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To ITU Member Administrations and Regulators in the Asia-Pacific Region

Subject:

ITU-BTRC Asia-Pacific Regulators' Roundtable, 6-7 August 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (BTRC), I would like to invite you to nominate participants for the "ITU-BTRC Asia-Pacific Regulators Roundtable". The event is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Bangladesh Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (BTRC) with support from the Department of Communications and the Arts, Government of Australia and will be held from 6-7 August 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

For over eight years, the Regulators' Roundtable has provided telecommunication/ICT regulators in the Asia-Pacific region with a platform that fosters dynamic and strategic discussions, sharing of information, relevant experiences and practices as well as conclusively debate on possible solutions and opportunities for potential collaboration to address emerging regulatory issues and challenges. This year's Regulators' Roundtable will be followed by the 18th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum (PRF-18) from 8-10 organized by Asia-Pacific Telecommunity at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

The provisional agenda of the Regulators' Roundtable (Annex 1) will be updated regularly and made available at http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events.aspx

Details on accommodation and other useful information for participants for the two events are also available at the same link. Interested participants are requested to complete the registration form (Annex 2) and not later than **30 June 2018**. Please note that participation in the Regulators' Roundtable is limited to senior representatives of telecommunication/ICT policy making and regulatory agencies only. The RR will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

ITU is pleased to inform you that one full fellowship will be offered to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administration from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and low-income countries with a per capita gross domestic product (GDP) not exceeding USD 2'000 from the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget and to full participation at the Roundtable. *The deadline for fellowship applications is 30 June 2018*. The Fellowship Application Form is attached (Annex 3).

Mr Sameer Sharma of the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (telephone: +66 2 575 0055, email: sameer.sharma@itu.int) and Ms Porntip Modethes (email: porntip.modethes@itu.int) are at the disposal of participants who require assistance for the Regulators' Roundtable.

I look forward to your positive reply at your earliest convenience and to welcoming you and your colleagues to Dhaka, where I am confident that your active participation will contribute to the success of the Regulators' Roundtable 2018.

Yours faithfully,

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Brahima Sanou Director

Annexes: as mentioned