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**Circular letter**  
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**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector  
Members and ITU-R Associates participating in the work of  
Radiocommunication Study Group 5**

**Subject: Regional workshops on “IMT for the Next Decade”**

## **1 Introduction**

ITU-R Working Party 5D (WP 5D) will hold a series of workshops on “*IMT for the Next Decade*” during 2011. These workshops will focus on the topics related to refreshing the vision and market forecasts for IMT that were developed in years 2003 and 2005 respectively and on assessing the current perspectives of the future needs of mobile broadband wireless to be supported by IMT for the decade 2012-2022. Consideration of the evolution of the IMT-Advanced technologies and a view of future traffic forecasts could also be part of these workshops.

The first workshop is planned for 21 March 2011 in Bangkok, Thailand, immediately prior to, and at the same venue as, the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the APT Wireless Group. The workshop is being planned in collaboration with the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau and its Regional Office of Asia and the Pacific.

## **2 Purpose of this Circular Letter**

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to invite expert views on the following areas from the industry at large, including the views of the ITU membership, application developers, end-users, industry forecasters, academic and research institutions and visionaries.

- **Broadband wireless market forecasts**
  - Report ITU-R M.2072
  - ITU Statistics
- **Future needs of mobile broadband wireless**
  - Changing behavior of users
  - Types of services/products (futuristic view)
  - Smart phone/personal computer devices
- **What types of devices/applications are fueling the growth?**
  - Application developers
  - Device manufacturers

- **How can IMT accommodate/facilitate the growth over the decade 2012-2022?**
  - High level technology overview
  - General technology capabilities
- **What are wireless operators doing to prepare for exponential growth?**
  - Network technology and deployments
  - Backhaul considerations
- **How can Administrations encourage broadband wireless growth?**
  - How do they propose to assist and facilitate growth

### **3 Web page for the regional workshops**

The Radiocommunication Bureau has established a “Regional workshops – IMT for the next decade” web page (<http://groups.itu.int/Default.aspx?tabid=1477>) to facilitate the development of these workshop events. It includes contact details for the workshop coordinators in each of the Regions and will, in due course, provide details of the dates, venues and workshop programs.

### **4 Updates to the regional workshops web page**

Information about the upcoming workshops will be updated dynamically on the regional workshops web page (<http://groups.itu.int/Default.aspx?tabid=1477>). Consequently, potential speakers and participants in these workshops are kindly requested to periodically check the website.

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