

Call for Speakers



ITU-D/ITU-T Seminar on Standardization and Development of Next-Generation Networks for the Arab Region (29 April -2 May 2007) and Workshop on NGN Interconnection (2-3 May 2007)

Manama (Bahrain) 29 April - 3 May 2007

Venue: Gulf Hotel Conference Centre

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*At the kind invitation of Bahrain Telecommunications Company (BATELCO), the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) and the Standardization Bureau (TSB) of the International Telecommunication Union are jointly organizing a Seminar on Standardization and Development of Next-Generation Networks from 29 April to 2 May (morning) 2007. The seminar will be followed by a Workshop on NGN Interconnection from 2 (afternoon) to 3 May 2007. At the kind invitation of BATELCO, the two events will take place **in Manama, Bahrain from 29 April to 3 May 2007.***

The objectives of the seminar are twofold: first, to discuss the current trends, status and future evolution of Next-Generation Networks technology and standardization, as being addressed by the ITU-T and share the experiences of NGN design, development and deployment. Central to these are: what areas of technology innovation hold the greatest promise for NGNs and what are the most innovative applications and services possible with NGNs. To this effect, issues revolving around NGN architecture, NGN technology and quality of service requirements, as well as evolution will be explored. Second, as NGNs are a major departure from the network today, these developments will likely change the ways the telecommunication sector operates. NGN regulatory and policy issues for developing countries to exploit its full potential for development will also be discussed.

The objective of the interconnection workshop is to look at the challenges for regulatory and policy frameworks associated with the deployment of Next-Generation Networks (NGN) in the region. It will focus, in particular, on what kinds of interconnection arrangements make sense in an NGN world. It will provide a unique opportunity to develop a common understanding of the current issues, looking at whether NGN interconnection is likely to require regulatory intervention or if it can be achieved through commercial negotiations; what new competitive bottlenecks are likely to arise in the NGN environment and how to handle the migratory phase when multiple networks are in use.

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to participate as Speakers to the **Regional Seminar on NGN Standardization and Development for the Arab Region (29 April-2 May/morning 2007) as well as the Workshop on NGN Interconnection (2/afternoon-3 May 2007)** looking at the challenges for regulatory and policy frameworks associated with the deployment of Next-Generation Networks (NGN) in the region. At the kind invitation of BATELCO, the two events will take place **in Manama, Bahrain from 29 April to 3 May 2007.**

All information on the Seminar and on the Workshop (Call for Speakers, Draft Programs, Information note, Registration form, Hotel booking form, etc.) is posted on the ITU Web and will be updated on regular basis:

www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/network-infrastructure/index.html

The Draft Programs are also herewith attached.

Deadline to submit Abstracts (max. 400 words) and Bios (max. 200 words): 31 March 2007

The applications may be sent via e-mail to riccardo.passerini@itu.int. They will be taken in due consideration by the Seminar/Workshop Committee for the finalization of the Programs of the two events.

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