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Regulators and ITU-Sector Members of the Asia  
Pacific Region, Development and Industry  
Partners

**Subject: Pacific Forum 2013, 22-24 April 2013, Apia, Samoa**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the Pacific Forum 2013 to be held from Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 April 2013 in Apia, Samoa. The Forum is jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT), and the Pacific Islands Telecommunications Association (PITA). The Forum will be hosted by the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology (MCIT), Samoa, and supported by the Department of Broadband, Communications, and the Digital Economy (DBCDE), Australian Government, and BlueSky Samoa.

The Forum will target senior management of governments, key stakeholders, and industry through providing a platform where multi-stakeholders from the Pacific Islands Developing States (SIDS) and Territories can meet, review, discuss and recommend steps toward telecommunications/ICT development in the Pacific. Specific objectives of the Forum for the Pacific are as follows:

- ❖ To address key policy and regulatory concerns;
- ❖ To facilitate measures to accelerate telecommunications/ICT infrastructure development, particularly broadband;
- ❖ To discuss international connectivity options for the SIDSs;
- ❖ To exchange information and share ideas at a common platform;
- ❖ To consider best practices and further develop regulatory frameworks;
- ❖ To report and review the outcomes of the WTSA-12 and WCIT-12 of the ITU;
- ❖ To provide a platform for business dialogues among telecommunications/ICT stakeholders;
- ❖ To prepare for inputs of priorities and challenges for the Pacific to the Asia-Pacific Regional Development Forum (RDF), and Asia-Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting (RPM-ASP) for the 2014 World Telecommunication Development Conference.

The Forum is open to the memberships of ITU, APT, PITA, and other regional organizations as well as other organizations actively working in telecommunications/ICT development in the Pacific.

ITU and APT are pleased to provide one fellowship each to qualified high level representatives from your administration/organization to participate in the Forum, subject to availability of funds. The fellowship covers round-trip economy class air ticket, hotel accommodation and incidental expenses. Priority is given

to official nominations of qualified nominees received before the deadline. You are therefore encouraged to register as early as possible and the last date of registration and nomination for fellowship is the **22 March 2013**.

Subject to the available financial resources and in order to encourage participation, ITU and APT are pleased to provide one fellowship each per **eligible Member State**, on a first-come, first-served basis to participate in Forum. Member States eligible to receive ITU fellowships are those recognized as least developed countries (LDCs), according to the United Nations classification, as well as low-income countries having a per capita gross domestic product (GDP) not exceeding USD 2 000. The fellowship covers round-trip economy class air ticket, hotel accommodation and incidental expenses. Priority is given to official nominations of qualified nominees received before the deadline.

To receive a fellowship form, participants must *first* register on-line at <http://www.apr.int/content/attendance-form> or by sending the completed Registration Form to the APT Secretariat (e-mail: [aprict@apr.int](mailto:aprict@apr.int) or Fax: +66 2 573 7479) as soon as possible but not later than the **22 March 2013**.

The Provisional Agenda is attached for your information and further necessary action. Additional information about the Forum will be posted on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2013/PacificForum/index.asp>

ITU encourages and welcomes contributions from its Member States, Sector Members, and Regional and International Organizations. Contributions that have been received will be posted on ITU website prior to the meeting. To submit your contribution for consideration, please send the short abstract/bio data together with the presentation material to Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon at [wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int](mailto:wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int) for consideration as soon as possible, but not later than **22 March 2013**. Each presentation is expected to last about 20 minutes with an additional 10 minutes for questions and discussion. For further information, please feel free to contact Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon ([wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int](mailto:wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int)) or Mr. Stuart Davies ([stuart@apr.int](mailto:stuart@apr.int)).

I look forward to active participation from your organization.

Yours faithfully,

Original signed

Brahima Sanou  
Director

Annexes:

Annex 1: Provisional Agenda

Annex 2: Attendance form

Annex 3: Useful Information for Participants