



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- ITU Member States (ASEAN)
- ITU Sector Members
- Regional and International Organizations dealing with ICT Accessibility
- United Nations system

Subject: Invitation to participate in the ASEAN-ITU Seminar on ICT Accessibility and Assistive Technologies for Equity in Society, 25-26 August 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to participate in the ASEAN-ITU Seminar on ICT Accessibility and Assistive Technologies for Equity in Society which will be jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) of Thailand, and ASEAN, with support from the Department of Communications, Government of Australia. The seminar will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 25 to 26 August 2014.

ICT Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) are one of the key focus areas of ITU, while the MICT Thailand, in support of ASEAN, has developed a web portal, www.asean4all.org, providing online web accessibility training courses. In this connection, the ITU and MICT are organizing the meeting which is aimed at:

- providing a meeting opportunity for policy makers, experts, and potential partners to discuss and pursue cooperation in development of ICT accessibility in the region;
- facilitating access to information in relation with promoting the use of accessible ICTs and Assistive Technologies (AT) by persons with disabilities;
- strengthening human capacity in developing accessible website and assistive technologies;
- fostering international cooperation especially among ASEAN Member Countries and Pacific Islands countries, as well as international organizations and the private sector.

The meeting targets **senior officials** of governments, and key decision makers of organizations, international organizations, NGOs and agencies dealing with ICT accessibility or assistive technologies for Persons with Disabilities.

To register for the meeting, participants are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form (Annex 2) and send them by email directly to Ms. Tanitta Virayavanich (tanitta.virayavanich@itu.int) by **1 August 2014** at the latest.

On behalf of the organizers, I am pleased to inform you that two full fellowships are available for each ASEAN Member Countries; one for a government delegate, and the other one for an organization of persons with disabilities. The last date for fellowship application is **1 August 2014**. The fellowship application form (Annex 3) as well as other details are available on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/index.asp>.

We look forward to your active participation and contribution to the success of these events.

Yours faithfully,



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