



Telecommunication Development Bureau

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To

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Regional organizations in America
- Industry, private sector, organizations dealing with telecommunications/ICTs

Subject: **Americas Week on Digital Broadcasting and Regional Conference on Spectrum Management, 10th to 14th October 2016, Mexico City, Mexico**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the pleasure to invite your organization to participate in the Events on Spectrum Management that will be held from 10th to 14th of October 2016 in Mexico City, Mexico, being jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), and hosted by Secretaria de Comunicación y Transporte (SCT) and Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFT), as follow.

- October 10th: Seminar on “Challenges and perspectives of Digital TV in AMS”
- October 11th to 12th: Workshop on Transition to Digital Broadcasting and Master Plan on Spectrum Management, from, and
- October 13th to 14th: 3rd Latin American Spectrum Management Conference

Provisional agendas are attached.

The objective of the “**Americas Seminar and Workshop on Digital Broadcasting**” is to present the result of the development of Roadmaps for the transition to Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting in twelve beneficiary countries in the Americas Region, the Spectrum Management Masterplans prepared for three Caribbean beneficiary countries, procedures of cross-border frequency coordination; and highlight the importance of Spectrum management for ICT development and emphasize the need to adopt harmonized solutions to issues related to technological advancement and spectrum availability for future IMT systems. WRC-15 outcomes and impact on the Americas region will also be considered.

The Workshop will be immediately followed by the “**The 3rd Latin America Spectrum Management Conference**” which will be jointly organized by ITU and Forum Global on 13th to 14th October, 2016 at the same venue.

The conference is part of 'The Global Spectrum Series' – the world's leading collection of regional Spectrum Management conferences. The aim of the event is to provide a platform to discuss key issues relating to the management and allocation of spectrum in the region, and focus specifically on aspects such as the digital switchover; looking back at WRC-15 and ahead to WRC-19; the 700 MHz band; spectrum for 5G, IoT and future wireless technologies; auctions and spectrum valuation; and the role of spectrum in bringing affordable connectivity to all. In addition, the event will include a regulatory roundtable focusing specifically on challenges faced by regulators managing spectrum in Caribbean and smaller Central American Countries.

The seminar, workshop and conference are essentially targeted towards the senior officials from Policy making organizations, Regulators, Industry, National Spectrum Managing organizations, academia and international organizations involved in developing policies, regulations, operations, strategies and other associated development activities related to Spectrum Management within the Americas Region.

Provisional agendas and other relevant information including practical information for participants, registration and fellowship request forms of the event could be accessed at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2016/15532.aspx>

ITU is pleased to provide **one full fellowship** for each eligible country, subject to availability of funds, with preference to those related applicants would be able to share the national Spectrum Management practices during the conference. Applicants requesting fellowships are required to submit their fellowship request forms duly signed by their respective Administrations together with the confirmation note of the registration form no later than **25 August, 2016**.

The registration for participation in these events, will be exclusively online using the ITU Platform available at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud>.

For any further information, please contact Mr. Randall Trevino, ITU Regional Office for Americas, Email: randall.trevino@itu.int, Tel: +55.61.2312.2730.

We look forward to active participation from your organization in these important regional events.

Yours Faithfully,

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