



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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All ITU Member States and  
ITU-D sector members

**Subject: Invitation to ITU pre-conference and side events organized on the occasion of Third United Nations Conference on Small Island Developing States , Apia, Samoa (29 August 2014 - 4 September 2014)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On the occasion of the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States (1 to 4 September 2014 in Apia, Samoa), I am pleased to invite you and your delegation to three events organized by ITU.

The purpose of these events are to exchange views on the key challenges facing SIDS and identify solutions that may be recommendations to the post 2015 development agenda. Understanding these issues and solutions will assist SIDS in advancing social and economic development through durable and genuine partnerships. The events are scheduled as follows:

- On 29 August 2014, ITU is holding a pre-conference event entitled: **Addressing Connectivity for SIDS**, at the To'oa Salamasina Hall, from 09:00 -12:30 hrs (TBC)
- On 30 August, ITU is holding a pre-conference event entitled: **Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigations**, at the To'oa Salamasina Hall from 14:00 – 17:00 hrs
- On 2 September 2014, ITU is holding a side-event entitled: **Bridging Broadband Barriers for sustainable development of SIDS**, at the Faleata Sports Complex from 15:00 – 17:00 hrs.

The draft agendas of these events are attached as Annex 1 and an information note is attached as Annex 2.

I look forward to meeting you in Samoa.

Yours faithfully,

**[Original signed by:]**

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Director