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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States from CIS region
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members, Associates, Regional Organizations, and Academia from CIS region

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on *Organizational and Technical Aspects of Broadband Development*, Odessa, Ukraine, 27-29 September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the **Regional Workshop on *Organizational and Technical Aspects of Broadband Development***, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU in collaboration with A.S.Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT) of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and will be held in Odessa, Ukraine, from 27 to 29 September 2017.

This Workshop is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing experiences in the field of broadband development. In particular, the Workshop will cover the following issues:

- Global trends in broadband strategy and policy
- Affordable broadband infrastructure and quality ICT services in urban, rural and remote areas
- Regulatory and legal aspects of broadband development
- Ways to increase confidence and security of broadband networks
- Technical aspects of broadband networks design and construction
- Organizational and economic aspects of broadband networks construction
- Modern trends in broadband-based services development

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation. The event will be paperless.

All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2017/09_Odessa/09_Odessa.aspx as well as on the ONAT website: <https://seminar.onat.edu.ua/>.

Participants are invited to complete the registration form (Annex 2) and send it by email to rdd@onat.edu.ua and itumoscov@itu.int **no later than 11 September 2017**.

The Workshop will be held in the venue of A.S.Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications and does not entail any participation fee. However please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization. More detailed information on the event venue and accommodation of the participants is available in practical information for participants (Annex 3).

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the Fellowship Form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 28 August 2017**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation etc., regarding the Workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Irina Politova, Head, Research Development Department, A.S.Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications, (email: rdd@onat.edu.ua ; phone: +38 048 705 0384; phone/fax: +38 048 705 0305). For any other questions concerning this Workshop, Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: farid.nakhli@itu.int ; phone: +7 495 926 60 70), is at the disposal of participants who may require assistance.

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Visa Support Form