



Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

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To ITU Member Administrations, Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members and Academia Members in the Asia-Pacific Region

Subject:

(1) ITU-MCMC International Training Programme 2015 (26-28 August 2015)

(2) Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion (26 August 2015 morning)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU-MCMC International Training Programme 2015 (ITP 2015) that will be held on 26-28 August 2015 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The ITP 2015 is co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) which is kindly hosted by MCMC and supported by the Ministry of Communications and Multimedia, Malaysia and the Department of Communications, Government of Australia.

The ITP 2015 aims at building skills on the policy and regulatory issues in a fully connected digital economy and how the regulations need to adapt to rapidly developing global and regional environments. The Training will highlight the building blocks of policy and regulatory enablers required to ensure regulatory measures remain appropriate for the new environment. It will bring together international experiences in this area with focus on Malaysia's experiences and lessons learnt. Draft Agenda is attached (Annex 1).

The ITP will be conducted in English and will be paperless. Interested participants are requested to register your interest as soon as possible but not later than 31 July 2015.

ITU is pleased to inform you that we will provide one partial fellowship (Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) only) to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries and Low-Income Developing Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget and full participation in the ITP 2015. The last date for fellowship application is 31 July 2015.

The ITP 2015 programme will be updated regularly and will be available at <u>http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/Aug-ITP/home.aspx</u>. Fellowship application forms, registration forms and other details on accommodation reservation and useful information for participants for the ITP 2015 are also available at the same link.

We are also pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU-MCMC Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion on 26 August 2015 (morning only) in the same venue where financial regulators from the region have been invited to meet and engage in a discussion with telecommunication regulators on the subject: digital financial inclusion. This Forum is

open to regulators/policy makers, industry players and other relevant stakeholders from both the telecommunications and banking sectors. The provisional agenda of the Forum is attached (Annex 2) for your consideration. The Forum will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

The provisional agenda of the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum for Telecommunication/ICT and Financial Regulators on Digital Financial Inclusion will be updated regularly and will be available at http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/Aug-DigitalFinancialInclusion/home.aspx . Registration forms and other details on accommodation reservation and useful information for participants for the Forum are available at the same link.

Ms Aurora A. Rubio of ITU Area Office in Jakarta is at your disposal (telephone +62 21 3802322, email <u>aurora.rubio@itu.int</u>) should you require any information and/or assistance related to the two events.

We look forward to your positive reply at your earliest convenience and to welcoming you and your colleagues to Kuala Lumpur.

Yours faithfully,

Brahima Sanou Director

Annexes 1 Draft Agenda for the International Training Programme 2 Provisional agenda of the Forum