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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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ITU-D Sector Members

**Subject: 8th Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (CRO) meeting and CRO Working Group on Digital Financial Inclusion (CRO WG-DFI) meeting
Nassau, Bahamas, 12 July 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the outcomes of the 7th Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (CRO) meeting as well as those of the CRO Working Group on Digital Financial Inclusion (CRO WG-DFI) held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 14-15 November 2016, I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 8th CRO and CRO WG-DFI meetings. Both meetings will be held back to back on 12 July 2017 (from 9 a.m. to 12 noon) in Nassau, Bahamas, as part of the pre-event programme of the 17th Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-17) taking place on 11-14 July 2017, designed around the theme "Living in a World of Digital Opportunities".

CRO WG-DFI will meet first from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by CRO from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, 12 July 2017.

Programme

CRO provides a platform for senior executives in charge of public policies and regulatory issues to share experiences and exchange ideas on how to strengthen the private sector's involvement and engagement in global, regional and national initiatives and to identify mechanisms to better foster an enabling environment for inclusive and sustainable development. This meeting will provide Sector Members the opportunity to network and enter partnerships with multi-stakeholders from the public and private sectors, identify issues of common interest and explore potential initiatives for the benefit of ITU-D membership.

The objective of CRO WG-DFI is to align key stakeholders towards a formal commitment under the Universal Financial Access 2020 objective. The Group discusses approaches to achieve the "Universal Financial Access 2020", legal and regulatory frameworks and pilot implementation in selected countries, based on multi-stakeholder expressed commitments. The outcome of CRO WG-DFI meetings is available at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/CRO/Pages/default.aspx>.

The Chairmen's Reports of the 7th CRO meeting and WG-DFI are available on the CRO website at www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/CRO/Pages/default.aspx. The draft agendas of the 8th CRO meeting and of the WG-DFI meeting are attached to this letter as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively. The meetings will be conducted in English only.

Registration

Registration is carried out exclusively online through Focal Points designated by each entity. The role of a Focal Point is to handle registration formalities for his or her respective entity. The list of Focal Points and registration form are available at www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp and are accessible using TIES login credentials.

If your entity does not have a Focal Point or wishes to modify the contact details and/or change a Focal Point, you are kindly requested to provide details of his or her last name, first name and e-mail address and submit this information on letterhead by fax to: +41 22 730 5484 or by e-mail to BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int. For more details about the CRO and WG-DFI meetings, please contact Ms Andrea Maia at membershipitud@itu.int.

Practical information

Please note that participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Practical information on accommodation, including logistical details, is available on the GSR-17 website at www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Conferences/GSR/Pages/GSR2017/PracticalInformation.aspx.

Because of visa requirements, and in order to ensure that your visa is processed in time for the meeting(s), I encourage you to follow the visa instructions available in the above mentioned link.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr Bocar Ba, Chief Executive Officer, Samena Telecommunications Council, who has kindly accepted to continue his leadership as Chairman of the 8th CRO meeting and to Mr Andrew Buckley, Vice-President, MasterCard, for taking over the chairmanship of CRO WG-DFI.

I look forward to your active participation and valuable contribution to both meetings.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes 1 and 2: Draft agendas of CRO and CRO WG-DFI, respectively.



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Annex 1

Draft agenda

8th Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (CRO) meeting

Wednesday, 12 July 2017, 10 a.m. to 12 noon

Venue: Atlantis Paradise Island Conference Center, Bahamas

Meeting Room: Imperial Ballroom I

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Opening remarks by the BDT Director
3. Opening remarks by the Chairman
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Progress update on the 7th CRO meeting outcomes and ways forward
 - a) Report on CRO WG-DFI
 - b) Review Draft Potential Areas of Discussion at CRO
 - c) Discuss on possible outputs of CRO
6. Next CRO meeting as pre-event to WTDC 2017
7. Proposed theme(s) for GSR-18
8. Any other business
9. Closing of the meeting

Mr Bocar BA

Chairman



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Annex 2

Draft agenda

CRO Working Group on Digital Financial Inclusion

Wednesday, 12 July 2017, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Venue: Atlantis Paradise Island Conference Center, Bahamas

Meeting Room: Imperial Ballroom I

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Opening remarks by the Chairman
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Progress update on CRO WG-DFI meetings and outcomes
5. Ways forward
6. Any other business
7. Closing of the meeting

Mr Andrew Buckley

Chairman