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To Administrations of ITU Member States, ITU-D Sector
Members and National Regulatory Authorities in Africa

Subject: **ITU regional forum on economic and financial aspects of telecommunications/ICTs
for Africa, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, 2-3 February 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Organisation to participate in the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) regional forum on economic and financial aspects of telecommunications/ICTs for Africa, organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) in collaboration with the General Regulatory Authority (AGER) of Sao Tomé and Príncipe, at the Hotel Praia, Sao Tomé, from 2 February to 3 (morning) February 2015.

A meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) organized by the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB) will follow the Forum from 3 (afternoon) to 4 February 2015. The invitation for this meeting has been sent separately. Participants are invited to pre-register online for both events by 17 December 2014 at www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/default.aspx

Prior to the events, participants are requested to submit an update of their telecommunication sector market environment, by updating the tariff policy survey at www.itu.int/ITU-D/icteye/
For login information (password and username), please contact BDT at: tariffs@itu.int

Information concerning these events is available online at: www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/default.aspx

Please follow the visa instructions available in the information note to avoid delays.

In Sao Tomé, Ms Conceição Mendes (Tel: +239 2 22 7359, Mobile: +239 9 93 8866, E-mail: cmendes3@gmail.com) and Mr Rui Seca (Tel: +239 2 22 73 59, Mobile: +239 9 91 8543, E-mail: ruitrindade-stp@hotmail.com) are at your disposal for any query you may have.

As mentioned in the [TSB invitation letter](#), one partial fellowship per Administration/country will be awarded to facilitate the participation of Least Developed or Low Income Countries in the Africa Region (www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Documents/ldc-lic-201111.pdf). An application for fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. Please download the fellowship application form at www.itu.int/md/T13-SG3RG.AFR-COL/en and return it to ITU no later than 22 December 2014.

In order to build on work in progress and optimize transfer of knowledge, Organizations are urged to designate, where possible, an official with expertise in and responsibility for matters of costs and tariffs, or register their TSB SG3RG-AFR representative to attend this forum. Both meetings will be conducted in English and French and interpretation will be provided.

The provisional agenda is annexed for your information.

We look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex: provisional agenda



ITU regional forum on economic and financial aspects of telecommunications/ICTs for Africa

Forum régional de l'UIT sur les aspects économiques et financiers des télécommunications/TIC pour l'Afrique

Sao Tomé and Príncipe, 2-3 February 2015

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Provisional programme / Programme provisoire

Day 1 / Jour 1	
08.00 – 09.00	Delegate registration / <i>Enregistrement des délégués</i>
09.00 – 09.30	Opening Ceremony / <i>Cérémonie d'ouverture</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman / <i>Président SG3RG-AFR</i> • International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Representative • General Regulatory Authority (AGER) of Sao Tomé and Príncipe Representative
<i>Coffee break and Group picture / Pause Café et photo de groupe</i>	
10.00 – 11.30	<p>Session 1: Mobile Money and Financial Inclusion: Understanding business models and the ecosystem for digital financial services in developing countries / <i>Mobile Money et l'inclusion financière: comprendre les modèles d'affaires et l'écosystème des services financiers numériques dans les pays en développement</i></p> <p><i>Panelists to be determined</i></p>
11.30 – 12.30	<p>Session 2: Relevant market definition and identification of operators with significant market power (SMP) / <i>Définition du marché pertinent et identification des opérateurs dominants sur le marché</i></p> <p><i>Panelists to be determined</i></p>
<i>Lunch / Pause déjeuner</i>	
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 3: Broadband costing and pricing (International Internet connectivity, backhaul pricing and last mile) - Approaches and best practices / <i>Coûts et prix du large bande (connectivité internationale d'Internet, prix de la liaison de raccordement et du dernier kilomètre) - Approches et meilleures pratiques</i></p> <p><i>Panelists to be determined</i></p>
<i>Coffee break / Pause Café</i>	
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Session 4 : Costing and tariffs policies in the region – country experiences / <i>Coûts et politiques tarifaires dans la région – expériences des pays</i></p> <p><i>Panelists to be determined</i></p>
Day 2 / Jour 2	

09.00 – 10.30	<p>Session 5: Universal Service and access for Broadband- Situational analysis and best practices / <i>Service universel et accès au large bande – analyse de la situation et meilleures pratiques</i></p> <p><i>Panelists to be determined</i></p>
<i>Coffee break / Pause Café</i>	
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 6: Price regulation of unbundled services (fixed and mobile Broadband) / <i>Régulation des prix des services dégroupés (large bande fixe et mobile)</i></p> <p><i>Panelists to be determined</i></p>
16.30 – 17.00	<p>Concluding Remarks and Closing / <i>Conclusions et clôture</i></p>
<i>Lunch / Pause déjeuner</i>	
3-4 February 2015	<p>Meeting of the TSB Study Group 3 Regional Group for Africa (SG3RG-AFR) / <i>Réunion du Groupe régional de la Commission d'études 3 du TSB pour l'Afrique (SG3RG-AFR)</i></p>