



Radiocommunication Bureau (BR)

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To Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunications Sector Members

Subject: **International Satellite communication workshop on:
“The ITU - challenges in the 21st century: Preventing harmful interference to
satellite systems” (Geneva, 10 June 2013)**

In response to increasing demand for satellite communications – and reflective of international cooperation to facilitate expanded access to satellite connectivity – harmful interference prevention regulations and measures are being discussed, developed and implemented worldwide. Building upon dialogue between the ITU and the international ICT community during WRC-12, which has been ongoing since, the Bureau is pleased to announce the holding of a one-day workshop in Geneva on 10 June 2013.

The Geneva workshop will be an open event where participation of national administrations, the satellite communications industry, user community, other ICT stakeholders, as well as all those with an interest in the topic, is strongly encouraged.

The workshop will provide ITU stakeholders with an opportunity:

- to learn about harmful interference situations affecting satellite systems,
- to review the ongoing regulatory and technical initiatives and strategies for solving the issue, and
- to share reports on practices and the impact those measures are having on ICT operational effectiveness and service.

A web site for the workshop (<http://www.itu.int/GO/ITU-R/interference-geneva-2013>) has been established for participants to which will be posted relevant documentation, including information relating to the submission of presentations and subsequent participation at the meeting. A detailed programme of the workshop will be soon made available on this Forum and will be updated as new or updated information becomes available.

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General information

- Organizer: ITU Radiocommunication Bureau (ITU-BR)
- <http://www.itu.int/GO/ITU-R/interference-geneva-2013>
- Date: **10 June 2013**
- Venue: **Geneva (Switzerland)**
- The workshop will conduct its work in English
- Foremost among the programs to be addressed during the workshop:
 - UN Multilateral non-binding initiatives on space security
 - Satellite services and interference – the current situation
 - Cooperation on measures that address harmful interference, including deliberate and unintentional ones
 - Technologies to identify and/or mitigate harmful interference.
 - Implementation of the DVB Carrier-ID specification.
 - Delivery of VSAT & SNG installation and operation training.
 - Means to strengthen governance