



**BDT/ITU Seminar “Transition from analog to digital
broadcasting: correlation between technical, economic and
social costs and advantages”,**

16 – 18 June 2009, Saransk, Russian Federation

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Venue

13, Bolshevistskaya Str., City of Saransk,
Conference hall

2. Transport

Participants may travel from Moscow to Saransk by plane or train:

- 1) “Mordovia Airlines” flight PM978 Moscow Saransk (on working days), departure from Moscow, Domodedovo airport at 20:40, arrival to Saransk at 22:20.
- 2) Train № 42 Moscow-Saransk (daily). Departure at 21:16 from Kazansky Railway Terminal in Moscow, arrival to Saransk – at 08:23 on the next day.

Hosting organization - “VolgaTelecom” Branch in the Republic of Mordovia will arrange the transfer of the seminar participants from the airport/railway station in Saransk to the hotel upon arrival and back from the hotel to the airport/railway station in Saransk upon departure. If the participants need the transfer, they should provide relevant information in Annex 3 and send it to the individuals and by deadlines specified in this document.

3. Registration

Registration will start at the Seminar venue, on June16 2009 at 9:30.

4. Working languages

The Forum will be carried out in Russian and English languages with simultaneous interpretation.

5. Accommodation and hotel reservation

Seminar participants will be accommodated in the hotels “Mirta” and “Saransk”

Hotel “Mirta”: 2, Fedoseenko Str., Saransk
Tel/Fax. +(7 8342) 47 07 30, e-mail: gostmirta@moris.ru

Room category	Price in roubles
standard	2600
Semi-suite	3000
Suite	3800

Hotel “Saransk”: 35, Kommunisticheskaya Str., Saransk
Tel: +(7 8342) 47 88 82, fax: +(7 8342) 47 88 39, e-mail: hotel_saransk@mail.ru

Room category	Price in roubles
1 st category	1900
suite	3050

Price of rooms includes breakfast.

All rooms are equipped with TV, refrigerator, telephone. Hotel reservation is made through filling-in of Annex 2.

6. Contacts

With any questions on the organization of the seminar the participants may contact:

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7. Communications services

Participants of the Seminar can get Internet access at the seminar venue.

High-quality and cheap telephone services are possible through IP-telephony cards.

Saransk code is +7 8342. For international calls from Saransk you should dial 8 10 + code of the country and city or follow the instructions on telephone card.

8. Валюта/обмен валюты/кредитные карты Currency/exchange of currency/credit cards

The national currency unit in the Russian Federation is ruble. Credit cards are taken for payments in banks, large hotels, some tourist agencies and large shops. The information about exchange rates is available in banks or exchange points. For your information: here are the official rates as of 1 May 2009:

1 USD = 33.3 rubles, 1 EURO = 43.8 rubles.

9. Banks

Banks are open from 09:00 to 19:00, from Monday to Saturday, and make exchange operations.

10. Climate

In Saransk the average temperature values in mid June may be between +9° and +15°C at night and between +20° and + 28°C during the day.

11. Electrical appliances

Voltage in the Russian Federation power supply network is – 220V/50 Hz.

12. Visa support

Those participants requiring entry visa to the Russian Federation are requested to contact their local Embassy/Consulate of the Russian Federation for information well in advance. Should the participants need a visa support, they are kindly asked to complete the Visa Support Form (Annex 5) and send its scanned copy by **25 May 2009 at the latest**, together with the copy of national passport, to:

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