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ITU Member States and  
ITU-D Sector Members  
Asia and Pacific Region

Subject: **ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs for Asia and Pacific and SG3RG-AO Meeting  
Tokyo, Japan, 8-9 April 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), to be held at the Keio Plaza Hotel, Tokyo, Japan from 8 to 9 (morning) April 2013, in collaboration with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications of Japan (MIC) and with the support of the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) of Thailand. The Regional Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) organized by the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) will be held just after the seminar, from the afternoon of 9 to 10 April 2013.

All participants are kindly invited to pre-register online, for both the seminar and meeting, by 2 April 2013 at the event website:

[www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/work-cost-tariffs/events/tariff-seminars/japan-13/index.html](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/finance/work-cost-tariffs/events/tariff-seminars/japan-13/index.html). Please note that all the necessary practical information for participating in these events is available on this website.

This year, the seminar will focus, among other interesting subjects, on the strategies for the deployment of Next Generation Networks (NGN) and Next Generation Access (NGA) in a broadband environment, emphasizing on the economic and regulatory aspects. Another relevant issue is related to competition and regulation in a converged broadband world, taking into account the elements to be considered for the determination of the significant market power (SMP). Participants are invited to make presentations to illustrate the situation in their countries on these issues, in order to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences. Please find the provisional agenda in Annex 1.

The seminar and meeting will be conducted in English. All presentations will be published on the above-mentioned website. It is important to note that participants should enquire in advance concerning visa requirements for Japan and apply to the Consulate or Embassy of Japan in their respective country.

Participants are requested to submit an update of their telecommunication sector scenario, by completing the ITU Tariff Policy Survey at: [www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/) under Survey Login. For login information (password and username), please contact Ms Carmen Prado-Wagner ([carmen.prado@itu.int](mailto:carmen.prado@itu.int)).

In order to build on the work carried out in TSB Study Group 3 and optimize the transfer of knowledge, we strongly recommend that, where possible, organizations designate their SG3RG-AO Group Representatives or officials who have expertise and responsibility for costs and tariffs matters to attend these events.

As mentioned in the [TSB invitation letter](#), one partial fellowship per administration will be awarded to facilitate the participation of Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries in the region

(<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/lc-lic-201111.pdf>). An application for fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Please download the fellowship application form at the above-mentioned event website, and return it to ITU not later than 11 March 2013.

I look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou  
Director

Annex 1: Provisional Agenda

## Annex 1



**ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs for Asia and Pacific**  
**Tokyo, Japan, 8-9 April 2013**

### Provisional Agenda

#### Monday

08.30 – 09.00 *Delegates registration*

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09.00– 09.30 **Opening Ceremony**

- ▶ Chairman SG3RG-AO
- ▶ ITU Representative
- ▶ MIC Japan Representatives

09.30 – 10.15 **Session 1: Results from the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA-12) and the World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12)**

#### *Coffee break*

10.30 – 11.30 **Session 2: Strategies for the deployment of NGN and NGA in a broadband environment – Regulatory and economic aspects**

- *Presentation of the ITU/BDT paper*
- *Country Experiences*

11.30 – 12:30 **Session 3: Competition and regulation in an converged broadband world**

- *Presentation of the ITU/BDT paper*
- *Country Experiences*

#### Lunch

14.00 – 16:00 **Session 4: Cost modeling and tariff policies discussion session**

- *Thailand and ITU: Cost modeling of telecommunication services project*
- *Country experiences on cost modeling*

#### *Coffee break*

16.00 – 17.00      **Session 5: Initiatives to stimulate demand for broadband services and development of local content: online administration, e-learning, e-government**  
- *Presentation of the ITU/BDT paper*  
- *Country Experiences*

### *Tuesday*

09.00 – 10.00      **Session 6: International roaming services: a review of best practices**  
- *Presentation of the ITU/BDT paper*  
- *Country Experiences*

10.00 – 11.00      **Session 7: Providing broadband services through PPP (Public Private Partnership) models**  
- *Expert ITU*  
- *Country Experiences*

### *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.15      **Session 8: Taxation of international telecommunication services**  
- *Expert ITU*  
- *Country Experiences*

12.15 – 12.30      **Final conclusions and closing of the seminar**

### *Lunch*

14.00 – 17.00      **Regional meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)**

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