



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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- Academia
- Universities and their associated research establishments

Subject: **ITU-D Academia Network**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference 2014 recognized the important role and valuable input that academia, universities and their associated research establishments can provide to the work of the three Sectors of the ITU. In accordance with Resolution 169 (Rev. Busan, 2014), with the exception of some treaty-level conferences ITU Academia Members are now invited to participate in global and regional conferences, workshops and activities of the Union. The ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) has some 95 Academia Members along with 193 Member States, and some 340 ITU-D Sector Members.

In order for the Academia Members to be more actively engaged in ITU-D activities, to network and share ideas and experiences, and to elaborate on common areas of interest, creative new ways and innovative collaborative mechanisms are being explored.

In this regard, I have the pleasure to invite you to our first meeting of the **ITU-D Academia Network**, which will be held at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, from 09h00 to 12h00 on **11 September 2015**, during the ITU-D Study Group 2 meeting. The meeting will allow Academia Members to network, connect and together build a concrete action plan for ways in which they can actively contribute to improving socio-economic development in the converged ICT ecosystem.

Ms Eun-Ju Kim, Chief of Innovation and Partnership, is at your disposal should you require further information. Tel.: + 41 22 730 5463, Fax: +41 22 730 5484, E-mail address: membershipTUD@itu.int

I look forward to welcoming you to this meeting and thank you in advance for your participation, contribution and engagement in ITU-D activities.

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