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Subject: **ITU Regional Seminar on economic and financial aspects of telecommunications for member countries of Study Group 3 Regional group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC) – Asuncion, Paraguay, 13-14 March 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the ITU Regional Seminar on economic and financial aspects of telecommunications, organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) to be held in Asuncion, Paraguay, on 13 and 14 March 2012, at the kind invitation of the Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CONATEL).

The regional meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC) will follow the seminar from 15 to 16 March 2012. All participants are kindly invited to pre-register online, both for the seminar and meeting, **by 12 February 2012** at the event website: www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/work-cost-tariffs/events/tariff-seminars/Asuncion-12/index.html. In this website you will also find the practical information regarding these events. Delegate on-site registration will begin at 08:30 on Tuesday, 13 March 2012.

It is important to note that participants should enquire in advance concerning visa requirements for Paraguay and apply to the Consulate or Embassy of Paraguay in their respective country.

The seminar and meeting will be conducted with interpretation in both English and Spanish. All the presentations will be published in the original language on the above-mentioned website.

Participants are requested to submit, in advance, an update of their telecommunication sector scenario, by updating the Tariff Policy Survey. This should be completed at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/ under Survey Login. For login information, please contact Ms. C. Prado-Wagner at the above-mentioned email address.

In order to build on the work carried out in Study Group 3 and optimize the transfer of knowledge, we strongly recommend that, where possible, organizations designate their SG3RG-LAC Group Representatives or officials who have expertise and responsibility for costs and tariffs matters to attend these events. Interactive discussion sessions will be conducted to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences among participants. Please find attached the provisional agenda (Annex 1).

I am pleased to inform you that full fellowships will be awarded based on available funding to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries. An application must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State and be limited to only one person per country. The fellowship request form, enclosed as Annex 3 of the TSB Invitation letter available at the event website, should be returned to ITU not later than **13 February 2012**.

We look forward to your participation in our events.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex 1: Provisional Agenda

Annex 1



**Seminario sobre los Aspectos Económicos y Financieros de las Telecomunicaciones
Grupo Regional de la Comisión de Estudio 3 para América Latina y El Caribe (SG3RG-LAC)**

***Regional Seminar on the economic and financial aspects of telecommunications
Study Group 3 Regional Group for Latin America and Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC)***

Asunción, Paraguay, 13-14 Marzo/March 2012

Agenda Preliminar

Martes / Tuesday	
08.30 – 09.00	Registro de Delegados / Delegates registration
09.30– 10.00	Ceremonia de Apertura / Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CONATEL Representative - Facundo Fernández Begni, Presidente SG3RG-LAC / <i>SG3RG-LAC President</i> - Carmen Prado-Wagner, Representante UIT / <i>ITU Representative</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Presidente del Seminario / <i>Chairman of the seminar: to be nominated by CONATEL</i></p>
Parte 1: Políticas tarifarias y modelización de costos en un entorno de Convergencia Part 1: Tariff Policies and cost modeling in a converged environment	
10.00 – 11.00	Sesión 1: Regulación de Tarifas - determinación precios en un entorno de convergencia / <i>Tariff regulation: pricing in a converged environment</i>
Café / Coffee break	
11.15 – 12.15	Sesión 2: La Interconexión: modelización y cálculo de costos / <i>Interconnection: cost modeling and calculation</i>
Almuerzo / Lunch	
14.00 – 15.45	Sesión 3: Experiencias de países en la región / <i>Country experiences in the region</i>
Café / Coffee break	
16.00 – 17.00	Sesión 4: Servicio triple play de COPACO: estructuración de costos - ¿cómo funciona? / <i>COPACO Triple Play Services – cost structure – how does it work?</i>

Miércoles / Wednesday	
Parte 2: El Impacto del despliegue de Banda Ancha en la economía Part 2: The impact of broadband on the economy	
09.00 – 09.45	Sesión 5: Elaboración del Plan Nacional de la Banda Ancha – Lista de actividades para reguladores / <i>Preparation of the National Broadband Plan– Check list for Regulators</i>

09.45 – 10.30	Sesión 6: El despliegue de Banda Ancha móvil – impacto económico y social / <i>The deployment of mobile Broadband – economic and social impact</i>
Café / Coffee break	
10.45 – 11.30	Sesión 7: Plan Nacional de la Banda Ancha en Paraguay: lecciones aprendidas / <i>The broadband national plan in Paraguay: Lessons learned</i>
11.30 – 12.15	Sesión 8: Banda Ancha móvil y el dividendo digital / <i>Mobile broadband and the digital dividend</i>
Almuerzo / Lunch	
14:00 – 14.45	Sesión 9: Tendencias de la Banda Ancha Móvil – hacia la sociedad conectada / <i>Trends in mobile broadband – through the networked society</i>
Parte 3: La conectividad Internacional de Internet Part 3: International Internet Connectivity	
14.45 – 15.45	Sesión 10: La Banda Ancha y la conectividad internacional de Internet / <i>Broadband and the International Internet connectivity</i>
Café / Coffee break	
16.00 – 16.30	Sesión 11: Diálogo regional de banda ancha / <i>Regional Broadband discussions</i>
Parte 4: Regulación Internacional de Telecomunicaciones (ITRs) Part 4: International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)	
16.30 – 17.15	Sesión 12: Actualización de los trabajos sobre la Regulación Internacional de Telecomunicaciones (ITRs) y la Conferencia Internacional de Telecomunicaciones (WCIT) / <i>Update of the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT)</i>
17:15 – 17.30	Conclusiones finales y cierre del Seminario Final conclusions and closing of the seminar
15-16 Marzo/March	Reunión del Grupo Regional de la Comisión de Estudio 3 para América Latina y El Caribe (SG3RG-LAC) <i>Regional meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC)</i>