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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Study Group 1 (SG 1) Chairman and of the Working Party 1B (WP 1B) Chairman and Vice-Chairman, we wish to announce that a **SG 1/WP 1B Workshop on Spectrum Management issues related to the use of White Spaces by Cognitive Radio Systems** will be held at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva on 20 January 2014 and will start at 1400 hours. This Workshop will be organized during the Working Party 1B meeting from 20 to 28 January 2014, as announced in BR Circular Letter 1/LCCE/94 of 13 September 2013, and necessary arrangements will be made to avoid overlapping with meeting sessions of WP 1B sub-groups on related issues.

Objectives and outline: Further to the Working Party 5A Seminar on Cognitive Radio Systems and the use of White Spaces, which will provide a technical view of the use of Cognitive Radio Systems (CRS) in Radiocommunications, the purpose of this SG 1/WP 1B Workshop is to provide a high level view on some Spectrum Management issues for the use of White Spaces (WS) by Cognitive Radio Systems (CRS) in Radiocommunications, in the light of the results of RA-12 and WRC-12 agenda item 1.19, including Recommendation 76 (WRC-12) and Resolution ITU R 58. The Workshop will include a summary of the related on-going ITU-R studies, as well as presentations on the possible issues indicated in the programme. Experiences from case studies, experiments and/or trials, including some related regulatory aspects and regional activities, are planned to be provided. It is expected that this Workshop will permit an open discussion of issues and ideas. It should be noted that the Workshop is not intended for the presentation of proposals/contributions to Working Party 1B.

Workshop webpage: Additional information can be found and will be provided on the webpage created for this Workshop at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/study-groups/workshops/RWP1B-SMWSCRS-14>

Programme: The preliminary programme for the Workshop is accessible from the above-mentioned webpage. The following three specific sessions are currently planned in addition to the opening and summarizing/closing ones:

- **Session 1** in order to provide a status of the past and on-going ITU-R Studies, which will briefly refer in particular to the RA-12 & WRC-12 relevant outcomes, the studies in SG 1, SG 5 and SG 6 and the WP 5A Nov'13 workshop;
- **Session 2** in order to provide information, through case studies, experiments and/or trials, on Spectrum Management related issues such as i) Creation and responsibility/maintenance of spectrum/geo-location database for use by WS Devices; ii) WS network authorization/licensing regime; iii) Protection of incumbent radiocommunication services; iv) coordination in border areas; v) economic aspects; etc.;
- **Session 3** in order to present some on-going Spectrum Management activities at the regional level towards an harmonized use of WS by CRS.

Remote participation: In order to facilitate remote participation, a webcast of the Workshop will be provided through the ITU Internet Broadcasting Service (IBS) accessible from the Workshop webpage.

Participation/Visa requirements/Accommodation:

Advance registration to ITU-R events is mandatory and carried out exclusively online through Designated Focal Points (DFPs). Each ITU-R Member has been requested to designate a DFP responsible for the handling of all registration formalities, including visa support requests that should also be submitted by the DFP during the on-line registration process. Individuals wishing to be registered to an ITU-R event should directly contact the DFP for their entity. The list of ITU-R DFPs (TIES protected) as well as detailed information on event registration, visa support requirements, hotel accommodation, etc. can be found at: www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events.

Noting that the Workshop will be opened to participants registered to the WP 1B meeting, it is possible to register separately for this workshop following the above-mentioned procedure.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email at philippe.aubineau@itu.int, in case you would need further information on this Workshop.

Thank you very much and best regards,

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