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| **Circular Letter****7/LCCE/58** | 4 December 2012 |

**To Administrations of Member States of the ITU, Radiocommunication Sector Members, ITU‑R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 7
and ITU-R Academia**

**Subject**: Meetings of Working Parties 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D

 WP 7A: Time signals and frequency standard emissions

 WP 7B: Space radiocommunication applications

 WP 7C: Remote sensing systems

 WP 7D: Radio astronomy

1 Introduction

By means of this Circular Letter, we wish to announce that the meetings of ITU‑R Working Parties 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D will take place in the ITU Headquarters in Geneva from 8 to 12 April 2013 (See the table below):

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| Groups | Meeting dates | Deadline for contributions1600 hours UTC | Opening session |
| Working Party 7A | 8 – 12 April 2013 | Monday, 1 April 2013 | 8 April at 14:00 hours |
| Working Party 7B | 8 – 12 April 2013 | Monday, 1 April 2013 | 8 April at 09:30 hours |
| Working Party 7C | 8 – 12 April 2013 | Monday, 1 April 2013 | 8 April at 11:00 hours |
| Working Party 7D | 8 – 12 April 2013 | Monday, 1 April 2013 | 8 April at 14:00 hours |

2 Programme of the meetings

A draft agenda for these meetings is contained in the Annex. The Questions assigned may be found on: <http://www.itu.int/pub/R-QUE-SG07/en>.

The Working Parties will conduct their work in English.

3 Contributions

Contributions in response to the work of Working Parties 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D are invited. These will be processed according to the provisions laid down in Resolution ITU-R 1-6.

The membership is encouraged to submit contributions (including revisions, addenda and corrigenda to contributions) in order for them to be received 12 calendar days prior to the start of the meeting. The deadline for reception of contributions is seven calendar days (1600 hours UTC) prior to the start of the meeting. **The deadlines for reception of contributions for these meetings are specified in the table above.** Submissions received later than these deadlines cannot be accepted. Resolution ITU-R 1-6 provides that contributions which are not available to participants at the opening of the meeting shall not be considered.

Participants are requested to submit contributions by electronic mail to: rsg7@itu.int. A copy should also be sent to the Chairmen of the relevant Working Parties and to the Chairman and Vice‑Chairmen of Study Group 7. The pertinent addresses can be found on:

<http://www.itu.int/go/rsg7/ch>

<http://www.itu.int/go/rwp7a/ch>

<http://www.itu.int/go/rwp7b/ch>

<http://www.itu.int/go/rwp7c/ch>

<http://www.itu.int/go/rwp7d/ch>

## 4 Documents

Contributions will be posted “as received” within one working day on the Working Party webpages established for this purpose. The official versions will be posted on <http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rsg7/en> (see “contributions” of the relevant Working Party) within 3 working days.

In agreement with the Chairmen of Working Parties 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D **the meetings will be completely paperless**. Wireless LAN facilities will be available for use by delegates in the meeting rooms. Printers are available in the cyber café of the 2nd basement of the Tower building and on the ground floor and first floor of the Montbrillant building for delegates who wish to print documents. In addition, a limited number of laptops are available for those who do not have one. Please enquire at the Registration Desk for further information.

# 5 Remote participation

In order to facilitate remote participation in ITU-R meetings an audio webcast of the Working Party plenary sessions will be provided through the ITU Internet Broadcasting Service (IBS).

Remote participants wishing to actively participate (e.g. to introduce a contribution) will need to register in advance for the meeting (see section 6) and coordinate their active participation at least one month prior to the meeting with the responsible Counsellor.

Further information regarding remote participation can be found at:
[www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rsg-remote/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/rsg-remote/)

6 Participation/Visa requirements

Delegate/participant registration for the meetings will be carried out online via the ITU-R website. Each Member State, Sector Member, Associate and ITU-R Academia was requested to designate a focal point to be responsible for the handling of all registration requests for his/her administration/organization. Individuals wishing to attend should contact the focal point designated for all Study Group activities for his/her entity directly. The list of designated focal points (DFPs) and detailed information regarding visa requirements is available at:

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-R/go/delegate-reg-info/en>

The Delegate Registration desk will open at 0830 hours on the first day of the meeting at the entrance of the Montbrillant building. Please note that the confirmation of registration sent to each delegate/participant by e-mail must be presented, together with photo identification, in order to receive a badge.

Information regarding hotel accommodation for meetings held in Geneva is available at <http://www.itu.int/travel/index.html>.

 François Rancy

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**Annex**: 1

**Distribution:**

– Administrations of Member States of the ITU and Radiocommunication Sector Members participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 7

– ITU-R Associates participating in the work of Radiocommunication Study Group 7

– ITU-R Academia

– Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of Radiocommunication Study Group 7

– Secretary General of the ITU, Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau, Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau

Annex

Draft agenda for the meetings of Working Parties 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D

(Geneva, 8 – 12 April 2013)

**1** Introduction by the Chairman

**2** Approval of the agenda

**3** Chairman’s progress Report

**4** Status of Questions assigned to the Working Party and related work

**5** Work programme for the meeting

**6** Introduction of input documents

**7** Establishment of working groups and attribution of documents

**8** Preparation of output documents

**9** Discussion of the future work plan

**10** Venue of the next meetings

**11** Any other business

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| R. BEARDChairman, WP 7A | B. KAUFMANChairman, WP 7B | E. MARELLIChairman, WP 7C | A. TZOUMISChairman, WP 7D |

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