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| INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION | **Focus Group - Bridging the Gap:From Innovation to Standards** |
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This document provides information on the sixth meeting of the Focus Group on Bridging the Gap: From Innovation to Standards (FG Innovation).

1 The sixth meeting of the FG Innovation is scheduled to take place at ITU, in Geneva, on the 16-17 September 2013.

2 On Wednesday 18 September, a workshop on ICT Innovations in emerging economies will be held in Geneva to showcase the deliverables of the Focus Group Bridging the gap: from innovation to standards and some case studies of successful cases of innovations from developing countries. For more details, kindly refer to [TSB Circular 36](http://www.itu.int/md/T13-TSB-CIR-0036/en).

Details of the workshop programme will be provided at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/Pages/default.aspx>. This workshop will be held in English only.

3 FG Innovation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Member, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country which is a member of ITU and who is willing to contribute to the work; this includes individuals who are also members or representatives of interested standards development organizations.

4 The items for discussion at the meeting will be made available on the Focus Group webpage:
[http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/innovation/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.itu.int/ar/ITU-T/focusgroups/innovation/Pages/default.aspx). Information related to the meeting as well as the contributions received will also be available on the Focus Group webpage.

Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours. The FG Innovation meeting will open at 0930 hours on 16 September 2013. No registration fee is required for participating in this meeting.

The discussions will be held in English only.

The documents will be made publicly available. In preparing documents, please use the basic template for the FG documents available from the Focus Group webpage. Participants shall submit input documents to FG innovation in electronic format to TSB as follows:

- contact TSB at tsbfginnovation@itu.int to receive a number (nnnn) for each document

- prepare documents with a file name as follows: FG-Innovation-I-nnnn (with the appropriate file extension)

- using an FTP client, upload the document to the document drop folder in the FG Innovation FTP area, namely:
 **Host name:** ifa.itu.int
 **Path:** /t/fg/innovation/docs/incoming

Note: contents of the document drop box can be read with a web browser at: <http://ifa.itu.int/t/fg/innovation/docs/1309-gva/in/>.

Documents will be processed by TSB and moved to the relevant read only folder.

The deadline for document submission for this meeting is **30 August 2013**. Please note that this is a paperless meeting.

5 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates in the ITU main conference room areas. Wired network access continues to be available in the ITU Montbrillant building. Detailed information is available on the ITU-T website (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

6 For your convenience, a hotel confirmation form is enclosed as **Annex 1** (see [http://www.itu.int/travel/](http://www.itu.int/travel) for the list of hotels).

7 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the Focus Group meeting and workshop, please register via the online form at
<http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-T/misc/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=3000556> as soon as possible, but **not later than 30 August 2013**. **Please note that pre-registration of participants to the meeting is carried out exclusively *online.*** To easily provide you with any updates concerning the meeting planning, please fill in your valid e-mail address on your registration form.

8 We would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested as soon as possible, preferably four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the meeting** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

 If problems are encountered by **ITU Member States, Sector Members Associates** or **Academic Institutions** and at the official request made by them to TSB, the Union can approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa but only within the period mentioned of four weeks. **Any such request should be made by official letter from the administration or entity you represent**. This letter must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the ITU-T meeting in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int), bearing the words **“visa request”**. **Please also note that ITU can assist only representatives of ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members, ITU Associates or Academic Institutions.**

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ANNEX 1

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***at the ITU preferential tariff***

*------------ single/double room(s)*

*arriving on (date)----------------------------- at (time) ------------- departing on (date)--------------------------------*

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*Address*  ------------------------------------------------------------------------ *Tel: -------------------------------*

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*Credit card to guarantee this reservation*: AX/VISA/DINERS/EC (*or* *other) -----------------------------------*

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*Date* ------------------------------------------------------ *Signature*  ---------------------------------------------------