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**Invitation letter to All Arab<sup>1</sup> Administrations, Regulators  
& ITU-D Sector Members  
Regional / International Organizations**

Subject: **ITU Regional Forum on Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Services and First Arab coordination Meeting for the Digital Terrestrial Television Service in the Arab region, Dubai - UAE, 17 - 20 May 2014**

Dear Madam, Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in two important events organized by the ITU (successively, the Arab Regional Office and the Radiocommunication Bureau) in collaboration with the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Arab States Broadcasting Union (ASBU), at the kind host of the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA), United Arab Emirates.

These two events will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates as follows:

- 1. ITU Regional Forum on Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Services in the Arab Region, on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (morning) May 2014.**

This Forum will discuss the main topics related to the transition from the analogue to the digital terrestrial television broadcasting and the need for the regional coordination and cooperation in that regard. It will also discuss the challenges related to the digital transition in the Arab region, including the cost of the transition, the interoperability and the digital dividend. The Forum will also address the technical standards, the frequency planning and coordination and the spectrum sharing.

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<sup>1</sup> The Arab countries from Sub-Saharan Africa are not part of this first meeting, as the coordination for the Sub-Saharan Africa was achieved in Nairobi-July 2013.

**2. First Arab Coordination Meeting of the GE06 frequency Plan for the Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting , from 18<sup>th</sup> May (afternoon) to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014.**

**This meeting will directly follow the Forum in conjunction with the Preparatory Working Group Meetings for the World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-15).**

This GE06 frequency coordination meeting, held in English and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation is intended to coordinate the transition to digital TV and initiate frequency coordination between the ASMG administrations, with a view to facilitating harmonization and use of the digital dividend spectrum.

This event will give emphasis to regulatory issues and practical cases on spectrum issues within the context of transition to digital and digital dividend. The frequency coordination meeting will focus on re-evaluating the frequency plan adopted by the ITU Regional Radiocommunication Conference in 2006 (GE06 Plan) for terrestrial television broadcasting in the band 470-862 MHz and necessary consequential actions, while taking into account:

- short and medium term spectrum needs of broadcasting and mobile industries and ensure equitable and efficient access to the spectrum;
- establishment of proper timelines and activities for the review and modification of GE06 Plan using the procedure of the GE06 Agreement.

This event is open to all relevant stakeholders (governments, regulators, broadcasters, mobile operators, etc.) The presence of national coordinators for the transition to digital broadcasting and the digital dividend is **highly recommended** during the workshop. The frequency coordination meeting is primarily intended for experts in the domain of broadcasting frequency planning and the presence of experts having participated in the Regional Radiocommunication Conference of 2006 (RRC-06) is also **highly recommended**.

The program for both events is attached in the Annex.

In order to encourage the participation of some administrations from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in these events, there is a very limited number of Full Fellowship covering the accommodation and air ticket to participate in the Forum and Coordination Meeting. Administrations wishing to benefit from this fellowship should fill in the Fellowship Request Form which is available on the webpage of the Forum mentioned below, at least before 25.04.2014.

One of the beneficiaries of fellowships must be a frequency-planning expert from the broadcasting sector.

Participants requiring entry visas are invited to contact the concerned embassy in their country in order to obtain the relevant information at the appropriate time.

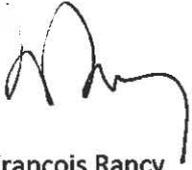
Hotel reservations must be made on the form provided on the websites, by contacting directly the hotel.

All information will be available on the website of the ITU Arab Regional Office:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/arb/ARO/2014/DB/index.html>

Please confirm your participation in the events as soon as possible. We are confident that your valuable opinions and interventions will have a profound impact in enriching the work of the concerned events and maximize their results.

Yours faithfully,



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**Annex**

**Workshop & Frequency Coordination Meeting on Digital Terrestrial TV in UHF Bands & Digital Dividend**

**17-20 May 2014 - Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Time	17 May 2014	18 May 2014	19 May 2014	20 May 2014
09:00 – 09:15	Opening			
09:15 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Migration &amp; World Wide Status.</li> <li>• Importance &amp; Advantages of Migration.</li> <li>• Cost of Migration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geneva-06 Plan overview for Arab States.</li> <li>• Digital TV Transition Technical Aspects.</li> <li>• Frequency Planning and coordination.</li> </ul>	Frequency coordination	Frequency coordination
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break	Tea Break	Tea Break	Tea Break
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Dividend Background and status.</li> <li>• Importance of Mobile Broadband.</li> <li>• Compatibility / Sharing issues for Broadcasting and Mobile Services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geneva-06 Modification requirements.</li> <li>• Finding new channels for DTT.</li> <li>• Frequency notification procedure.</li> <li>• Compatibility analysis for new frequency requirements.</li> </ul>	Frequency coordination	Frequency coordination
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital TV Receiver Specifications – UAE Case.</li> <li>• Receiver availability and experiences.</li> <li>• Manufacturers view point.</li> </ul>	ITU Tools for notification and coordination.	Frequency coordination	Frequency coordination