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**To:**

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- The Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso in Switzerland
- ITU Regional Offices for Africa, Americas, Arab States and Asia-Pacific
- ITU Area Office for the CIS

Subject: **Invitation to the ITU-IMPACT and Member States' Meeting, 10 October 2013  
In conjunction with the African Forum on Best Practices in ICT, 11-12 October 2013  
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is supporting the Government of Burkina Faso in organizing the "African Forum on Best Practices in ICT" to be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 11 to 12 October 2013.

The Forum positions the data revolution as an emerging pillar of Africa's development agenda. It will be attended by ICT Ministries, regulators, fixed and mobile network operators, Internet Service Providers (ISPs) and leaders of the content and knowledge industries, bringing them face-to-face with heads of government, multilateral agencies and international civil societies.

On 10 October, under the patronage of the President of Burkina Faso H.E. Mr Blaise Compaoré, Patron of the ITU Global Cybersecurity Agenda and current chair of the ITU-IMPACT International Advisory Board (IAB), the ITU, in collaboration with the International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber Threats (IMPACT), will organize a one day "ITU-IMPACT and Member States' Meeting", aimed at sharing with ITU Member States the current status of the ITU-IMPACT initiative and related achievements, plans for future activities, and to provide a platform for discussions on the long term sustainability of ITU-IMPACT.

On behalf of the ITU, I would like to invite you to participate in the "ITU-IMPACT and Member States' Meeting".

The Meeting languages will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Registration will be carried out exclusively via on-line form. No registration fee will be required. Please note that all expenses related to participation in the Meeting (accommodation, meals and transportation costs) should be borne by the respective organization.

The draft agenda for the "ITU-IMPACT and Member States' meeting" is attached. Information on the venue, practical information, recommended hotels, visa requirements, as well as the updated draft agenda will be posted on the web at: [http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/ITU-IMPACT\\_BF-13.aspx](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/ITU-IMPACT_BF-13.aspx)

Please do not hesitate to contact the host focal point if you require further clarification or information:  
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Mr Ali Drissa Badiel ([AliDrissa.Badiel@itu.int](mailto:AliDrissa.Badiel@itu.int)), ITU Area Representative for West Africa in Dakar and Mr Marco Obiso ([marco.obiso@itu.int](mailto:marco.obiso@itu.int)), ITU Cybersecurity Coordinator at ITU Headquarters are also available to answer your queries.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré  
Secretary-General

Annex: Draft agenda

## ITU-IMPACT and Member States' Meeting

**Burkina Faso – 10 Oct. 2013**

### Draft Agenda

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| 09:00 - 09:20 | Address by the ITU Secretary-General<br>Address by the President of Burkina Faso   |   |
| 09:20 – 10:00 | Plenary Session - Chairman: BDT Director, ITU<br><br>Address by the BDT Director, ITU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recap on the GCA</li> <li>• IMPACT as the operational home of the GCA and key partner of ITU on Cybersecurity</li> <li>• Overall high level key milestones</li> </ul>   |   |
| 10:00 – 10:40 | Plenary Session - Chairman: BDT Director, ITU<br><br>Address by Chairman of IMPACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ITU-IMPACT – Updates on key achievements and milestones (2009-2013)</li> <li>• ITU-IMPACT will provide an overview of the work carried out over the past four years for the member states as well as the benefits provided to the member states based on the 5 pillars of the GCA</li> </ul>   |   |
| 10:40-11:00   | <i>Coffee break</i>  |   |
| 11:00-12:30   | Plenary Session - Chairman: Minister of ICTs of Burkina Faso<br><br>Panel Discussion inviting as panelists countries that have received assistance from ITU-IMPACT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing on upcoming projects of ITU-IMPACT for the member states</li> <li>• Future development plans on tools &amp; strategies to further enhance cybersecurity readiness for Member States (AVEX, System X, National Cybersecurity Strategy, etc.)</li> <li>• (Optional) Demonstration on collaboration with the member states in the times of cybersecurity crisis through 'Electronically Secure Collaborative Application Platform for Experts' (ESCAPE)</li> </ul> | IAB Meeting<br>(in parallel to the plenary - It might last until 13:00) |

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| 12.30-14.00  | <i>Lunch break</i>  |
| 14:00-15:30  | Plenary Session – Chairman: BDT Director, ITU<br>Short introduction – ITU Secretary-General<br>General discussion on ITU-IMPACT charter and sustainability    |
| 15:30-15:45  | <i>Coffee break</i>   |
| 15:45- 17:00 | General discussion on ITU-IMPACT charter and sustainability (Cont.)   |
| 17:00- 17:45 | Wrap-up and conclusions<br>Closing remarks and report on the IAB meeting – President of Burkina Faso<br>Recommendations and follow-up – ITU Secretary-General |