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Subject: ITU-T/ITU-D Workshop "Standardization and Development of Next Generation Networks"
Markham Suites Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 3-5 October 2006

Dear Sir/Madam

At the kind invitation of the Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), the International Telecommunications Union - Standardization Bureau (ITU-T) and the International Telecommunication Union - Development Bureau (ITU-D) are jointly organizing a Workshop on "Next Generation Networks" which will take place from 3-5 October 2006 inclusive, at the Markham Suites Hotels, Dar-Es-Salaam, in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The objectives of the seminar are twofold: first, to discuss the current trends, status and future evolution of Next Generation Networks technology and standardization, as being addressed by the ITU-T and share the experiences of NGN design, development and deployment. Central to these are: what areas of technology innovation hold the greatest promise for NGNs; what are the most innovative applications and services possible with NGNs? To this effect, issues revolving around NGN architecture, NGN technology and quality of service requirements, as well as evolution will be explored. Second, as NGNs are a major departure from the network today - these developments will likely change the ways of the telecommunication sector operates, NGN regulatory and policy issues for developing countries to exploit its full potential for development will also be discussed.

A draft program of the workshop is set out in Annex 1 hereto.

The workshop will open at 9:30 hours on the first day. Discussions will be held in English.

Participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. The workshop is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted. Please note that all the expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of your experts should be covered by your administration/regulator.

Updated information relating to the workshop including the presentations, as well as details and practical information provided by the host will be made available on the ITU-T website at the following address: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/worksem/ngn/200610> .

For your convenience, practical information is enclosed in Annex 2 hereto.

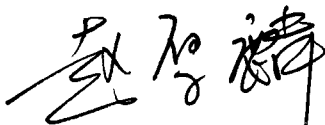
In order to enable us and the host to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, we should be grateful if you would pre-register by sending the registration form in Annex 3, duly completed (one per participant) to the ITU Regional Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by e-mail: fikirte.tsegaye@itu.int or by fax: + 251 115517299 with a copy to Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority by fax : +255 22 211 6664, as soon as possible, but not later than 20 September 2006.

We would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in the United Republic of Tanzania. The visa must be requested and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Tanzania in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Participants who need a visa supporting letter for entering into Tanzania are advised to contact:

The Director General,
Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA)
Tel: +255 22 211 8947-52,
Fax: +255 22 211 6664,
E-mail: dg@tcra.go.tz

ATT: Mr. Dennis M. Libena (email: dlibena@tcra.go.tz) or
Mr. Peter M. Shilla (email: pmszilla@tcra.go.tz)

Yours faithfully,



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ANNEX 1
ADVANCE PROGRAM
ITU-T/ ITU-D Workshop on
“Standardization and Development of Next Generation Networks”
Markham Suites Hotel, Tanzania, 3-5 October 2006

For more details on this workshop and updates to the program, please refer to the workshop web page at: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/worksem/ngn/200610> .

Day 1, 3 October (Tuesday)

09:30 - 09:45 Welcome address from TCRA
09:45 - 10:00 Welcome address from ITU Regional Office
10:00 -10:15 Opening Remarks by *Representative of ITU/TSB*
10:15 -10:30 Opening Remarks by *Representative of ITU/BDT*

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00 Keynote Speech: Main Achievements in ITU-T NGN Standardization

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 14:30 ITU-T introduction: Structure, activities, working methods, and achievements.
14:30 - 16:30 NGN Tech-Session 1: Architectural views of NGN

Day 2, 4 October (Wednesday)

09:00 - 10:00 NGN Tech-Session 2: Services and Applications in NGN

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:00 NGN Tech-Session 3: Migration Scenarios and Strategies

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 NGN Tech-Session 4: NGN Business models

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:30 NGN Policy and Regulatory / Q&A & panel discussion

Day 3, 5 October (Thursday)

09:00 - 09:30 ITU-D introduction: Structure, activities, projects and initiatives
09:30 - 10:00 NGN from the host's perspective

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:00 NGN Case Studies

12:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 -15:30 Development Trend of NGN Technology and Systems: Industrial perspective

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00 NGN for Developing Countries: Panel Discussion

17:00 -17:30 **Closing Ceremonies**

ANNEX 2

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Venue and Duration

The ITU Workshop on Next Generation Network will be held from 3-5 October, 2006 at Makham Suites Hotel in (*Dar-Es-Salaam*), United Republic of Tanzania. Contact details of the Hotel are:-

Markham Suites Hotel

My fair Plaza
Opp TMJ Hospital, Mikocheni
PO Box 2504
Dar es salaam
Tel: +255 22 2771800/2
Fax: +255 22 277180/3
Website: www.markhamsuites.co.tz

2. Onsite Registration

The Registration Counter will be set up in the foyer of the meeting hall commencing at 08:00 hours on 3 October 2006.

3. Hotel Accommodation

For the convenience of the participants, it is advised to stay in the recommended hotels. The lists of hotels are:-

(i) **Makham Suites Hotel**

My fair Plaza
Opp TMJ Hospital, Mikocheni
PO Box 2504
Dar es Salaam
Tel: +255 22 2771800/2
Fax: +255 22 277180/3
Website: www.markhamsuites.co.tz
Rate (B&B): Standard single US\$ 65

(ii) **Kilimanjaro Hotel Kempinski**

Kivukoni Street
PO Box 9574
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2131111
Fax: +255 22 2120777
Website: www.kempinski.com
Rate (B&B): Delux room: **US\$ 150:** Executive room: **US\$ 180**

(iii) **Peacock Hotel**

Bibi Titi Mohamed Road
PO Box 70270
Dar es Salaam
Tel: +255 22 2120334/ +255 22 2114071
Fax: +255 22 2117962
Website: www.peacock-hotel.co.tz
Rate (B&B): Standard single: US\$ 78; Double US\$ 88

(iv) **Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel**

Ohio street
PO Box 791
Dar es Salaam

Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2112416
Fax: +255 22 2113981
Website: www.moevenpick-hotels.com
Rate (B&B): Standard single: **US\$ 147**; Executive room: **US\$ 165**

(v) **Holiday Inn**
Garden avenue
PO Box 80022
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2137575
Fax: +255 22 2139070
Rate (B&B): Standard Single: **US\$ 155**; Double double room **US\$ 170**

(vi) **Protea Court Yard Hotel**
CVU Upanga, Ocean Road, Near Agakhan hospital
PO Box 542
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2130130
Fax: +255 22 2130100
Website: www.contitrades.com/courtyard.html
Rate (B&B): Standard single: **US\$ 109**, Double: **US\$ 129**

(vii) **Golden Tulip**
Toure Drive, Oyster Bay, Msasani Peninsular
PO Box 6300
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2600288
Fax: +255 22 2601443
Website: www.goldentuliptanzania.com
Rate (B&B): Standard single **US\$ 130**; Double **US\$ 150**

(viii) **New Africa Hotel**
Azikiwe street/ Sokoine Drive
PO Box 9314
Dar es Salaam
Tanzania
Tel: +255 22 2117050/1
Fax: +255 22 2116731
Website: www.newafricahotel.com
Rate (B&B): Standard single: **US\$120**; Double: **US\$ 140**

Room reservation can be made through the TCRA Secretariat to get special rates and benefits.

4. Immigration Requirements

Prior entry visa is not required for only some countries in accordance to the bilateral agreements between Tanzania and those countries. For information on entry visas to Tanzania, participants are kindly requested to contact the Tanzania's Embassies/ Missions in their country before traveling. *The TCRA Secretariat will issue an invitation letter for the visa application of participant on the receipt of Pre-registration.*

5. Currency

The legal tender of Tanzania is the Tanzanian shilling (TShs.). For money changing, banks and bureau de change are conveniently located over the city and at the airport, as well as at the hotels. One US\$ is approximately equal to *TShs 1,250*. Major Banks are open from 9 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Monday to Friday. *All main credit cards are welcome, such as VISA, MASTERCARD, and AMEX.*

6. Weather

During October, the average temperature varies from *28 to 30 degrees Celsius*.

7. Food

A wide range of choices in the food/diet from Tanzanian dishes to Western style is available in hotel restaurants, and food-courts. The local cuisine is excellent for different tastes.

8. Local Time

GMT + 3 hours

9. Electrical Current

220 V, 50-60 Hz.

10. Language

The official language is Kiswahili and English, but most people speak English.

11. Airport Tax

Airport Tax is included in the cost of the ticket.

12. Insurance

Due to procedural difficulties and budgetary constraints, ITU is not able to bear the cost of insurance for the participants, any medical expenses or any other expenses. ITU therefore requests your Administrations/organizations to kindly make necessary arrangements for insurance and medical coverage of your participants before travel.

13. Transportation from Airport

For your general information, Taxis are available from the Dar es Salaam International Airport to Hotels. The fare from the Airport to Markham Suites Hotel will be approximately Tshs. 20,000.00. However, the Secretariat will arrange free transport from the Airport to their respective hotels of participant who will provide itineraries.

14. Registration

The attached registration form should be completed and returned by e-mail: fikirte.tsegaye@itu.int or by fax: + 251 115517299 with a copy to Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority by fax: +255 22 211 6664 by 20 September 2006 to finalize hotel reservations, visa processing and other necessary arrangements.

15. TCRA Secretariat

Visa information

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ANNEX 3

ITU-TSB

Workshop on "Next Generation Networks"
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 3-5 October, 2006

ITU-BDT

REGISTRATION FORM

To be returned to
The ITU Regional Office, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia by email: fikirte.tsegaye@itu.int
or by fax: + 251 11 5517299
with a copy to TCRA by fax No. +255 22 2116664, by 20 September 2006

1. Mr./ Ms. _____
(family name) (first name)

2. Official title: _____

3. Organization: _____

4. Address: _____

5. Country: _____ Nationality: _____

6. TEL: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

7. Passport No. : _____ Place of Issue: _____

8. Date of Issue: _____ Expiry Date: _____

9. Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

10. Place of getting visa: _____
(in your country of other country on the journey)

11. Affiliation with ITU Administration of ITU Member State
 ITU Sector Member
 ITU Associate
 Non-Member

Flight Information

Date of Arrival	Time of Arrival	FLIGHT NO.
_____	_____	_____
Date of Departure	Time of Departure	FLIGHT NO.
_____	_____	_____

HOTEL RESERVATION

Name of hotel: _____

Single Executive Room Double Executive Room
 Executive Club Suites (Single) Executive Club Suites (Double)

Date In: _____ Date Out: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____