



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Communication Administrations of ITU
Member States from CIS region
- Regulators, Sector Members, Associates,
Regional Organizations, Academia from CIS
region

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on *Broadband Development*, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, 29-30 May, 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop on *Broadband Development*, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU and the Communication Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and will be held in Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan, from 29 to 30 May 2018.

This Workshop is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, telecommunication operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from CIS.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing experiences on broadband. In particular, the Workshop will cover following issues:

- Global trends in broadband strategy and policy, including ITU activities
- Selecting appropriate technology of broadband deployment in rural and remote areas
- Technical, organizational and economic aspects of broadband networks design and implementation
- Modern broadband technologies

The Workshop will also feature presentation of the specialized software “Broadband Calculator” developed within WTDC-14 CIS Regional Initiative 4 and to be used for selecting appropriate technology of broadband deployment in rural and remote areas of CIS.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The event will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2018/05_Dushanbe/05_Dushanbe.aspx

There is no participation fee for this event, however all expenses related to travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

Participants are requested to complete the Registration Form (Annex 2) and send it to the workshop coordinators **no later than 22 May 2018**.

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 eligible country of the CIS Region (Kyrgyz Republic). 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: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than April 30, 2018**.

Ms. Sumangul Yakubova, Head, International Relations Department, Communication Service under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan (email: ssuman2008@bk.ru , phone: +992 372 510452) remains at your disposal should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation etc., regarding the Workshop. For any other inquiry concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for CIS (email: farid.nakhli@itu.int ; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

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