



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To All:

ITU Member States and  
ITU-D Sector Members

Subject: Invitation to the ITU-D Workshop on Emergency Telecommunications and Disaster Relief  
Geneva, 27 September 2016.

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the ITU-D Workshop on Emergency Telecommunications and Disaster Relief that is going to be held jointly with ITU-D Study Group Question 5/2 on the *Utilization of Telecommunications/ICTs for Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation and Response*. The event will take place on 27 September 2016 at the ITU premises. This meeting will provide countries with an opportunity to share experiences in the area of emergency telecommunications.

Information on registering for this workshop is available in Annex2. Other event related information is found at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Study-Groups/2014-2018/Pages/side-events/2016/emergency-workshop.aspx>

I look forward to your active participation and contribution towards the success of this workshop.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou  
Director

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## ANNEX 1

### Workshop on Emergency Telecommunications and Disaster Relief Geneva, Switzerland, ITU Headquarters

27 September 2016

#### DRAFT PROGRAMME

14:30-14:40

#### **Opening Session**

- Opening remarks: Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director BDT
- Ms. Kelly O’Keefe, Rapporteur for SG Q.5/2

#### SESSION 1

##### LEVERAGING ICTs FOR DISASTER RESPONSE: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

*The session will explore the use of technologies and applications for disaster mitigation and response, with a focus on emerging ICT solutions, planning, coordination, capacity building, and policies through a diverse range of stakeholders with a focus on lessons learned and potential recommendations.*

14:40-15:45

#### **Moderator:**

- *Satellite and Mobile telecommunications companies; ICT vendors (TBC) Iridium, Intelsat.*
- *Japan, Movable and Deployable ICT unit. Philippines and Kumamoto cases.*
- *India, Government experiences in developing disaster communications plans and early warning systems.*
- *Haiti experience on lessons learned.*
- **Q&A**

15:45-16:15

**Coffee break**

#### SESSION 2

##### SCENARIO READING

*This session will provide an overview of a catastrophic disaster. The scenario will help frame discussion in the final panel where participants will help put into context how the various technologies and recommendations from the first session may be implemented.*

16:15-16:25

- **Scenario Reading by: World Health Organization**

## SESSION 3

### THE ICT RESPONSE LANDSCAPE: COORDINATION AND PLANNING

*This session will introduce the multiple, diverse stakeholders that seek to enable lifesaving communications and explore opportunities for improved disaster preparedness and response, increased coordination, and development of resilient infrastructure.*

**Moderator**

16:25-17:30

**Panellists**

## ANNEX 2

### Registration

**Pre-registration** will be carried out exclusively online by each participant interested in attending the meetings in person or remotely, and validated through the Focal Points designated by each administration and entity entitled to participate. A single **user profile** will allow each delegate to register for all sub-meetings, namely ITU-D SG1 and 2, including their Rapporteur Groups and the workshop on Emergency Telecommunications. User account creation and online pre-registration will open in the new registration system at the following website: <http://www.itu.int/net3/ITU-D/meetings/registration/>