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To:

- ITU Member States,
- Regulators and
- ITU-D Sector Members in the Caribbean region

Subject: **ITU/TAS Number Portability Workshop, Paramaribo, Suriname**  
**28 -30 April 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **"Number Portability Workshop"** to be held in **Paramaribo, Suriname - 28 to 30 April 2015**. The workshop will be hosted by the Telecommunications Authority of Suriname.

Number portability (NP) is another means of increasing consumer choice and stimulating innovation and competition as it allows consumers to change their service providers without changing their phone numbers. As new mobile licences and establishment of local IXPs are becoming more prevalent in the Caribbean region, introduction of NP in local markets are also becoming more urgent. This workshop is part of a regional capacity building training initiative on NP and is intended to educate principally regional telecommunication regulators, policy makers, legislators and other technical staff involved in interconnection and related issues, who are interested in acquiring a better understanding on the cost, benefits, and opportunities of NP. The workshop will be delivered by Mr James Wild, the principal consultant and NP expert at Laurasia associates Ltd, based in the United Kingdom.

In order to benefit from each other's experience, the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) and the Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA) of Bahamas will also give presentations on their case studies.

A draft programme and the Registration Form are attached and will be soon available at ITU Regional web page. <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/default.aspx>. Practical information for participants will follow.

Should you require any further information, Mr Cleveland Thomas, ITU Area Office Representative for the Caribbean ([cleveland.thomas@itu.int](mailto:cleveland.thomas@itu.int)) or Ms Sheron Small at ([sheron.small@itu.int](mailto:sheron.small@itu.int)) or Mr Jai Udit at ([j.udit@tas.sr](mailto:j.udit@tas.sr)) are at your full disposal.

I look forward to your active participation in this workshop.

Yours faithfully,



Brahima Sanou  
Director

**Annexes:**

1. Draft Programme
2. Registration Form

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