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| **Subject:** | **ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 10-3/2 – Survey on policy and regulatory initiatives for developing telecommunications/ICTs/broadband in rural and remote areas** |
| Dear Sir/Madam,We would like to invite the membership to contribute to a survey on policy and regulatory initiatives for developing telecommunications/ICTs/broadband in rural and remote areas. This request follows agreement at the September 2012 meeting of **ITU-D Study Group 2 Rapporteur Group for Question 10-3/2** dedicated to “Telecommunications/ICTs for rural and remote areas”, to issue a circular to members requesting their input. All contributions received will be compiled as part of the outputs of the Question, intended to assist countries in strengthening their capacity to address the challenges posed by telecommunications/ICTs in remote and rural areas. Please make sure you complete the survey before 31 January 2013.The success and value of this survey will depend on the input received from the membership. I look forward to your active participation, support and contributions to the work of the ITU-D Study Groups.I thank you in advance for your cooperation.Yours faithfully,[Original signed]Brahima SanouBDT Director**Annex:** 1 |

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| **Annex 1**Expected Output for Question 10-3/2  Detailed information on the outputs expected from the work of Question 10-3/2 can be found online at:<http://www.itu.int/net3/ITU-D/stg/rgqlist.aspx?rgq=D10-RGQ10.3.2&stg=2> The overall aim of ITU-D Study Group 2 Question 10-3/2 is to study “the range and scope of techniques and solutions that are expected to play a significant role in the provision of e-application services for rural and remote areas.” In order for the Question to successfully complete its work for the 2010-2014 further input is needed from the ITU membership on techniques that can be used to best deliver the range of services, and applications required by rural and remote communities and adapted to the needs of their users. The purpose of this survey is to gather detailed information on policy and regulatory measures that have been taken by the governments around the world and economic and business models for telecommunication/ICT growth in rural and remote areas. The survey also seeks to collect information on possible impact and analysis of such interventions/initiatives.The input received through this survey will be used as part of the outputs of the Question for the 2010-2014 study period, intended to assist countries in strengthening their capacity to address challenges for the development of telecommunications/ICTs/broadband in rural and remote areas.Submission of contributions and timingThe survey on policy and regulatory initiatives for developing telecommunications/ICTs/broadband in rural and remote areas can be filled in using an online form in any of the six official languages at:<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/Pages/surveys/2012_Q10-3-2_CSTG016.aspx>. We would be grateful if we would receive your input by **31 January 2013**.Information requestsQueries or requests for further information regarding the survey can be addressed to the ITU-D Study Groups Secretariat (Tel.: +41 22 730 5999, e-mail: devsg@itu.int).Further information regarding the survey will also be provided by:* Rapporteur for Question 10-3/2, Mr Yasuhiko Kawasumi, Japan, Tel.: +81 3 5253 5922, e-mail: kawasumi-yasuhiko@s3.dion.ne.jp
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