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To:

Communications Administrations; regulators;
ITU Sector Members and Associates of the CIS
and Georgia; Regional organizations of CIS

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop for CIS on Optimal Solutions to the Provision of Broadband Access in Small and Medium-sized Settlements, Moscow, Russian Federation, 17-19 February 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop for CIS **on Optimal Solutions to the Provision of Broadband Access in Small and Medium-sized Settlements**, which will be held in **Moscow, Russian Federation, from 17 to 19 February 2015**. The Workshop is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau in cooperation with Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications the Russian Federation and with support of Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI).

The Workshop is intended for representatives of communication administrations, regulators, research and development organizations, telecommunication operators, universities and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from the CIS and Georgia.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing practical experience in the field of the building of broadband access networks in small and medium-sized settlement. In particular, the workshop will cover the issues, such as:

- *The issues and ways of digital divide elimination;*
- *Creation of active and passive access networks in the light of new solutions and standards;*
- *The position of optical fibre on the network section;*
- *Potential solutions for both modulation characteristics and increase of the number of subscribers on the access networks;*
- *Wi-Fi and WiMAX radio access systems;*
- *Last mile concept: small cells (LTE/Femto);*
- *M2M services;*
- *M2M network solutions for wireless systems of energy accounting and control systems;*
- *Presentation of new solutions implemented in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries.*

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian.

The Workshop will be paperless. All the Seminar materials, including presentations, will be available on the ITU site https://staging.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2015/02_Moscow/Broad-band-access-in-small-settlements.aspx :

Please note that there is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of the participants should be covered by your Administration/Organizations.

If you wish to participate in the Workshop, you are requested to kindly fill out the Registration Form attached (Annex 2) and send it to the contacts indicated in the form **by 2 February 2015**.

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per country. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the fellowship form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: bdtfellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 no later than **26 January 2015**.

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Yours faithfully,

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Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Visa Support Form