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| Subject: | ITU survey for the creation of a global compendium of public policies for the transition to digital terrestrial television (DTT) | | |
| Dear Sir/Madam,  The **ITU-D Study Group 2 Rapporteur Group for Question 11-3/2** dedicated to the “Examination of terrestrial digital sound and television broadcasting technologies and systems, interoperability of digital terrestrial systems with existing analogue networks, and strategies and methods of migration from analogue terrestrial techniques to digital techniques”, during its meeting held on 13 September 2011 in Geneva, decided to issue a survey to Member States and ITU-D Sector Members and Associates in order to collect the latest information on the status of public policies for the transition from analogue to digital terrestrial television and to get views on related issues as addressed by Question 11-3/2.  The results of this survey will also be used during the implementation of the Regional Initiatives related to the digital terrestrial broadcasting transition as agreed during WTDC-10 for all regions.  During the 2010-2014 study period, Question 11-3/2 is expected to reflect in the final outputs of its work, among other things:   * Analysis of gradual transition to digital terrestrial sound and television broadcasting; * Impact of interactive multimedia applications enabled by digital terrestrial sound and television broadcasting on the developing countries, including their effects on digital divide and social inclusion by means of e-applications; * Spectrum planning for bands allocated to broadcasting services in preparation for the analogue switch-off, including the usage of white spaces, the digital dividend, and possible band plans, allotment plans, and specific bands to be allocated to broadcasters after the analogue switch-off, in the purview of the Radiocommunication Sector; * Best practices on fostering public awareness regarding the transition from analogue to digital in broadcasting; * Comprehensive study about special agreements for local production or supply of equipment to enable the transition from analogue to digital broadcasting, for instance intellectual property, transfer of technology, etc.; * Compendium of public policies on the digital terrestrial radio and television transition that brings together the regulatory experiences of countries that are exploring, evaluating and implementing digital terrestrial sound and television technologies.   The web-based survey for the development of the compendium on public policies for the transition to digital terrestrial television can be accessed at the following address:  <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/CDS/gq/generic/questionnaire.asp?ProjectID=201>  We would be grateful if you could fill in the questionnaire online, and submit it to us, not later than **9 December 2011.**  Queries or requests for further information regarding this survey will be answered by:   * The Rapporteur for Question 11-3/2: Mr Petko Kantchev, Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, Bulgaria (tel.: +41 79 214 347, e-mail: [petko.kantchev@ties.itu.int](mailto:%20petko.kantchev@ties.itu.int) ) * The BDT focal point for this Question: Mr István Bozsoki, ITU/BDT/IEE/TND (tel.:+41 22 730 6347, e-mail: [istvan.bozsoki@itu.int](mailto:istvan.bozsoki@itu.int) )   General queries about the work of the ITU-D Study Groups (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/study_groups/>) can be addressed to the ITU-D Study Groups Secretariat (tel.: +41 22 730 5999, e-mail: [devsg@itu.int](mailto:devsg@itu.int))  All data collected will be used to compile the global compendium and elaborate concrete guidelines and recommendations, based on actual experiences and established practices, to assist countries in the transition to digital terrestrial television.  The success and value of this study are contingent on the input received from Member States, ITU-D Sector Members and Associates. We look forward to your active participation and contributions to the work of the ITU-D Study Groups.  We thank you in advance for your cooperation.  Yours faithfully,  [original signed]  Brahima Sanou  Director  Distribution:   * Administrations of Member States ; * Observer (Resolution 99); * ITU-D Sector Members; * ITU-D Associates in their respective Study Group; * Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen, Rapporteurs and Vice-Rapporteurs for ITU-D Study Groups 1 and 2. * Designated Focal Points (DFP) * Directors of ITU Regional Offices | | | |