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Subject: Regional Connectivity Forum for the Caribbean and Central America, Bavaro, Dominican Republic, December 1, 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to extend a warm invitation to participate in the Regional Connectivity Forum for the Caribbean and Central America which will be held on December 1, 2014 in Bavaro, Dominican Republic, at the kind invitation of the Dominican Institute of Telecommunications – Dominican Republic (INDOTEL). The forum will be conducted prior to the COM-CITEL, to be held from 2-3 December at the same venue.

This Forum is organized by the International Telecommunication Union under the mandates arising from the Plenipotentiary Conference 2010 and the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 in relation to improving access to broadband networks and the need to reduce associated costs, in particular for landlocked developing countries and small island developing states.

The aim of the forum is to review activities related to interconnection of national networks within the region and, from this analysis, to assess the possibilities for coordinating future actions. The intent is to leverage the work done and avoid future duplication of tasks, which undoubtedly will lead to greater benefits for all parties. Please find attached in Annex 1 the Draft Agenda. More information can be found in the web page of the event: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2014/1201-DO-Cnntvity.aspx>

Registration of participants will be exclusively:
<http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?eventid=4000214>

Please consider, if necessary, the application procedure for a Visa to enter Dominican Republic. For more information, see the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://www.mirex.gov.do>).

Please note that there is no participation fee for the event. All travel and accommodation arrangements must be made and paid by the participating entity.

I sincerely hope you can participate and share your valuable opinions and experiences on connectivity in the Americas with the other participants, which will help to enrich the discussions and outcomes of the Forum.

Mr Miguel Alcaine (ITU Area Office in Honduras, miguel.alcaine@itu.int , Telephone: +504 2235 5471 / +504 2235 5472) remains at your disposal should you require further information.

Yours faithfully,

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Annex 1: Draft Agenda