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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai 2018)
- ITU-D Sector Members, Regulators, Academia
- United Nations and Specialized Agencies
- Regional and Other International Organizations
- Regional Telecommunication Organizations

**Subject: Invitation to Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications (GET-19) Pre-event:
Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) workshop, 5 March 2019, Balaclava, Mauritius**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to a workshop on the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP), which will take place on the eve of the *3rd Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications (GET-19): Saving Lives*. The GET-19, which is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Information and Communication Technologies Authority of Mauritius (ICTA), will take place from 6 to 8 March 2019. The pre-event CAP workshop will take place in the same location as the GET-19, at the Intercontinental Hotel in Balaclava, Mauritius, on 5 March 2019.

Natural hazards are having devastating impacts on people and economies across the globe, but at the same time, incredible growth in ICT networks and services and new communication channels opens opportunities for saving lives and limiting the impact of disasters.

The Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) has been adopted as ITU-T Recommendation X.1303. It is “a simple but general format for exchanging all-hazard emergency alerts and public warnings over all kinds of ICT networks, allowing a consistent warning message to be disseminated simultaneously over many different warning systems, thus increasing warning effectiveness while simplifying the warning task”.

This workshop will highlight the benefits of CAP and share best practices and lessons learned on how to create an enabling environment for leveraging CAP. All participants registered to attend GET-19 are invited to participate. It will be of particular interest to national regulatory authorities, ICT Ministries, disaster management organisations, meteorological/hydrological agencies, and other emergency stakeholders interested in the sending or receiving of emergency messages among organisations, or to the public.

The workshop will showcase and demonstrate that regardless of the type of hazard, CAP emergency messages can quickly and efficiently warn people at risk, using all available communication technologies.

A provisional programme for this workshop is provided in Annex 1. The workshop will be held in English only.

For inquiries or further information, please contact: get@itu.int or call +41 22 730 5837.

I look forward to your participation and contribution to this workshop and the GET-19.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

Annex:

1. Provisional programme

ANNEX 1
Pre-event CAP workshop

Provisional Programme

Tuesday, 5 March 2019	
10:00 – 10:20	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauritius (TBC) • Ms. Vanessa Gray, Head Least Developed Countries, Small Island Developing States & Emergency Telecommunications Division, Telecommunication Development Bureau, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
10:20 – 10:30	Group Photo
10:30 - 12:00	<p>CAP introduction and implementation showcase</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Eliot Christian, CAP advisor
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Best Practices and Lessons Learned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Elysa Jones, Chair, OASIS Emergency Management Technical Committee • Mr. Darmen Ellayah, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Center, Mauritius • Mr. Damian Barker, CAP Expert, Antigua and Barbuda(TBC)
15:30 – 16:00	Break
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Enabling Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Jessica Robbins, Technical Advisor, Preparedness ICTs for the Global Disaster Preparedness Center (GDPC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) • Mr. Arun Yadav, Solution Architect, India's Integrated CAP-compliant Early warning Platform for Disaster Management (TBC) • Mr. Cao Zhiyu, China (TBC)
17:00	Wrap up and closure of pre-event