



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members

Subject: International conference “The Role of Information and Communication Technologies in the Development of Inclusive Society”, 8-9 October 2015, Belgrade, Serbia

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the international conference **“The Role of Information and Communication Technologies in the Development of Inclusive Society”**, to be held on 8-9 October 2015 in Belgrade, Serbia.

This Conference is co-organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and Proforma NGO under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture and Information and the Ministry of Trade, Tourism and Telecommunications of Serbia.

The Conference will be held within the framework of the ITU European Regional Initiative on "Ensuring access to telecommunications/ICTs, in particular for persons with disabilities", adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-14), Dubai.

The main objective of the Conference is to define the gap between international and domestic legal standards and to define the use of information and communication technologies in bridging this gap. It also aims to explore the characteristics and role of ICT in creating a more inclusive society with the use of universal design and universal access in order to facilitate the use of services to a larger number of users.

The Conference will provide a platform for open dialogue, cooperation and partnership in the field of ICT for persons with disabilities among the competent institutions, professional community, industry, regional and international agencies and organizations addressing specific regional problems in this area.

Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the agenda, registration form and practical information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2015/ConferenceInclusiveSociety/The-Role-of-ICT.aspx> and the host organization website at www.proforma.rs. Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event. The Conference will be conducted in English only.

Participants are requested to complete the online registration form available at <http://proforma.rs/en/application-for-speakers/> by **24 September 2015 at the latest**. Applicants are invited to express their interest in a speaking opportunity by indicating a theme and subject of their intervention in the registration form.

Information on visa requirements can be found in the practical information for participants.

Mr Jaroslaw Ponder, Coordinator for Europe Region, (telephone: +41 22 730 60 65, e-mail: EURRegion@itu.int) and Mr Dejan Maslikovic, Proforma (telephone: +381 63 88 011 49, e-mail: info@proforma.rs) are at your disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex:

Draft Agenda

ANNEX 1

International conference “The Role of Information and Communication Technologies in the Development of Inclusive Society”

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8 - 9 October 2015

Belgrade, Serbia

Draft Agenda

Thursday 9 October 2015	
8:30 - 9:30	<i>Registration</i>
9:30 - 10:00	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome Speech – Government of Serbia ▪ Remarks – ITU ▪ Remarks – Proforma
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Group photo and coffee break</i>
10:30 – 12:30	Session one <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility policies and strategies at global level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the work on accessibility undertaken by ITU globally ▪ Accessibility policies and strategies at regional level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EU policy and implementation • Outline of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Accessibility ▪ Q&A
12:30 – 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>
14:00 – 15:30	Session two <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility policies and strategies at national level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Here we can ask each country starting from Serbia to present their best practices and challenges ▪ Q&A
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 - 17:00	Session three <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility policies and strategies at national level (continued) ▪ Q&A

Friday 9 October 2015	
9:30 – 11:00	Session four <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Road Towards the Inclusive Society <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet Accessibility • Application for mobile phones for PWD ▪ Q&A
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 - 13:00	Session five <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility of audio and video content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current Situation, Possibilities • Production of Accessible TV Contents • Production of Accessible Movie Contents ▪ Q&A
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>
14:30 - 15:30	Session six <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roadmap or recommendations to address the issues of accessibility
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 - 17:00	<i>Closing remarks</i>