



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members,
- Academia
- Regional Organizations from Europe

Subject: **ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe on “Broadband for Sustainable Development”,  
Bucharest, Romania, 20-22 April 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Development Forum for Europe on “Broadband for Sustainable Development”, to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Ministry for Information Society of Romania and National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM). The Forum will take place in Bucharest, Romania, from 20 to 22 April 2015, and will be held back to back with the CEPT Com-ITU meeting on 22-24 April 2015.

Regional Development Forums provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and decision-makers, governments and regulators, of ITU Member States and Sector Members. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on BDT's regional work plan in between world telecommunication development conferences. In this context, these Forums will report on the activities of the Dubai Action Plan, with particular emphasis on regional initiatives in order to get feedback from membership to adjust BDT's work in the regions.

The Forum will discuss in detail the five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14, providing members with an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practice in the implementation of these initiatives. It will also pay special attention to the new ITU Strategic Plan for 2016-2019, the activities of the ITU-D Study Groups, and the activities of the ITU Centres of Excellence. The draft agenda of the Forum is attached as Annex 1.

The Forum will be conducted in English. Please note that the Forum will be paperless: all material, including presentations, will be available on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2015/Regional-Development-Forum.aspx>

No participation fee is required for this event. However, all participants are to cover their own expenses for travel, accommodation and insurance. To participate, please register online using the link available at :

[http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?\\_eventid=4000227](http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000227) no later than **15 April 2015**.

Those participants requiring an entry visa to Romania are requested to contact their local Embassy of Romania for information well in advance.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Coordinator for Europe, Tel.: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: [eurregion@itu.int](mailto:eurregion@itu.int).

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou  
Director

Annex : Draft agenda

## Annex 1

# Regional Development Forum for Europe (RDF-EUR) *Broadband for Sustainable Development*

organized by the  
International Telecommunication Union

at the kind invitation of the  
Ministry for Information Society of Romania and the National Authority for Management and  
Regulation in Communications (ANCOM)

**20-22 April 2015**  
**Bucharest, Romania**  
**[www.itu.int/itu-d/EUR](http://www.itu.int/itu-d/EUR)**

## Agenda day 1 - 20 April 2015

[12:00 – 14:00]	Registration
[14:00 – 14:30]	Welcome Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministry for Information Society of Romania</li><li>• National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM)</li><li>• Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU</li></ul>
[14:30 – 14:45]	Group Photo
[14:45 – 15:15]	Update on Implementation of the WTDC-10 Regional Initiatives for Europe
[15:15 – 15:45]	WTDC-14: ITU-D Regional Initiatives across the World
[15:45 – 16:15]	Regional Initiative EUR5 – Entrepreneurship, Innovation and youth
[16:15 – 16:30]	Coffee Break
[16:30 – 18:00]	Regional Initiative EUR5 - Entrepreneurship, innovation and youth

## Agenda day 2 - 21 April 2015

[9:00 – 11:00]	Regional Initiative EUR4 – Building Confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs
[11:00 – 11:30]	Coffee Break
[11:30 – 13:00]	Regional Initiative EUR3 – Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities
[13:00 – 14:30]	Lunch Break
[14:30 – 15:30]	Regional Initiative EUR3 – Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities
[15:30 – 16:00]	Coffee Break
[16:00 – 18:00]	Regional Initiative EUR2 – Development of broadband access and adoption of broadband

## Agenda day 3 - 22 April 2015

[9:00 – 11:00]	Regional Initiative EUR1 – Spectrum management and transition to digital broadcasting
[11:00 – 11:30]	Coffee Break
[11:30 – 12:30]	ITU-D Study Groups, ITU Centres of Excellence, Membership/Academia
[12:30 – 13:00]	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ministry for Information Society of Romania</li><li>• National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM)</li><li>• Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU</li></ul>