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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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**To: Administrations of ITU Member States;
ITU-D Sector Members and Associates;
Regional Organizations**

**Subject: Regional ITU Seminar on Telecommunications/ICTs Costs and Tariffs for CIS Countries,
Odessa, Ukraine, 24-26 October 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to inform you that the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in collaboration with the Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications named after A. Popov (ONAT) is organizing a Regional Seminar on Telecommunications/ICTs Costs and Tariffs for CIS Countries, which will be held in Odessa, Ukraine from 24 to 26 October 2012.

This Seminar is intended for representatives from ministries, regulators, telecommunication operators, universities and other stakeholders of ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from the CIS Region.

The Seminar will focus on the following issues: current trends of telecommunication/ICT development in the world and in CIS countries; strategic aspects for building effective regulation mechanisms, regulatory support, as well as organizational and procedural aspects of telecommunications/ICT tariff regulation; international mobile roaming and tariff issues for cross-border connectivity for mobile; economic aspects and costing of NGNs in a broadband environment; capacity building on tariff setting mechanism in telecommunications/ICTs. The Preliminary Programme is available in annex 1.

The Seminar and meeting will be conducted with interpretation in both Russian and English.

The Seminar will be paperless. All the Seminar materials and information can be downloaded from the ITU site: www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/.

No registration fee will be required. Please note that participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. In order to confirm your participation, you are kindly invited to fill out the attached Registration Form (Annex 2) and send it to the contacts persons indicated on the form no later than **12 October 2012**.

I am also pleased to inform you that one full or two partial fellowships per administration will be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation of Low Income Developing Countries. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. In this regard,

we kindly ask you to fill out the attached Fellowship Request Form (Annex 6) and send it to the ITU Fellowship Service by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 or email: bdtfellowships@itu.int no later than **5 October 2012**.

For additional information and clarifications, please contact Mr Andrei Untila, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for the CIS, e-mail: andrei.untila@itu.int, Tel.: +7 495 926 6070, Fax: +7 495 926 6073; and Mrs Irina Olitova, Head of Scientific Research Department, Tel.: +38 048 705 0384, Tel/Fax: +38 048 705 0305, e-mail: rdd@onat.edu.ua.

I look forward with great anticipation to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

1. Preliminary Programme
2. Registration Form
3. Presentation Requirements
4. Accommodation Information
5. Venue Information
6. Fellowship Request Form
7. Visa Support Form