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— **For answers**

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Subject **ITU-D Regional Forum for the Americas region "NGN and Broadband, Opportunities and Challenges"**
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 25 (afternoon) to 27 November 2009

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones (INDOTEL), the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the **Regional Development Forum for the Americas region "Next Generation Networks (NGN) and Broadband, Opportunities and Challenges"**. The Forum will be held from 25 (afternoon) to 27 November 2009 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The event is held in conjunction with the ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for the Americas Region (23-25 November 2009).

The main aims of this Regional Development Forum are:

- to inform participants of the latest developments in telecommunications /ICT especially development in NGN (New Generation Network) and Broadband;
- to facilitate networking opportunities between national and foreign operators active or interested in the region;
- to come up with recommendations on key aspects for development of NGN and Broadband.

The Regional Development Forum is opened to all ITU Members States, Sectors Members and Associates, as well as to any individual from an ITU member State wishing to contribute to the work (no registration fee).

The discussions will be held in Spanish and English, with simultaneous interpretation. Please note that the Regional Development Forum is a paperless event. All documents and their updated versions will be posted at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/tech/indexDevelopmentForum.html>. Delegates are encouraged to carry their Laptop computers for the meeting.

Additional information with respect to Programme, entry visa, registration, hotel reservation as well as other practical and general information can be found as follows:

- Draft Programme (**Annex 1**)
- Registration Form (**Annex 2**)
- Fellowships: please note that ITU will provide limited number of **partial fellowship** (one fellowship per eligible country: least developed country or low income country) subject to the availability of budget. You are kindly requested to nominate your candidate by filling the form in **Annex 3**.

Please note that the above-mentioned forms should be filled and returned to the respective focal points (see details in the forms) as soon as possible, and no later than the specified deadlines.

Practical information and hotel reservation form will be sent to you in the coming days and will be also posted on the Forum website.

Any presentations and contributions for the Forum will be highly appreciated and should be notified electronically to the attention of Mr. Riccardo Passerini, ITU/BDT/PRI/TND (riccardo.passerini@itu.int) and Mr. Juan Zavattiero, ITU Americas Regional Office (juan.zavattiero@itu.int), **no later than 25 October 2009**.

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Yours faithfully,

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