages/default.aspx>, as soon as possible, **but not later than 20 January 2014**. **Please note that pre-registration of participants to workshops is carried out exclusively *online*.**

9We would like to remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in   
order to enter and spend any time in Tunisia. The visa must be requested and obtained from the   
Tunisian Embassy in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one   
that is closest to the country of departure. Participants who require an invitation letter to facilitate  
their entry visa are requested to complete the Visa Support Form in Appendix III of the “General Information” document at the ITU-T website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/ict/201401/Pages/default.aspx>. The duly completed form should be returned to the local  
host contact: **Mr Mohsen Nahdi, Tunisie Telecom; (Email:** [**Mohsen.Nahdi@tunisietelecom.tn**](mailto:Mohsen.Nahdi@tunisietelecom.tn)**;  
Tel.: +216 70 30 28 62 or +216 98 22 02 03; Fax: +216 71 90 11 21) as soon as possible and no   
later than 13 January 2014**.Please be aware that visa approval might take time so kindly make   
your request for the invitation letter as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Malcolm Johnson  
Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau