



General Secretariat (SG)

Geneva, 21 March 2012

Ref: DM-12/1013
Contact: Richard Hill
Telephone: +41 22 730 5887
Telefax: +41 22 730 5853
E-mail: richard.hill@itu.int

To: Members of ITU in Europe

Copy:
Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU Study Groups;
Directors of the Radiocommunication, Standardization and Development Bureaux;
Permanent Mission of Belgium in Geneva

Subject: **Revising the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) –
“Preparations for WCIT 2012” (Brussels, Belgium, 19 April 2012)**

Dear Madam/Sir,

- 1 By means of this letter DM-12/1013, the ITU has the pleasure to invite your organization to attend the Joint ITU-ETNO Workshop on **“Revising the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) – “Preparations for WCIT 2012”**.
- 2 The Workshop will be held at **Belgacom Headquarters, 27, Bd. du Roi Albert II** in Brussels, Belgium, on 19 April from 09:15 hours to 13:15 hours.
- 3 Based on the presentation of the work of CWG-WCIT12, as well as on up-to-date information regarding the regional preparations for WCIT-12, this workshop will provide further information to participants about the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) and the process for preparation for the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT-12) which will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 3-14 December 2012 (<http://itu.int/en/wcit-12/Pages/default.aspx>). Furthermore, it will offer participants the opportunity to exchange views and have a better understanding of discussions and issues related to the ITRs and of proposals to the WCIT-12.
- 4 WCIT-12 itself will take place from 3 to 14 December 2012 in Dubai. Full information on the conference can be found at: <http://itu.int/en/wcit-12/Pages/default.aspx>.
- 5 Council Working Group has been constituted to prepare the World Conference on International Telecommunications (CWG-WCIT12) which will take into consideration the results of the regional preparatory meetings, as appropriate. Full information on CWG-WCIT12 can be found at: <http://itu.int/council/groups/cwg-wcit12/index.html>.
- 6 The agenda for this workshop is at **Annex 1**. Further information about the workshop will be available on the ITU Website (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/itrs/Pages/default.aspx>). The information will be updated as new or modified information becomes available.

7 Please note that the meeting will be conducted in a “paperless” environment, i.e. all of the documents will be available on the above-mentioned website. Participants are therefore requested to bring their laptop PCs.

8 In order to attend this workshop, please register via this link:
<http://etno.be/Default.aspx?tabid=2477>) as soon as possible as space is limited.

9 For further information regarding the workshop, please contact:

<p>ITU:</p> <p>Mr Richard Hill Counsellor, ITU-T SGs 2 and 3, and CWG-WCIT12 International Telecommunication Union Place des Nations Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p>Tel: +41 22 730 5887 Fax: +41 22 730 5853 E-Mail: richard.hill@itu.int</p>	<p>ETNO:</p> <p>Ms Caroline Greer Regulatory Affairs Manager European Telecommunications Network Operators' Association (ETNO) Avenue Louise, 54 1050 Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Office direct: + 32 (0) 2 227 1083 Mobile: + 32 (0) 476 994849 Email: greer@etno.be</p>
--	---

Yours faithfully,

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré
Secretary-General

Annex: 1

ANNEX 1

**Workshop: Revising the International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs) -
Preparations for WCIT 2012
(19th April, 2012: 09:15am – 13:15pm)
Belgacom Headquarters, Bd. du Roi Albert II 27, Brussels, Belgium**

Agenda

19 April 2012

09:15 - 09:45

Welcome and Introduction

Didier Bellens, Belgacom CEO
Luigi Gambardella, ETNO Board Chairman
Malcolm Johnson, Director, ITU-TSB

09:45 - 10:30

Setting the Scene

Richard Hill, ITU
Manuel da Costa Cabral, CEPT Chairman for WCIT preparation, Anacom
Robert Madelin, European Commission DG INFSO Director-General

10:30 - 11:30

Industry Perspectives

Moderator: Karim Lesina, ATT

Carlos Lopez Blanco, Telefónica
Walter McCormick, CEO US Telecom
Tom Wilson, CEO Samena
Tom Phillips, GSMA Chief Government and Regulatory Affairs Officer
Kathryn Brown, Senior Vice-President Public Policy Development, Verizon

11:30 - 11:50

Coffee Break

11:50 - 12:50

Open Discussion in Preparation for WCIT 2012

Moderator: Fabio Colasanti, President, International Institute of Communications

William Kennard, US Ambassador to the EU
Jan Kleijssen, Director of Information Society and Action against Crime, Council of Europe
Ambassador David Gross, Wiley Rein
Sally Wentworth, Regional Bureau Director for N. America/Public Policy, ISOC
Dominique Wurges, Orange, ETNO Special Rapporteur to the ITU

12:50 - 13:15

Closing Remarks

Malcolm Johnson, Director, ITU-TSB
Daniel Pataki, ETNO Director