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Subject: **ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs and Meeting of the Study Group 3
Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) , 8-9 March 2011, Phuket, Thailand**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs, organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in coordination with the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the National Telecommunications Commission of Thailand. This seminar will take place at Novotel Resort, from 8 to 9 March 2011, in Phuket, Thailand.

The Regional Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) (former TAS Group) will follow the seminar at the beginning of the afternoon on 9 March 2011 at 1400 hours. The seminar and the SG3RG-AO meeting will be conducted in English.

In response to the request of Members, the agenda of the seminar includes topics related to Trends on Convergence and Migration leaps: economic and regulatory issues, Broadband service pricing, etc. In order to support the works of the AO Regional Group, an overview will be presented on mobile termination charges. Discussion sessions will be conducted to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences among participants.

Participants are requested to submit, in advance, an update of their telecommunication sector scenario, by updating the Tariff Policy Survey. This should be completed at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/ under Survey Login. For login information, please contact Ms. C. Prado-Wagner at the above-mentioned email address.

In order to build on work in progress and optimize transfer of knowledge, we strongly recommend that, where possible, administrations designate their representative to the Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) to attend this seminar or register an official who has the expertise and responsibility for matters of costs and tariffs.

Information regarding these events as well as logistical information (hotel accommodation, currency, weather, etc.), hotel registration form, and visa support form, may be found at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/>. It is important to note that participants should enquire in advance whether they need a visa to enter Thailand and apply to the Consulate or Embassy of Thailand in their respective country.

The contact person to send a copy of the hotel reservation form and assistance requests regarding visa obtention is:

Ms. Chonlada Boonna-In
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We are pleased to inform you that ITU will provide a limited number of partial fellowships (i.e., accommodation and a daily allowance to cover meals and incidental expenses) to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries. An application must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State and be limited to only one person per country. If you wish to apply for a fellowship, please inform the TSB Secretariat no later than **15 February 2011**, by Email to tsb3@itu.int or by Fax at +41 22 730 5853.

I look forward with great anticipation to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex A: Preliminary Agenda

Annex B: Registration Form



Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs for Member Countries of the Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)



Phuket, Thailand, 8-9 March, 2011

Preliminary Agenda

Tuesday, 8 March	
09.00 – 09.30	Delegates Registration
09.30 – 10.00	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome and introduction, Representative National Telecommunications Commission of Thailand - Opening remarks on behalf of ITU - Ms. Carmen Prado-Wagner ITU/BDT - Address by Mr. Byoung Nam Lee, Chairman SG3RO-AO Seminar Chairman:
10.00 – 11.00	Session 1: Trends on Convergence and Migration leaps: economic and regulatory issues
Coffee Break	
11.00 – 12.00	Session 2: Asymmetric regulation/regulatory convergence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Should Internet-based services be given a "lighter touch"? - Regulating "down" or "up"
Lunch	
14.00 – 14.45	Session 3: Economic aspects of the spectrum – Broadband implications
15.00 – 16.00	Session 4: Discussion session based on country experiences: The economic valuation of the spectrum
18.30 – 20.30	Reception Dinner Hosted by NBTC

Wednesday, 9 March	
09.00 – 10.00	Session 6: International Mobile Roaming: challenges and opportunities
Coffee Break	
10.15 – 11.00	Session 7: International Mobile Roaming setting price: achievements and experiences
11.00 – 11.45	Session 8: Mobile Termination charges in Korea
11.45 – 12.30	Session 9: Market and Price Regulation Development in Thailand
12.30	Concluding remarks by the Chairman and closing of the Seminar
Lunch	
14.00 – 17.30	Sightseeing Programme
10 March 9:00	Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)



Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) and associated BDT Seminar

8-11 March 2011, Phuket, Thailand

Annex B



REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete a separate form for each delegate and return before **25 February 2011** to:

To:

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With a copy to TSB - Fax: +41 22 730 5853 (Email: tsbsg3@itu.int)

I participate in the following (please tick as appropriate):

Seminar	<input type="checkbox"/>	SG3RG-AO Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Mr	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mrs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Miss	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ms

Family Name							

First Name							

Country

Name of Administration of Member State*

Complete address of administration or organization:

Tel: _____
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Private address during the meeting:

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Date: _____

Signature: _____