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To: ITU Administrations, Regulators, Sector Members, Associates and Academia Members, Telecom Operators and Service providers, Manufacturers and Academic Institutions of the Africa region

Subject: Training Course on Conformance and Interoperability Testing for the Africa Region, 14-18 October 2013, Tunis (Tunisia)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications (CERT) based in Tunis, is organizing a **Training Course on Conformance and Interoperability Testing for the Africa Region in the premises of Lab of CERT, 14-18 October 2013.**

Discussions will be held in French and English.

Please note that there are no participation fees for the training. Travel arrangements and accommodation should be made and borne by the participating entity.

I invite you to visit our website (<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/Events.aspx>) in order to obtain additional/detailed information, including logistics information (hotels, visa, etc.) and other relevant material.

The objective of the Course is to train experts to conduct practical testing activities on Conformance and Interoperability. The training programme is attached (Annex 1) to this invitation letter.

In case you wish to take advantage of this training programme, please send us the names of your candidates by filling in and returning the attached form (Annex 2) to chali.tumelo@itu.int with copy to riccardo.passerini@itu.int, **by 20 September 2013**, clearly indicating the duties of interest to the candidates and their background knowledge on Conformance and Interoperability issues. Considering the limited number of seats in the class, candidates for the Training Course will be selected based on their duties and background knowledge of Conformance and Interoperability issues.

I am also pleased to inform you that partial fellowships will be awarded based on available funding to facilitate participation from Least Developed (LDC) or Low Income Developing Countries (LIC) to the Training Course. Application for Fellowship, limited to one person per country, must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. The fellowship request form, annexed to this letter as Annex 3, should be returned to ITU not later than **20 September 2013.**

For any question please contact Chali Tumelo, ITU Area Representative for Southern Africa, Harare, Tel: +263 4 77 5939/5941, Fax: +263 4 77 1257, E-mail: chali.tumelo@itu.int.

I very much hope that you will be able to participate and share your views and valuable experience with the participants, which will contribute to enrich the discussions and the outputs of the Training Course.

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Annexe 1: Training Program

Annexe 2: Application for the Training Course

Annexe 3: Fellowship Request Form