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Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Caribbean Donors and Investors

Subject: **Caribbean ICT Ministers' Forum on Leveraging ICT for Development in the Caribbean, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, 8 August 2013.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the Caribbean Telecommunications Union (CTU) is pleased to invite your organization to participate in a series of roundtables on 8 August 2013 under the framework of the Regional Ministerial Meeting on **Caribbean ICT Ministers' Forum on Leveraging ICT for Development in the Caribbean** to be held from 7-9 August 2013 at the Hyatt Regency, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad

This stakeholder meeting is targeted at Ministers responsible for telecommunications/ICT, senior government officials, and regional organizations. On 7 August the Ministers will examine the state of information and communication technologies (ICTs) in the Caribbean and exchange views on current opportunities and challenges during a closed session. Against that backdrop, the event will review the progress made in implementing the ITU-EC project on the **"Support for the establishment of Harmonized Policies for the ICT Market in the ACP"**.

On 8 August, drawing lessons from the implementation of this project, the meeting will then map strategies for the establishment of a new project and potential funding possibilities. Your organization is cordially invited to participate at the following roundtables:

The **Donors Perspectives and Prerequisites For Investment** (Sessions 6), which comprises of a panel discussion from a donors perspective on the conditions, challenges and prerequisites for successful investments including grant funding; and regulatory and policy procedures.

The **Expressions of interest** (Session 8) comprises of a panel discussion between stakeholders including government officials, operators, lending agencies and donors.

Should your organization is interested in participate in these roundtables, participants are invited to contact Mr Cleveland Thomas, Area Representative for the Caribbean (E-mail: cleveland.thomas@itu.int, Tel.: +1 246 431-0343), and register online at the following link:

http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000165

I look forward to meeting with you at this important event.

Accept, Sir, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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