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Subject: **ITU/APT Workshop on NGN Planning, Bangkok, Thailand, 16-17 March 2007**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in an **ITU/APT Workshop on NGN Planning for the Asia and Pacific Region**, which will be hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Thailand, from 16-17 March 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Workshop is jointly organized by ITU and APT to coincide with the Twelfth APT Standardization Program Forum (ASTAP). Participants of the ASTAP meeting are also invited to join in this workshop.

Adopted at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC, Doha, 2006), the Doha Action Plan includes a Regional Initiative (RI) on "*NGN planning*" in Asia and the Pacific region aiming to assist Member States and Sector Members for their smooth migration from existing networks into the NGN as a potential tool for rural communications in particular. It was also requested that ITU plays an important role by using the study group process, and collecting the best practices through practical advice and assistance from ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific.

The objectives of this workshop, as part of the RI, are to enhance countries' capability of deployment and migration from existing network to NGN, to strengthen the collaboration between ITU-T and ITU-D, as well as to promote cooperation among regional and sub-regional organizations such as APT and ASEAN.

The main discussion topics of the workshop are:

- Cost-effective NGN technologies;
- NGN for rural communications;
- Strategic planning for deployment of NGN in the developing countries, *inter alia*, and;
- NGN network design and planning tools.

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Participation is open to ITU and APT Member States, Sector Members, Associates, and to any individual who is delegated from a member administration. The workshop is free of charge.

I am pleased to inform you that ITU will provide one full fellowship per Least Developed Country in Asia and Pacific, subject to available budget, for participating in this NGN Workshop, who are duly authorized by ITU Administrations. The number of delegates from a country is not limited. However, the country will bear all costs of additional delegates. Delegates from APT's Member States who participate in the ASTAP meeting are encouraged to join the NGN Workshop, while APT will kindly provide daily allowances for their extended stay pertaining to APT's conditions. ITU's conditions for awarded fellowships can be found in the attached fellowship form.

I should be grateful if you would complete the attached registration and other necessary forms (one per participant) and return them as soon as possible, but **no later than 15 February 2007**, by FAX, to:

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For further details, please see the attached tentative programme, registration and fellowship forms, and participants' information, or visit ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/> or contact the above.

ITU and APT encourage the use of electronic documents. A limited number of hardcopies of the documents will be prepared for distribution prior to and during the Workshop. Electronic copies of the Workshop documents will be available online. A **hardcopy of the documents will be provided only upon request. Those who need a hardcopy of the documents are requested to mention it in the registration form.**

I look forward to your positive response and active participation in this workshop.

Yours faithfully,



Sami Al Basheer Al Morshid

Director

Attachments: - Tentative Programme
- Registration form
- Fellowship form
- Participants' information