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To:
Communications Administrations; regulators;
ITU Sector Members and Associates of the CIS
and Georgia; Regional organizations of CIS

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop for CIS on Experience in the Implementation and Operation of Digital TV Broadcasting in the CIS, Moscow, Russian Federation, 16-18 February 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop for CIS **on Experience in the Implementation and Operation of Digital TV Broadcasting in the CIS**, which will be held in **Moscow, Russian Federation, from 16 to 18 February 2015**. The Workshop is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau in cooperation with Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications the Russian Federation and with support of Moscow Technical University of Communications and Informatics (MTUCI).

The Workshop is intended for representatives of communication administrations, regulators, telecommunications operators, research and development organizations, universities and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from the CIS and Georgia.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing practical experience in the field of digital television broadcasting networks in the countries of the region. In particular, the workshop will cover the issues, such as:

- *Status of digital television and radio broadcasting transition in the CIS and in the world;*
- *Status, problems and issues of frequency allotment;*
- *Issues of switching off analogue broadcasting;*
- *Equipping of broadcasting facilities: operation and measurement;*
- *Prospects for the development of digital television and radio broadcasting.*

The agenda of the workshop foresees visit of Regional Multiplexing Centre of the Russian Federation and the radio-transmitting television station in Ostankino.

Draft agenda of the workshop is available in Annex 1 (attached hereto).

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian.

The Workshop will be paperless. All the Seminar materials, including presentations, will be available on the ITU site: https://staging.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2016/02_Moscow/02_Moscow_Digital-Tv.aspx

Please note that there is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of the participants should be covered by your Administration/Organizations.

If you wish to participate in the Workshop, you are requested to kindly fill out the Registration Form attached (Annex 2) and send it to the contacts indicated in the form **by 1 February 2016**.

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the fellowship form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: bdtfellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 no later than **25 January 2016**.

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Yours faithfully,

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Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Visa Support Form