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About ITU-D and BDT		<div>Invitation to Member States and ITU-D Sector Members of the Arab States Region</div> <div><div><div><div><div>Ref.:</div><div>RPM-ARB/CEO/DM-244</div></div><div><div>To:</div><div><div>- United Nations</div><div>- Regional telecommunication organizations of the Arab region</div><div>- Intergovernmental organizations operating satellite systems</div><div>- Specialized agencies of the United Nations</div><div>- International Atomic Energy Agency</div></div></div></div><div><div>For your reply</div><div>Contact:</div><div><div><div>Emamgholi Behdad</div><div>Head, Projects and Initiatives Department, BDT</div><div>Geneva, Switzerland</div></div><div><div>E - emamgholi.behdad@itu.int</div><div>mail:</div><div>Fax: +41 22 730 5545/730 5484</div><div>Tel: +41 22 730 5448</div></div></div><div><div><div>Miloud Ameziane</div><div>Head ITU/Arab Regional Office</div><div>Cairo, Egypt</div></div><div><div>E - miloud.ameziane@itu.int</div><div>mail:</div><div>Fax: +20 2 35 37 17 77</div><div>Tel: +20 2 35 37 18 88</div></div></div><div><div>Subject:</div><div>Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Arab States (RPM-ARB), Damascus, Syria (17-19 January 2010)</div></div><div><div>Dear Sir/Madame</div><div><div>I have pleasure in inviting you to participate, as observer, in the Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Arab States (RPM-ARB) for the 2010 World Telecommunication Development Conference, to be held in Damascus, Syria, from 17-19 January 2010 at the kind invitation of the Government of Syria.</div><div><div>Regional Preparatory Meetings are organized in response to Resolution 31 (Rev. Doha, 2006) in a bid to achieve greater regional coordination and engage Members in the WTDC-10 process early on. They also seek to identify issues, at the regional level, that need to be addressed to foster the development of telecommunications and of information technologies, taking into account the expression of pressing needs facing the Member States and Sector Members of the region.</div><div><div>The RPM-ARB is expected to draw up recommendations on carefully selected top priority areas identified as essential for the ICT development of the countries of the region, within which Study Group Questions, programmes, projects and regional initiatives can be identified for consideration by WTDC-10. To this end, to facilitate effective preparations by the Members of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D), a very focused RPM-ARB agenda based on the general framework provided by the preliminary draft WTDC-10 agenda has been prepared and is found in Annex I.</div><div><div>The Meeting documents will be posted on the ITU-D website at www.itu.int/ITU-D/conferences/rpm/2009/arb/documents.html as they become available.</div><div><div>Registration will be made exclusively online, until 12 January 2010 at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/conferences/rpm/2009/arb/Registration.html</div><div><div>Practical information relating to the meeting will shortly be available on that website.</div><div><div>I very much look forward to your participation to ensure that the Action Plan to be prepared by WTDC-10 is an effective and viable tool to guide our work in the coming years to meet the needs of countries of the Arab region based on the top priorities you will have set.</div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div></div>					
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Yours sincerely,
[Original signed]
Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director

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Annex 1

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| 1. Opening Ceremony | |
| 2. Election of the Chairman | |
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| 5. Consideration of the Time Management Plan | RPM-ARB10/DT01 |
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| 7. ICT Development status in the region: challenges and opportunities | RPM-ARB10/08 |
| 8. A fresh look on ITU-D activities | RPM-ARB10/06 |
| 9. Proposals for Programmes and Study Group Questions | See RPM-ARB10/DT02 |
| 10. Priority setting for Regional Initiatives | See RPM-ARB10/DT02 |
| 11. Other business | |

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