



Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

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To:

- ITU Member States;
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia;
- Regional organizations in the Americas region;
- National Regulatory Authorities of ITU Member States.

Subject: - **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF), 15 June 2016**
- **ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs, 13-14 June 2016**
- **Meeting of the SG2RG-AMR, 14 June 2016 (afternoon)**
- **Meeting of the SG3RG-LAC, 16-17 June 2016**
Brasilia, Brazil

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF) – 15 June 2016 - and the ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Latin America and the Caribbean – 13 to 14 June 2016, to be held in Centro de Eventos e Convenções Brasil 21 in Brasilia, Brazil.

These activities are organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT), in collaboration with the National Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL) of Brazil.

In the same week, the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau will organize the Regional Meeting of the Study Group 2 for Americas (SG2RG-AMR) and the Regional Meeting of the Study Group 3 Group for Latin America and the Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC), for which you will receive separate invitations.

All participants are kindly invited to pre-register online for all events by **30 May 2016** at www.itu.int/go/regitud. The necessary practical information will be published soon at www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/Events.aspx.

The Regional Development Forums (RDF) provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between ITU/BDT and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members. They serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations that may have an impact on BDT's regional work plan in between World Telecommunication Development Conferences (WTDCs). In this context, these Forums will report on the activities of the Dubai Action Plan, with particular emphasis on regional initiatives in order to get feedback

from Membership to adjust BDT's work in each region of the world. The Regional Development Forum for the Americas will discuss in detail the five regional initiatives approved by WTDC-14, providing Members with an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices in the implementation of these initiatives in the framework of the ITU Strategic Plan for 2016-2019. The draft agenda of the Forum is attached as Annex 2.

The Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICT will focus, among other interesting subjects, on connecting the unconnected in a digital converged world, the economic and financial issues in a converged broadband environment and the new challenges in the digital ecosystem. Participants are invited to make presentations or participate as panellists to illustrate the situation in their countries on these issues, in order to promote dialogue and exchange of experiences. The provisional agenda is attached as Annex 1.

The Forums and Meetings will be conducted in English, Portuguese and Spanish with interpretation. All presentations will be published in their original language on the above-mentioned website. Participants should enquire in advance concerning visa requirements for Brazil and apply to the Consulate or Embassy of Brazil in their respective country.

Participants are requested to submit an update of their telecommunication sector scenario, by completing the ITU Tariff Policy Survey at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/ under Survey Login. For login information (password and username), please contact Ms Carmen Prado-Wagner (tariffs@itu.int).

In order to build on the work carried out in Study Group 3 and optimize the transfer of knowledge, it is strongly recommended that, where possible, organizations designate their SG3RG-LAC Group representatives or officials who have expertise and responsibility for costs and tariffs matters to attend these events.

I am pleased to inform you that one partial fellowship per administration will be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate the participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx>) of the Americas Region. A fellowship application must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Fellowship requests must be returned to ITU not later than 2 May 2016.

Mr Rodrigo Robles (rodrigo.robles@itu.int) from the ITU Area Office in Tegucigalpa is at your disposal. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact him.

I look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex 1: Preliminary Agenda ITU Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF)

Annex 2: Preliminary Agenda ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICT

Annex/Anexo 1



ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas UIT Foro Regional de Desarrollo para las Américas

Brasília, Brazil, 15 June/Junio 2016

Preliminary Agenda / Agenda Preliminar

Wednesday 15 June / Miércoles 15 Junio 2016

08.30 – 09.00 **Delegates registration / Registro de Delegados**

09.00 – 09.30 **Opening Ceremony / Ceremonia de Apertura**

- ▶ BDT Director / *Director de la BDT*
- ▶ Chairperson National Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL) of Brazil.

09.30 – 10.30 **Session 1: Review of the implementation of the Regional Initiatives for America 2015-2018 / Revisión de la implementación de las Iniciativas Regionales para América 2015-2018**

Regional Director for the Americas / Director Regional para las Américas

Coffee break / Pausa café

11.00 – 12.30 **Session 2: Interactive definition of objectives and models for the region. Starting preparations for WTDC 2017 / Definición interactiva de objetivos y modelos para la región. Iniciando la preparación para la CMDT 2017**

Panelists to be determined / Panelistas a determinarse

Lunch break / Almuerzo

14.00 – 15.30 **Session 3: Resource Mobilization / Movilización de Recursos**

Panelists to be determined / Panelistas a determinarse

Coffee break / Pausa Café

16.00 – 17.30 **Session 4: Actions proposed to improve access to Broadband and Internet / Acciones propuestas para mejorar el acceso a Banda Ancha e Internet**

Panelists to be determined / Panelistas a determinarse

Annex/Anexo 2



ITU Regional Economic and Financial Forum of Telecommunications/ICTs for Latin America and the Caribbean **UIT Foro Regional sobre Economía y Finanzas de las Telecomunicaciones/TICs para América Latina y el Caribe**

Brasília, Brazil, 13-14 June/Junio 2016

Preliminary Agenda / Agenda Preliminar

Monday 13 June / Lunes 13 Junio 2016

08.30 – 09.00 **Delegates registration / Registro de Delegados**

09.00 – 09.30 **Opening Ceremony / Ceremonia de Apertura**

- ▶ SG3RG-LAC Chairman / SG3RG-LAC Presidente
- ▶ ITU Representative / Representante de la UIT
- ▶ Chairperson National Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL) of Brazil.

Coffee break and Group Picture / Pausa Café y Foto de Grupo

09.45 – 12.30 **Session 1: Connecting the unconnected in a digital converged world / Conectando a los no conectados al mundo convergente digital**

Panelists to be determined / Panelistas a determinarse

Lunch / Almuerzo

14.00 – 17.00 **Session 2: Economic and financial issues in a converged broadband environment / Aspectos económicos y financieros de la banda ancha en un ambiente de convergencia**

Panelists to be determined / Panelistas a determinarse

Tuesday 14 June / Martes 14 Junio 2016

09.00 – 12.15 **Session 3: Challenges in the Digital Ecosystem / Retos del ecosistema digital**

Panelists to be determined / Panelistas a determinarse

12.15 – 12.30 **Final conclusions and closing of the Forum / Conclusiones finales y cierre del Foro**

Lunch / Almuerzo