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* Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2

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| Subject:  | **Global survey to seek input on existing work of ITU-D Study Groups and to identify areas of interest and priorities amongst ITU Membership to prepare for the next study period** |
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| Dear Sir/Madam,I would like to invite the Membership to contribute to a global survey dedicated to determining the extent to which ITU members benefit from the outputs of studies undertaken by the ITU-D study groups, and to obtain feedback on current topics under study and potential future areas of interest.WTDC-14 Resolution 1 on “Rules of procedure of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector” encourages the ITU-D study groups to prepare a survey to help ascertain the extent to which the Member States, and in particular the developing countries, benefit from the outputs of ITU-D Study Groups’ studies and to obtain their feedback on the outputs of these studies. The purpose of this survey is thus to gather feedback on the usefulness of the outputs of ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2 studies, understand the relevance of the topics under study, and seek input for future priority areas. The results of the survey will be submitted by the ITU-D Study Group Chairmen to the 2017 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-17) to prepare for the next study period. The survey is composed of four main sections: Section 1: Contact information, Section 2: Participation in ITU-D study groups, Section 3: Structure of ITU-D study groups, and Section 4: Outputs and deliverables of ITU-D study groups.Please complete the survey [online](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/Pages/surveys/2016-Q9-2-CSTG02.aspx) before **20 December 2016**. As the success and value of this survey will depend on the input received from the Membership, I look forward to your support and active participation.Allow me to thank you in advance for your cooperation.Yours faithfully,[Original signed]Brahima SanouDirector |
| cc:* Rapporteurs and Vice-Rapporteurs for ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2 Questions
* ITU Regional Offices
* Focal Points in HQ and the Regional/Area Offices for ITU-D Study Group 1 and 2 Questions

**Annex 1**Background on the elaboration of the surveyAt the September 2015 meetings of ITU-D Study Group 2 and Question 9/2 (Identification of study topics in the ITU-T and ITU-R study groups which are of particular interest to developing countries), it was agreed to create an informal group, consisting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the two ITU-D study groups, Rapporteurs, as well as the Chairman of the Working Party 1/2, to work on the survey. Input from the Membership was received and subsequently the survey was approved by the ITU-D Study Group 2 meeting on 30 September 2016.Submission of contributions and timingThe global survey to seek input on existing work of ITU-D Study Groups and to identify areas of interest and priorities amongst ITU Membership to prepare for the next study period, 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/2016-Q9-2-CSTG02.aspx> A word version of the survey is also available on the website to assist in compiling the information before submitting it online.We would be grateful if we would receive your input by **20 December 2016**.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 can also be provided by:* Rapporteur for Question 9/2, Mr Nasser Al Marzouqi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)Tel.: +41 78 924 3 689, e-mail: nasser.almarzouqi@tra.gov.ae
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More information about the ITU-D Study Groups can be found online at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/study-groups/>. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |