



**Telecommunication
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To:

- ITU Member States;
- ITU-D Sector Members;
- National Regulatory Authorities of ITU Member States in Asia and Pacific

Subject: - **ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Asia and Pacific, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28 September 2015**
- **ITU-T SG3RG-AO Meeting, 29 September - 1 October 2015**
- **ITU-T Focus Group Meeting on Digital Financial Services, 30 September - 2 October 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the **ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Asia and Pacific**, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in collaboration with the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC). The Forum will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 28 September 2015.

As per usual practice, the Forum will be followed by the Meeting of **ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) on Economic and Policy Issues** (from 29 September to 1 October).

In addition, a meeting of the **ITU-T Focus Group on Digital Financial Services** will be held from 30 September to 2 October, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB).

Please note that all information for these events is available on the website www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/Events2015/Malaysia/Home.aspx. Participants are kindly invited to pre-register online for all these events by **28 August 2015** via this website.

This year, the Forum will focus, among other interesting subjects, on competition and price regulation in a converged broadband world and new challenges in the digital ecosystem, notably the key regulatory issues of net neutrality and the interaction between ICT and financial services stakeholders for the provision of digital financial services and digital inclusion. **Delegates are invited to participate as panellists to present the situation in their countries on these issues, in order to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences.** For further information please contact Ms Carmen Prado-Wagner (carmen.prado@itu.int). The provisional agenda is available in Annex 1. Please note that the Forum and Meetings will be conducted in English.

It is important to note that participants should enquire in advance concerning visa requirements for Malaysia and apply to the Consulate or Embassy of Malaysia in their respective country.

Participants are requested to submit an update of their telecommunication sector scenario, by completing the ITU Tariff Policy Survey at www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/ under Survey Login. For login information (password and username), please contact tariffs@itu.int.

In order to build on the work carried out in ITU-T Study Group 3 and optimize the transfer of knowledge during the Forum, we strongly recommend that, where possible, organizations designate their SG3RG-AO Group Representatives or officials who have expertise and responsibility for costs and tariffs matters to attend these events.

As will be mentioned in the TSB invitation Letter (www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2013-2016/03/sg3rgao/Pages/default.aspx), and subject to available funding, two partial fellowships per Administration will be awarded to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries from the Asia and Pacific Region only (www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/ldc-lic-201111.pdf). The application request for partial fellowships (available soon at the event website) must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State, and must be returned to ITU not later than **17 August 2015**. Please note that the decision criteria to grant a fellowship include: the available ITU budget; contributions by the applicant to the meeting; equitable distribution among countries; and gender balance. Please further note that when two partial fellowships are requested, at least one must be an economy class air ticket.

I look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex 1: Provisional Agenda



**ITU REGIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL FORUM OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICTs FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28-29 September 2015

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Monday 28 September

08.30 – 09.00 **Delegates registration**

09.00 – 09.30 **Opening Ceremony**

- ▶ Chairman SG3RG-AO
- ▶ ITU Representative
- ▶ Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)
- ▶ Video ITU 150th Anniversary

Coffee break and Group Picture

10.00 – 12.30 **SESSION 1: COMPETITION AND PRICE REGULATION IN A CONVERGED BROADBAND WORLD**

- RELEVANT MARKET DEFINITION AND IDENTIFICATION OF OPERATORS WITH SIGNIFICANT MARKET POWER (SMP): METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS AND COORDINATION WITH COMPETITION AUTHORITIES
- ECONOMIC REGULATION, COSTING METHODOLOGIES AND TARIFF REGULATION FOR BROADBAND SERVICES – BEST PRACTICES IN THE ASP REGION

Sessions open for Panelists

Lunch

14.00 – 16.45 **SESSION 2: NEW CHALLENGES IN THE DIGITAL ECOSYSTEM**

- NETWORK NEUTRALITY: BEST PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES FOR REGULATION
- DIGITAL FINANCIAL INCLUSION – THE INTERACTION BETWEEN ICT AND FINANCIAL SERVICES STAKEHOLDERS

Sessions open for Panelists

16.45 – 17.00 **FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING**

29 September -
1 October 2015 **MEETING OF THE ITU-T STUDY GROUP 3 REGIONAL GROUP FOR ASIA AND OCEANIA (SG3RG-AO)**

30 September -
2 October 2015 **MEETING OF THE ITU-T FOCUS GROUP ON DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES**