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Subject: **Caribbean Seminar: Issues in telecommunication economics and financing
10 - 13 September 2007, Antigua and Barbuda**

Dear Sir/Madam,

ITU/BDT as part of its ongoing activities in the Caribbean sub-region and as part of the Doha Action Plan 2006, will be organizing, in collaboration with the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU), The Caribbean Association of National Telecommunication Organizations (CANTO), and the Organisation of Caribbean Utility Regulators (OOCUR) a seminar entitled - Issues in Telecommunication economics and financing. This seminar will take place from 10 - 13 September 2007 and will be held in Antigua and Barbuda at the kind invitation of the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

Your administration/organization/company is hereby invited to participate in this event. The main objective of this seminar is to provide a forum for ICT stakeholders (policymakers, regulators and operators) to exchange information on financial and economic issues which are key priorities for the Caribbean sub-region. To this end, extensive feedback from stakeholders in the sub-region helped derive the three major themes of the seminar which will be spread over three days. Given the multitude of issues, the final day is reserved to bring out the key issues for strategy and policy that reflect the emerging telecommunication market scenario in the Caribbean and also enable stakeholders to focus on promoting enhanced financing and investment opportunities in the region. The seminar will focus on the following themes:

- 10 September 2007 - Growth and investment trends in telecommunications in the Caribbean - prospects and policy
- 11 September 2007 - Tariff policy and charging issues in the context of the Caribbean
- 12 September 2007 - Emerging perspectives for the Caribbean: Costing, competition and IP issues
- 13 September 2007- Way forward for the Caribbean.

The agenda for this seminar, an information note for participants, hotel information and registration forms and seminar registration forms are attached for your information and attention. You are kindly requested to complete the seminar registration form and return it to: Mr Philip Cross, ITU Area Representative, Bridgetown, Barbados, Fax: 1 246 431 0343/4, e-mail philip.cross@itu.int., by the latest 3 September 2007.

Although there will be no fee for participating in this seminar, participants will be required to cover their own expenditure in respect of travel to and from Antigua and Barbuda, as well as living expenses. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the hotel, the Jolly Beach Resort.

Mr. Clement Samuel has been appointed as the local contact person by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda. Please contact him for further information regarding accommodation, hotel reservation and entry visa requirements at the following numbers: Tel.: 1 268 562 1868, Fax: 1 268 562 1872 or by e-mail at clement.samuel@antigua.gov.ag.

I trust that you will be able to participate in this seminar and join efforts with other stakeholders in order to further develop the ICT sector in the Caribbean.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed by Mr Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid, Director]

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Director

Annexes:

Provisional Agenda
Seminar Registration Form
Information Note
Hotel Reservation Form