

# Call for Speakers



## **ITU-D Regional Development Forum for the Africa Region “NGN and Broadband, Opportunities and Challenges”**

**Lusaka, Zambia, 18-19 May 2009**

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At the kind invitation of the Communications Authority of Zambia (CAZ), the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunications Union is organizing the ITU-D Regional Development Forum, for which the theme will be “Next Generation Networks (NGN) and Broadband, Opportunities and Challenges”. The Forum will be held on 18 and 19 May 2009 in Lusaka (Zambia).

Participation in the ITU Regional Development Forum is free of charge and open to ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates, as well as to any individual from an ITU Member State wishing to contribute to the work. Individuals belonging to international, regional or national organizations may also participate. The Academia and all associated and related Institutions are all welcome.

The main aim of this Regional Development Forum, whose theme will be "NGN and Broadband, Opportunities and Challenges", will be to inform participants of the latest technological developments in the telecommunication sphere, particularly network migration to NGN and the implementation of broadband infrastructures. This should facilitate the elaboration of deployment strategies in each country within the framework of the objectives set by the "Connect Africa" Summit held in Kigali in October 2007. The forum will also lay emphasis on exchanges of experience in regard to the technical, economic and regulatory considerations aspects of the multimedia networks and broadband multiservices currently in the process of being introduced.

The discussions will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation will be provided. The documents for this event will be available, with regular updates, at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/indexDevelopmentForum.html>.

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to participate as Speakers to the **ITU-D Regional Development Forum for the Africa Region “NGN and Broadband, Opportunities and Challenges”**, Lusaka, Zambia, 18-19 May 2009.

All information on the Forum (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: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/indexDevelopmentForum.html>.

The Draft Program is also herewith attached.

**Deadline to submit Abstracts (max. 400 words) and Bios (max. 200 words): 5 April 2009.**

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They will be taken in due consideration for the finalization of the Program of the Forum.