

The Secretary-General



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Subject: **Roundtable on the Reconstruction of Haiti's Telecommunications Sector, Hilton Hotel, Bridgetown, Barbados, 29-30 June 2010**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the Round Table on the Reconstruction of the Telecommunication Sector for Haiti co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Government of Haiti with the support of the Government of Barbados, and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).

In addition to the loss of over 220'000 lives, infrastructure was terribly damaged and destroyed by the strong earthquake that struck Haiti on 12 January 2010. The telecommunications sector was no exception. In order to provide immediate assistance to the country, the International Telecommunication allocated from its own resources over a million United States dollars and deployed equipment worth millions of dollars that included the latest generation of telecommunications systems. In addition, I issued the Haiti Earthquake Appeal on 21 January 2010 (available at: www.itu.int/emergencytelecoms/) with the aim of mobilizing additional resources.

The round table provides a unique investment and humanitarian opportunity for your organization. Our development partners will be able to freely interact with the Government officials of Haiti and get first hand reports on the situation in the country and benefit from their vision on the reconstruction of the telecommunication sector. Bilateral meetings will be organized to allow face-to-face interactions with the high level delegation representing the Haiti Government.

I take this opportunity to re-affirm ITU's commitment to assisting the Government of Haiti to put in place a state-of-the art telecommunication system in the country that could be used for the socio-economic development of the country. I am hopeful that the goals and spirit behind the ongoing *ITU Build on Broadband* awareness campaign will manifest themselves in solutions that will emerge out of this important event.

I look forward to meeting with you in Barbados.

Yours faithfully,

[originally signed]

Dr. Hamadoun I. Touré

Annexes: Draft Agenda
Information Note
Registration Form