



**ITU SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE ROLE OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS/ICT IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT FOR
THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION
Yaounde, Cameroon**



30 May to 1st June 2007

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day One: Wednesday 30 May 2007

08.00	Registration
09.45	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vincent Sakanga, ITU Area Representative • Mrs. Sophie DE CAEN, Resident Coordinator, UNDP, Cameroon • Representative of the ARTAC • H.E. Mr. Bello Bouba Maigari, Minister of State, Minister of Posts and Telecommunications
10.45	Chairman's Opening Comments
11.00	Morning Coffee
<p>SESSION 1 DISASTER MANAGEMENT TODAY</p> <p><i>The first session will look at the role of telecommunications/ICT in disaster mitigation, in the face of increasing disasters. It will also look at the threat caused by disasters to the development agenda and plans.</i></p>	
11.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of ICT in disaster communications <i>Dr. Cosmas Zavazava, ITU, Telecommunication Development Bureau</i> • The Millennium Development Goals: What are the threats posed to them by natural disasters? <i>Mrs. Sophie DE CAEN, Resident Coordinator, UNDP, Cameroon</i> • World Bank programme and activities <i>[World Bank]</i> • Summary and Open Discussion of Recommendations
12.30	Lunch
<p>SESSION 2 POLICY AND REGULATORY ASPECTS RELATED TO DISASTER COMMUNICATION PLANNING</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the legal framework set by the Tampere Convention, look at the role of telecommunication regulation, and discuss policy issues related to effective deployment of telecommunications/ICT for disaster management</i></p>	
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations <i>Dr. Cosmas L. Zavazava, ITU, Telecommunication Development Bureau</i> • Accounting for National telecommunications/ICT resources for disaster mitigation within the framework of the Tampere Convention <i>Mr. Michel Milot, Expert on Emergency Telecommunications</i> • Telecommunications Regulatory Aspects of Emergency Telecommunications including licensing and spectrum management issues <i>Representative of Cameroon's Regulatory Authority</i> • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
17.00	Chairman's closing remarks
8.00	Close of Day

Day Two: Thursday 30th May 2007

08.00	Re-registration and coffee
08.45	Chairman's Opening Address
SESSION 3 - PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE TAMPERE CONVENTION	
<i>The session will focus on panel discussions by government officials, United Nations Agencies, regulators, private sector, and civil society.</i>	
09.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Representatives (3) • Regulatory Representatives (3) • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
10.45	Morning Coffee
SESSION 4	
11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representatives of United Nations Agencies (3) • Representatives of the Private Sector (3) • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
12.30	Lunch
SESSION 4 - PRIVATE SECTOR PRESENTATIONS	
<i>The session will focus on the role of private telecom/service providers and their telecom services in disaster mitigation and relief operations. Various telecommunication technologies applicable for disaster-related activities will be presented.</i>	
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Continuity <i>Mr. Ray Stanton, Head of Business Continuity, BT Group Security</i> • Role of satellite technologies in disaster mitigation telecommunication service providers in disaster communications <i>Mr. Tai Ogunderu, Satellite Engineer</i> • Role of Public Networks for disaster relief <i>Telecom Operators in Cameroon</i> • Cell Broadcasting for Emergency Alerting <i>Mr. Mark Wood, Convener, ITU-T Discussion Group on Cell Broadcast.</i> • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
15.15	Afternoon Coffee
SESSION 5 - INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and NGOS	
<i>The session will focus on assistance, services provided by international organizations and NGOs. It will also focus on how telecommunications/ICT can be used effectively in disaster warning and relief operations.</i>	
15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Telecommunication Systems (GTS) <i>WMO, Chief, Division of Systems and Information Services</i> • Coordination of international response • Challenges for NGOs in delivering humanitarian assistance <i>(OCHA/UNICEF/WFP)</i> • Improved regional cooperation in disaster management <i>African Union</i> • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
17.00	Chairman's closing remarks
17.15	Close of Day

Day Three: Friday 1st June 2007

08.30	Re-registration and coffee
09.00	Chairman's Opening Address
SESSION 6 - MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM	
<i>This session will focus on debating the challenges by stakeholders in deploying and using telecommunications/ICT resources for disaster relief. It will look at technological, policy, and regulatory issues</i>	
09.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel 1: Regulatory Agencies • Panel 2: Governments • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
10.30	Morning Coffee
10.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel 3: Private Sector • Panel 4: Civil Society • Summary & Open Discussion of Recommendations
12.30	Lunch
SESSION 7 - ACTION PLAN ON THE TAMPERE CONVENTION	
<i>The session will focus on drawing up an Action Plan on measures that each of the participating countries will take to disseminate information and take action to promote the ratification of the Tampere Convention, and its implementation.</i>	
14.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plenary Discussion on Issues of Interest</i> • <i>Drafting Group works on the draft Action Plan</i>
15.00	Afternoon Coffee
SESSION 8 - ADOPTION OF THE ACTION	
15.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the Draft Action Plan • Debate on the Draft <p><i>Adoption of the Action Plan</i></p>
17.00	Chairman's closing remarks
18.00	Close of Day Three and end of Workshop