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To:

ITU Administrations, Regulators, Sector
Members, Associates and Academia Members,
Telecom Operators and Service providers,
Manufacturers and Academic Institutions of the
Africa region

Subject: **Conformity and Interoperability Training for Africa Region
Tunis, Tunisia, 30 May-3 June 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a **Training Course on Conformity and Interoperability for the Africa Region**, in collaboration with, and in the premises of the Centre d'Etudes et de Recherche des Télécommunications Lab (CERT), in Tunis (Tunisia) **from 30 May to 3 June 2016**.

The Training Course is open to experts conducting activities on Conformity and Interoperability in their own countries. This year, the training will focus on the organizational aspects of the Conformity Assessment from the administrative perspective: roles and relationship between the Designating Authorities, Conformity Assessment and Certification bodies. Test labs activities will also be presented and discussed. Practical testing sessions will be conducted for Electro Magnetic Compatibility (EMC), Immunity and Emission testing.

As there will be no interpretation, participants are expected to have a good knowledge of English to follow the course and take part in the discussions.

There are no participation fees for the training. However, travel arrangements and accommodation should be made and borne by the participating entity.

I invite you to visit our website (<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/Events.aspx>) for additional/detailed information on logistics (hotels, visa, etc.) and other relevant material such as the Programme, Registration and Fellowship Forms.

In order to benefit from this training programme, the name of your candidate should be submitted by email using the Registration Form and sent to chali.tumelo@itu.int with copy to riccardo.passerini@itu.int **by 30 April 2016**. The registration form should clearly indicate the duties of the candidate and his/her background knowledge on Conformance and Interoperability issues and the participation must be authorized by the relevant administration of the ITU Member State.

Due to the limited number of seats available in the class, please be aware that **only one candidate per country may be accepted for the Training Course**. Candidates will be selected based on their duties and background knowledge of Conformance and Interoperability issues. Confirmation of admittance to the training course will be sent directly to the selected candidates.

I am pleased to inform you that partial Fellowships will be awarded within the limits of available funding to facilitate participation from Least Developed Countries (LDC) or Low Income Developing Countries (LIC) from the Africa Region. Application for Fellowship, limited to one person per country, must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. The Fellowship Request Form should be returned to ITU no later **than 30 April 2016**.

Ms Chali Tumelo, ITU Area Office for Southern Africa in Harare, Zimbabwe (tel: +263 4 77 5939/40/41, fax: +263 4 77 1257, email: chali.tumelo@itu.int) is at the disposal of participants who may require assistance.

I very much hope that you will be able to participate and share your views and valuable experience with other participants including contributions which will enrich the discussions and outputs of the Training Course.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director