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Sector Members in the Caribbean region

Subject: **ITU/ITSO VSAT and Satellite Systems Workshop, Nassau, Bahamas - 20 to 24 May 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the workshop on **“VSAT and Satellite Systems Workshop”** to be held in **Nassau, Bahamas from 20 to 24 May 2013** at the kind invitation of the Government of the Bahamas. The workshop will be hosted by the Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority.

The workshop is part of a capacity building partnership entered into between the ITU and the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (ITSO) for the delivery of satellite communications training. The workshop will be opened to all, but principally to Caribbean countries, and will be conducted only in English. It will be delivered by experts from ITSO and the ITU Radiocommunication Bureau (BR).

This workshop will target practicing engineers and information technologists as well as managers and employees from regulators, government institutions, and telecommunication companies, who are interested in acquiring a technical understanding of VSAT systems and detailed knowledge of current systems design.

The objective of the ITU/ITSO Workshop on VSAT Systems is to provide participants with in-depth understanding of VSAT systems and protocols as well as a comprehensive introduction to VSAT concepts, satellite communications systems, technologies and protocols, and allow participants to understand and assess VSAT systems for deployment into corporate wide area network solutions. It will cover a wide range of issues relating to satellite communications, and regulatory issues, including the role of the regional and international satellite communications organizations.

A draft programme is attached. In order to benefit from each other's experience, participants are invited to prepare and present case studies during the workshop.

If you wish to participate in this workshop, please complete the Registration Form that can be found on the ITU Academy Portal at <http://academy.itu.int/index.php/component/k2/item/1083>. Additional information on the meeting venue and hotel accommodation is also available on this website.

Should you require any further information, Mr Cleveland Thomas, ITU Area Office Representative for the Caribbean ([Cleveland.thomas@itu.int](mailto:Cleveland.thomas@itu.int)) and Ms Kathleen Riviere-Smith ([ksmith@urcabahamas.bs](mailto:ksmith@urcabahamas.bs)), Chief Executive Officer, Utilities Regulation & Competition Authority of Bahamas are at your full disposal.

I look forward to your active participation in this workshop.

Yours faithfully,

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