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Subject: **Invitation to the workshop on SADC Harmonised Legal Cyber Security Framework for Southern Africa, 27 February to 2 March 2012, Gaborone, Botswana**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in partnership with the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat, is pleased to invite you to the workshop on "SADC Harmonised Legal Cyber Security Framework for Southern Africa" from 27 February to 2 March 2012 in Gaborone, Botswana to be hosted by the Government of the Republic of Botswana.

The objective of the workshop is to review, amend and validate regional model legislations on (i) electronic transactions, (ii) the protection of personal data and (iii) the fight against cybercrime. These draft documents have been prepared with the support of the ITU-EC HIPSSA Project¹. They are based on the assessment of the best practices of the SADC Member States. Due to the importance of this workshop, the participants are requested to have decision making position in their respective organisations.

The draft working documents are available on the ITU web site:

http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/projects/ITU_EC_ACP/hipssa/Activities/SA/sa-4.html

¹ The full title of the HIPSSA Project - funded by the European Commission and the ITU, in collaboration with the African Union Commission, the Regional Economic Communities including SADC and regional associations of regulators including CRASA - is "Support to Harmonization of ICT Policies in Sub-Saharan Africa". HIPSSA is part of a global ITU-EC project encompassing Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific Islands (ACP); see http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/projects/ITU_EC_ACP/hipssa/index.html

The ITU-EC HIPSSA Project will provide a limited number of fellowships to eligible SADC countries and organisations within the SADC Region. Participation is on invitation and registration only. The Agenda, registration form, fellowship application form and practical information are available on the ITU web site:

http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/projects/ITU_EC_ACP/hipssa/events/2012/Sa4-en.html

I look forward to your cooperation in this crucial event.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brahima Sanou', written in a cursive style.

Brahima Sanou
Director

Copy: Mr. Remmy MAKUMBE, Director of Infrastructure and Services, SADC
Mr. Andrew RUGEGE, ITU Regional Director for Africa

Annexe I: Draft Agenda and Working Programme