

## ITU Workshop on the establishment of Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) to advance inter-connectivity

### Draft Programme

**Location:** 13:00 – 14:30, September 28, 2015, Room H, ITU Head Quarters, Geneva, Switzerland

**Description:** Paragraph 50 of the Tunis Agenda calls for the establishment of national, regional and sub-regional Internet exchange points (IXPs) as a strategy for increasing affordable global connectivity, thereby facilitating improved and equitable access for all. This call has been reinforced repeatedly including in Opinion 1 of WTPF 2013 and PP14 Resolutions 101 and 102.

This workshop, co-organized by BDT and TSB, aims to provide insights on the value of IXPs in leveraging the benefits of connectivity through potentially reduced transmission costs, optimized Internet traffic and improved Quality of Service among others. This workshop will discuss widely accepted best practices for the design, installation and operation of IXPs. Issues concerning peering as an effective way for Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to improve the efficiency of operations and interconnection business relationships will also be discussed, including related policy and regulatory challenges.

#### **Panelists**

1. Dr Shamika Sirimanne, Director, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division,
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4. Mr. Modou SALL, Orange Sonatel, Senegal
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