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All participating countries of the ITU Centres of Excellence network for Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries in Africa

Subject: ITU/ITSO Workshop on “Satellite Communications: Technical and Regulatory Aspects”, Maputo, Mozambique, 30 September-4 October 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the workshop on **“Satellite Communications: Technical and Regulatory Aspects”** to be held in **Maputo, Mozambique from 30 September to 4 October 2013**. The workshop will be hosted by the Instituto de Formação das Telecomunicações, IFT.

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. It is being conducted under the aegis of the ITU Centres of Excellence Network for Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries in Africa and will be delivered in Portuguese.

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 and regulatory understanding of satellite communications systems and networks design and operation, including some coverage on VSAT systems.

The objective of the workshop is to provide participants with a general, but in-depth understanding, of satellite communications technologies, VSAT systems and protocols as well as a comprehensive introduction to concepts and design considerations. The course will enable participants to understand and assess VSAT systems for deployment into corporate wide area network solutions, as well as to cover a wide range of issues with respect to satellite communications including the related regulatory issues, and the role of the regional and international satellite communications organizations.

A draft programme is attached (Annex 1). 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/1142> and return it to Ms. Ema Matuse (ema@tdm.mz), fax: +258 21 490079 with copy to Mr. Marcelino Tayob, Senior Advisor, ITU Regional Office, Addis Ababa, (marcelino.tayob@itu.int), **by 20 September 2013** at the latest.

Additional information on the workshop is also available on this website.

I look forward to your active participation in this workshop.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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