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**INVITATION: Regional Forum for Europe on Broadband: A Pillar of Social and Economic Development**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform You that the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Minister for Innovation and Information and Communication Technologies, Republic of Albania are organizing the **Regional Forum for Europe on Broadband: A Pillar of Social and Economic Development** to be held from **6 to 7 September 2012 in Tirana, Albania**.

This Regional Forum should provide an opportunity for high level dialogue between the stakeholders on strategies and policies directed towards broadband development in the region, while discussing the challenges and opportunities offered via high speed networks and e-services provided over the modern infrastructure, including e-learning, e-government, e-health, etc.. The Forum will also facilitate discussions on possible challenges that might be addressed at the regional level and might be further elaborated within the framework of the Regional Preparatory Process of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14).

Documents related to the event, including Final Agenda, Registration Form, and Practical Information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/eur/RF/Broadband>. Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event.

This Forum will be conducted in English only. Simultaneous interpretation into Albanian will be provided by host country for the local participants. It is however, recommended that participants have an appropriate knowledge of English.

Although there is no participation fee for this meeting, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of you experts should be covered by your Administration/Organization/Company.

The information regarding the agenda, booking hotels, visas, as well as practical information can be found in the annexes.

To register for this Forum participants are requested to kindly complete the registration form and send it to the e-mail addresses indicated in the form, by 25 August 2012 at the latest.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Albania should contact the nearest Albanian Embassy or Consulate for assistance well in advance. Information on visa requirements can be found in the Practical information for participants.

Yours faithfully,

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Annexes: Provisional Agenda



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6-7 September 2012

Sheraton Hotel, Tirana, Republic of Albania

### Provisional Agenda

<b>Thursday, 6 September 2012</b>	
8:30 – 9:30	Registration and Networking Coffee
9:30 - 10:30	<b>Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- H.E. Mr. Sali Berisha, Prime Minister, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- Dr. Hamadoun Touré, Secretary General, ITU</li> <li>- H.E. Mr. Genc Pollo, Minister for Innovation and Information and Communication Technologies, Republic of Albania</li> <li>- Mr. Brahima Sanou, Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau, ITU</li> </ul>
10:30 – 12:30	<b>Session One: High Level Panel on Broadband Strategies and Policies Accelerating Social and Economic Development</b>
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – 15:30	<b>Session Two: Executive Knowledge Exchange on Turning Broadband Strategies and Policies into Action</b>
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	<b>Session Three: Dialogue on Effective Regulation: A Key Enabler for Broadband Development</b>
<b>Friday, 7 September 2012</b>	
9:30 – 11:00	<b>Session Four: Debate on Build It and Users Might Come: Why Demand Matters?</b>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee Break
11:20 – 13:00	<b>Session Five: Conclusions and Recommendations</b>