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Subject: **ITU New Initiatives Workshop on Tomorrow's Network Today**
St. Vincent (Aosta), Italy, 7-8 October 2005

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Council of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has endorsed a New Initiatives Programme to facilitate the transition of the telecommunications community towards a ubiquitous network society. As part of this programme, I am pleased to invite you to participate in a Strategic Planning Workshop entitled "Tomorrow's Network Today", to be held in S. Vincent (Aosta, Italy), from 7-8 October 2005. The event will be jointly hosted by ITU, the Italian Ministry of Communications, the Ugo Bordoni Foundation and the Valle d' Aosta Region.

In recent years, major advances in ICTs and the rapid growth of global networks such as the Internet have transformed businesses and markets and generated significant wealth and economic growth in many countries. They have also empowered individuals and communities with new ways of doing things, as well as transformed our ways of learning and sharing knowledge. This revolution also means that public access to communications facilities need no longer be physically located near the urban areas where most information and production is generated; and constraints of time and distance have been eliminated.

The draft agenda as well as regularly updated information concerning the meeting can be found on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/tnt>. Online registration for the event will open on 30 August 2005 and will continue until 2 October 2005. You are invited to register for the event at <http://www.itu.int/osg/spu/tnt/registration.html>.

You are invited to submit, by 26 September 2005, any written contribution to TNT-workshop@itu.int. All written contributions will be made available on the event website.

We hope you are able to accept our invitation to participate in this workshop and can join us in October. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Cristina Buetti or Mr. Marco Obiso at TNT-workshop@itu.int.

We look forward to welcoming you at this important event.

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