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**Circular to All Arab Telecom Administrations, Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members
and Associates & concerned Regional / International Organizations**

**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on “Submarine Cables: Access and Regulation”,
Port Sudan-Sudan, 04- 06 March 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the upcoming Regional Workshop on “Submarine Cables: Access and Regulation”, which will be held in Port Sudan-Sudan, during the period from 4 to 6 March 2014 at the kind invitation of SUDATEL Telecom –Sudan.

This workshop aims at equipping the participants with the knowledge about the specifics of Submarine Cables as the backbone for international telecommunications networks. It analyzes the types of international submarine cables and the international business regulations governing them. This workshop will consist of a wide range of topics covering administrative, technical and operational aspects of the submarine cable.

Among others, the following topics will be covered:

- Submarine Cables (advantages and disadvantages).
- Regulation, access and interconnection of operators to the International System.
- Investment in Submarine Cables Systems, acquisition and sale of capacity and costs.
- Construction and launch of Submarine Cables
- Network management and operation.
- Safety and restoration.
- Repair of Submarine Cables

This workshop will target engineers, managers and staff from regulatory authorities, ICT Administrations, telecommunication companies and academia, who are involved in submarine fiber optic installations or maintenance projects, as well as staff who needs skill and knowledge in submarine cables issues.

In order to share experiences, participants are invited to prepare and present relevant case studies during the workshop.

The Registration will be carried out online. Participants are encouraged to register at the latest **20 Feb. 2014** through the following link:

www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?eventid=4000188

In order to encourage the participation of some administrations from LDCs in this event; there are limited number of Full Fellowship covering the accommodation and air tickets for one delegate from each Arab LDCs. Administrations who are wishing to benefit from this fellowship, should fill in the Fellowship Request Form (which is available on the webpage of the workshop) at least before **15 Feb. 2014** and to send it to (bdtfellowships@itu.int) with copy to (Rania-Refaat.Danial@itu.int).

All other related documents such as the draft Agenda, Information Note, Fellowship Request Form, Hotel reservation Form will be available on the following web page:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/arb/ARO/2014/SC>

Should you require any further information, please contact Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi by email : (Mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int) or by phone: +202 35 37 17 77.

Looking forward to your kind participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Sincerely yours,



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