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| Subject: | **The fully networked human? - Innovations for future networks and services**,  **Cape Town, South Africa, 12 – 14 December 2011**  **Tutorial on Standardization, Cape Town, South Africa, 15 December 2011** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 As part of the Kaleidoscope events, an ITU initiative to increase cooperation with academia and research institutions, I am pleased to inform you about the fourth in a series of peer-reviewed academic conferences that aims at increasing the dialogue between academia and experts working on the standardization of information and communication technologies (ICTs). **Kaleidoscope 2011 “The fully networked human? - Innovations for future networks and services"** will take place in Cape Town**,** South Africa, from 12 to 14 December 2011 inclusive, at the kind invitation of the Administration of South Africa.

2 Kaleidoscope 2011 will highlight multidisciplinary aspects of future ICTs including future services and applications demand as well as social, economic and policy aspects of human-centric systems. In this environment, the user is placed at the center, and virtualized networks, other IT resources, services and applications are adaptively and automatically configured to support the users in carrying out their everyday life activities.

3 Kaleidoscope 2011 called for original, academic papers offering innovative and bold approaches in research and development to integrate the real and the digital worlds. 84 papers were submitted and 31 were selected.

4 This year's ITU Kaleidoscope event will be followed by a **Tutorial on Standardization** to be held on 15 December 2011.

The Standardization tutorial will cover background information on how standardization works and how participants can increase their effectiveness as well as a simulation of a standards-setting meeting. Participants coming from academia, industry and government will gain practical and theoretical knowledge about international standardization. In interactive role plays, participants will learn the art of reaching consensus. All Kaleidoscope participants are strongly encouraged to attend this tutorial.

5 Participation at the events is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia, and to any individual from a country which is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation in the event is free of charge; no fellowships will be granted.

6 We encourage all ITU members to promote these events within the academic community of their countries.

7 Information relating to the events, including the draft programme and presentations, is available on the ITU-T website at the following address: <http://www.itu-kaleidoscope.org/2011>.

8 The events will open at 0930 hours on the first day. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be indicated in the registration area. Please note that registration of participants to these events will be carried out via the on-line form which is available at the event’s webpage: <http://www.itu-kaleidoscope.org/2011>. Please register online as soon as possible, but not later than 28 November 2011.

9 We would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend time in South Africa. Where this is the case, the visa must be requested and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing South Africa in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Participants who need support from the host country to obtain an entry visa are requested to check the Kaleidoscope web page at <http://www.itu-kaleidoscope.org/2011>. Information will be published as soon as available.

Yours faithfully,

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