



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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All ITU Member States and
ITU-D Sector Members

Subject: **Invitation to Americas Emergency Communications Workshop “From Preparedness to Regional Action” 25 May 2015, Cuzco, Peru**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the **“Americas Emergency Telecommunications Workshop: From Preparedness to Regional Action”** that will be held in Cuzco Perú at the Convention Center, on 25 May 2015, on the eve of the CITEL PPC.I meeting which will take place from 26-29 May 2015 at the same venue.

The World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14) held in Dubai, identified natural disasters as a major threat to socio-economic development and adopted emergency telecommunications as one of the regional initiatives for the Americas region. In light of this, the ITU and CITEL, at the kind invitation of the OSIPTEL-PERU are jointly organizing the workshop on the eve of the CITEL PPC.I meeting.

The workshop will focus on the experiences and lessons learned in recent disasters, including observations, opportunities and best practices, as well as the legal and regulatory environment required; Telecommunication/ICT Networks and Applications – from Preparedness to recovery, building redundancy and protecting communications systems in times of crisis, prioritizing the protection, restoration and use of telecommunications networks in emergency situations; and developing and implementing a National Emergency Communications Plan (NETP) including presentations of examples of disaster management plans that link communications to national disaster response priorities.

The expected outcome of the meeting will be a summary of the key findings, lessons learned, next steps as well as recommendations to ITU for ongoing and future development work.

All participants are kindly requested to pre-register online for the event at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2015/0525-PE-Emergency.aspx> . Please visit the site for all the other important and relevant information necessary.

The workshop will be conducted in English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation. The draft agenda is attached hereto as Annex 1.

I look forward to meeting you in Peru.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou

Director

Annex: Draft agenda

ANNEX 1

Americas Emergency Communications Workshop

From Preparedness to Regional Action

25 May 2015

Cuzco Convention Center, Room A
Cuzco, Peru

Draft Agenda

08:15 – 9:00 :	Registration
09:00 – 9:20:	Opening Ceremony Mr. Gonzalo Ruiz Diaz, President OSIPTEL-Peru and Chairman PCC.I CITEL Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, BDT/ITU Mr. Joseph Burton, United States - Workshop Coordinator Mr. Clovis Baptista, Executive Secretary CITEL
09:20 – 9:30:	ITU's 150th Anniversary
09:30 – 10:40:	Experiences and Lessons Learned in Recent Disasters: ITU moderator/presenter and CITEL Administration panellists highlight their experiences and actions in recent disasters, including observations, needs, opportunities, best practices and lessons learned. ITU to discuss the outcomes of key conferences and initiatives, as well as the legal and regulatory environment. This session will set the tone for the workshop and bring realities and needs to the forefront Moderator: to be determined Panellists: to be determined
10:40 – 11:00 :	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12: 30:	Telecommunication/ICT Networks and Applications From Preparedness to Recovery: Topics to include: Building redundancy and protecting communications systems in times of crisis; Prioritizing the protection, restoration and use of telecommunications networks in emergency situations; Ensuring two way communications with affected populations, including persons with disabilities and specific needs; role of satellite and Amateur Radio Emergency Communications; Early warning/Alerting systems (national/regional). Moderator: to be determined Panellists: to be determined
12: 30 – 14:00:	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00:	Technology Demonstrations: A series of short presentations each with Q&A. Could include restoration, remote sensing applications, and current and emerging technologies and applications. Moderator: to be determined Demonstrators: to be determined

- 15:00 – 16:15: **Developing and Implementing a National Emergency Communications Plan:**
Presentations of examples of disaster management plans that link communications to national disaster response priorities; Tools and policies to encourage the development of national plans; Considerations for an enabling policy and regulatory environment; and Examples of Emergency Communications Plan activations.
Moderator: to be determined
Panellists: to be determined
- 16:15 – 16:30: **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 – 18:00: **Improving Regional Preparedness and Cooperation - Identifying a Plan of Action:**
Session to summarize key findings, lessons learned, and next steps to continue momentum, Recommendations to ITU regional for ongoing work: Potential outcomes, action items and next steps could include: 1) ITU Regional contracting for additional emergency plan development; 2) Identify Regional Disaster POC's; 3) Updating the Technical Notebook; 4) CITEL Administrations reporting back on disaster plans as they evolve; 4) Raising the WTDC Disaster Study Questions, guides and resources for comment and further action. Moderated by the Workshop Coordinator with summary presentations from each Workshop moderator
Moderator: to be determined
Panellists: to be determined