**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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ITU Member States, Sector Members, Academia
(academic and research institutions active in the
ICT ecosystem)

Subject: **ITU Academy Event on Fostering Innovation and Partnerships in Human Capacity Building: Enhanced Engagement of Academia in the International Telecommunication Union, 28-29 April 2014, Prague, Czech Republic**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), at the kind invitation of the Czech Technical University (CTU) in Prague, is organizing an ITU Academy Event on "**Fostering Innovation and Partnerships in Human Capacity Building: Enhanced Engagement of Academia in the International Telecommunication Union",** which will take place in the National Library of Technology, Prague, Czech Republic, from 28 to 29 April 2014.

The meeting provides an opportunity for dialogue among the ICT stakeholders on policies and strategies directed towards fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between the Academia and the ITU Academy. This relationship is crucial as the ITU Academy strives to harmonize, integrate and gather under one umbrella all existing ITU training services corresponding to the organization's main areas of activity — radiocommunications, standardization and development — and to extend the current portfolio of training programmes.

This meeting will also facilitate discussions on possible capacity building challenges that might be addressed at the regional and global levels, including:

- ITU Academy: global platform for Human Capacity Building;
- Building win-win partnerships between the ITU Academy and Academia;
- New paradigm for Centres of Excellence as an effective mechanism for training delivery at regional and global levels;
- Fostering the development of training materials through partnerships with Academia and other stakeholders;
- Role of Academia in ITU: opportunities and challenges;

Following Resolution 73 of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10), a study of the Centres of Excellence was undertaken and a new Centres of Excellence strategy has been developed by the BDT. Implementation of the new strategy takes effect after WTDC-2014. This event will also be an excellent opportunity to explore the avenues of the new strategy and shed light on ways forward.

The provisional agenda of the event is attached.

This event is open to all academic and research institutions active in the ICT ecosystem, as well as any ITU members involved in the work of the ITU Academy thorough development of training materials or delivery of training programmes. For those unable to attend, remote participation will be provided through Adobe Connect platform.

Furthermore, this event will be followed by an ITU Workshop on Disaster Management (30 April 2014) taking place at the same venue.

Documents related to the event, including the agenda, registration form, hotel reservation and practical information for participants will soon be posted on the ITU website at http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Enhanced-Engagement-of-Academia-in-the-International-Telecommunication-Union-.aspx. Participants are invited to download and print documents needed for the event. The event will be conducted in English only.

Although there is no participation fee for this meeting, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of experts should be covered by your Administration/Organization/Company.

To register for the event, you are kindly requested to fill the Registration form that can be found on the ITU website provided above and return it no later than **18 April 2014** according to the instructions indicated in the form.

Pre-registered delegates will need to bring their letter of confirmation and a photo ID.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Czech Republic should contact their nearest Czech Embassy or Consulate well in advance. Information on visa requirements can be found in the practical information for participants on the ITU webpage.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning event logistics, please do not hesitate to contact EURregion@itu.int. Mr Mike Nxele, Human Capacity Building Officer (telephone: +41 22 730 5983, e-mail: mike.nxele@itu.int) or Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Coordinator for Europe Region (telephone: +41 22 730 6065, e-mail: jaroslaw.ponder@itu.int) are at your full disposal should you require any further information.

I look forward to your active participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex: Provisional Agenda

ITU Academy Event

on

Fostering Innovation and Partnerships in Human Capacity Building: *Enhanced Engagement of Academia in the International Telecommunication Union*

Organized by

International Telecommunication Union and Czech Technical University in Prague

28-29 April 2014

Czech Technical University
National Technical Library
Technicka 2, Prague, Czech Republic

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DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 28 April 2014

Time	Activity
9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:30	Welcome Addresses - Ministry - ITU - Czech Technical University
10:30 – 11:00	Group Photo and Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	Session 1: **ITU Academy: Global Platform for Human Capacity Building** Round table and open discussion
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	Session 2: **Building win-win Partnerships between ITU Academy and Academia** Round table and open discussion
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15	Session 3: **New Paradigm for Centres of Excellence as an Effective Mechanism for Training Delivery at Regional and Global Level**
	Round table and open discussion

Social Event TBA

Tuesday, 29 April 2014	
9:30 – 11:00	Session 4: **Fostering the Development of Training Materials through Partnerships with Academia and other Stakeholders**
	Round table and open discussion
11:00 – 11:15	Coffee Break
11:15 – 12:45	Session 5: **Role of Academia in ITU: Opportunities and Challenges**
	Open discussion
12:45 – 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 – 15:45	Session 6: **Role of Academia in ITU: Opportunities and Challenges** [continued]
	Open Discussion
15:45 – 16:00	**Final Conclusions and Closing**