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Subject: ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Asia-Pacific, Hyderabad, India, 23-25 September 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in **ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for the Asia-Pacific 2009** to be held in Hyderabad, India from 23 to 25 September 2009. The event is jointly organized by ITU and the Department of Telecommunications (DOT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, India, and with support from the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy (DBCDE), Australia.

The Forum, dedicated to “**Connecting the World Responsibly**”, aims to identify some of the main challenges faced by countries in enhancing cybersecurity and securing critical information infrastructures. It will consider best practices, information sharing mechanisms and concrete actions for cybersecurity development, taking into consideration the key principles of matching the borderless, transnational nature of cyber-threats with meeting specific national and regional requirements. The Forum will also consider initiatives at the regional and international levels to increase cooperation and coordination amongst different stakeholders.

Its programme will include interactive sessions on the projects and related tools that ITU is working on to assist Member States and Sector Members in developing and implementing cybersecurity capabilities. Capacity building activities will be undertaken in the following main areas: e.g.,

- Development of legal frameworks;
- Development of watch, warning and incident management capabilities including the establishment of a national computer incident response team (CIRT); and,
- Actions to be considered when developing a national cybersecurity strategy and harmonization within the key principles of international cooperation.

The main audiences of this Forum are senior policy-makers, law-makers, legal professionals, regulators, industry leaders, consumer associations and other stakeholders from countries in Asia and the Pacific in order to discuss, share information, and collaborate on the elaboration and implementation of national policy, legal, regulatory and enforcement frameworks to ensure safer cyber space.

The Forum will be conducted in English only. Participation in the Forum is open to all ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates, and other interested stakeholders, including representatives from regional and international organizations. A draft Forum timetable is enclosed, whilst more detailed information about the event, including on registration, fellowship and meeting schedule is found in the annexes.

I am pleased to inform you that ITU will provide one full fellowship covering air ticket and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for each delegation duly authorized by their respective ITU Administration in the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low-Income Developing Countries in the Asia-Pacific region, subject to available budget, for participating in this meeting. Registrations and applications for fellowships will be made exclusively online at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2009/hyderabad/registration/> as soon as possible but no later than **31 July 2009**.

Additional information is also available on the event website at www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2009/hyderabad/. We encourage you to consult this website before the event or contact Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon (wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int) at the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific for any inquiries.

We look forward to your active participation and circulation to the appropriate stakeholders in your country as well as your invaluable contribution to this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid
Director

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Annex I

Pre-Registration and Fellowship Applications

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The number of delegates from a country is not limited, however, the country will bear all costs of additional delegates. Ideally a country would send representatives reflecting the major functions in cybersecurity referenced in the bulleted points above. It is expected that each delegation be familiar with their national cybersecurity-related initiatives.

The meeting pre-registration and fellowship request form can be found online at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2009/hyderabad/registration/

Pre-registrations and applications for fellowships should be made as soon as possible, but not later than 31 July 2009.

Countries requiring assistance to attend the meeting should contact Mr. Wisit Atipayakoon at the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, on telephone: +66 2 574 8565 or e-mail: wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int, with copy to cybmail@itu.int. Additional information about the event can also be provided by Ms. Christine Sund, ICT Applications and Cybersecurity Division (e-mail: christine.sund@itu.int).

Please send in your sponsored nominees before **31 July 2009** using the online Fellowship Request Form.

Contributions

Electronic contributions to the meeting on national cybersecurity experiences are solicited. We encourage you to send these contributions to cybmail@itu.int before **18 September 2009**.

Draft Forum Agenda

The full agenda with a short description of the content of each session can be found at www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2009/hyderabad/agenda.html

Practical Information for Forum Participants

Practical information for participants is available at www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2009/hyderabad/practical-information.html

Annex II

Draft Timetable

ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Asia Pacific 2009

23-25 September 2009
Hyderabad, India

WEDNESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2009	
08:30–09:30	Meeting Registration and Badging (Online pre-registration required)
09:30–10:00	Meeting Opening and Welcoming Address
10:00–11:15	Session 1: Setting The Stage – Towards an Integrated Approach for Cybersecurity and Critical Information Infrastructure Protection (CIIP)
11:15–11:30	Coffee Break
11:30–13:00	Session 2: Mapping the Global Issue with National and Regional Needs
13:00–14:30	Lunch
14:30–15.45	Session 3: Cybersecurity in the National Agenda and Actions to be Considered in Developing a National Cybersecurity Strategy
15:45–16:00	Coffee/Tea Break
16:00–17:15	Session 4: Financing Solutions for the Development of National Cybersecurity Capacity
17:15–17:30	Daily Wrap-Up and Announcements
19:00–	Reception (TBD)

THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2009	
09:30–10:45	Session 5: Developing a Legal Foundation and Establishing Effective Enforcement
10:45–11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00–12:45	Session 6: Developing a Legal Foundation and Establishing Effective Enforcement (Continued)
12:45–14:00	Lunch

14:00–15:30	Session 7: Defining Sound Organizational Structures and Developing Incident Management Capabilities
15:30–15:45	Coffee/Tea Break
15:45–17:30	Session 8: Defining Sound Organizational Structures and Developing Incident Management Capabilities (Continued)
17:30–17:45	Daily Wrap-Up and Announcements

FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2009	
09:30–10:45	Working Group Session 1
10:45–11:00	Coffee/Tea Break
11:00–12:45	Working Group Session 2
12:45–14:00	Lunch
14:00–15:30	Working Group Session 3
15:30–15:45	Coffee/Tea Break
15:45–17:00	Session 9: Promoting a Culture of Cybersecurity through Innovative Partnerships and Concrete Actions to Foster Regional and International Cooperation
17:00–17:30	Session 10: Forum Wrap-Up, Recommendations and the Way Forward