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Subject: **Multi-stakeholder Forum on the Role of Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster Management and Climate Change, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 5-7 November 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Telecommunication Development Conference that was held in Hyderabad, India in 2010 (WTDC-2010), identified natural disasters as a major threat to socio-economic development and adopted emergency telecommunications as one of the regional Initiatives for almost all the regions including in the Americas. In light of this, the International Telecommunication Union and the Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones of Guatemala, are jointly organizing an event, "*Multi-stakeholder Forum on the Role of Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster Management and Climate Change*", to be held in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from 5 to 7 November 2012.

This sub-regional event will bring together national agencies involved in disaster risk reduction and disaster management, private telecommunication entities, United Nations Agencies, and Non-Governmental Organizations to share knowledge, discuss and exchange views on how to assist countries and communities to mitigate, respond and cope with natural disasters.

At the end of the event, an Action Plan will be adopted covering regulatory, legal, technical, standard operating procedures and the designing of National Emergency Telecommunications Plans.

The agenda, information note and registration form are attached hereto. The Forum will be conducted in both English and Spanish. For any further information please contact Ms. Fuatai Purcell, Head LSE Division, Tel. +4122 730 6132, Email: Fuatai.purcell@itu.int.

I look forward to your participation at this important event.

Yours faithfully,

[Signed by:]
Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes: 3

- 1) Draft Agenda
- 2) Registration Form
- 3) Information Note