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To: ITU Administrations, Regulators, Sector Members, Associates and Academia Members, Telecom Operators and Service providers, Manufacturers and Academic Institutions of the Arab region

Subject: Regional Forum for Arab Region on IMT Systems: Technology, Evolution and Implementation, 7-9 May 2013, Tunis (Tunisia)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have pleasure in inviting you to participate in the **ITU Regional Forum for Arab Region: IMT Systems Technology, Evolution and Implementation** to be held in Tunis, Tunisia from 7-9 May 2013 at the kind invitation of Tunisie Telecom.

The Forum will elaborate on all critical issues surrounding the introduction of IMT as a new mobile broadband technology. It will give you an understanding of the IMT standard itself - i.e. key differences to IMT-2000 components in the design of efficient IMT networks, strategic issues in spectrum allocation, the constraints of the technology, and a guideline in marketing and positioning your IMT offering. It will prepare you and inspire your thinking when it comes to building a successful business. The Forum is designed to meet the needs of investors, operators, service providers and related business who are planning or considering entering into the IMT mobile broadband market. The Forum takes a view of IMT as a new mobile broadband business, its key differentiators & challenges, from both technical and commercial perspective. It will also give a global overview and update on the status of the IMT industry and trends.

The event will provide an opportunity for senior or mid-level managers for mobile network operators or MVNOs, analysts and investors examining the IMT market & opportunities, telecommunications regulators, equipment & technology vendors to share their knowledge, experiences and views on the future of the industry with ITU and hosting administration attendees. The discussions will be held in English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided. The documents for this event, Final Agenda, Registration Form, Information note etc. will be made available and regularly updated at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Technology/Pages/Events.aspx>. Call for speakers and draft agenda are attached to this invitation letter as Annexes 1 and 2.

Participation in this Forum is free of charge and open to ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates, as well as to any individual from an ITU Member State wishing to contribute to the work. Individuals belonging to international, regional or national organizations may also participate. The Academia and all associated and related Institutions are all welcome. Registration is done online through the following link: <http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?eventid=4000149>.

I am also pleased to inform you that partial fellowships will be awarded based on available funding to facilitate participation from Least Developed (LDC) or Low Income Developing Countries (LIC) to the Forum. Application for Fellowship, limited to one person per country, must be authorized by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State. The fellowship request form, annexed to this letter as Annex 3, should be returned to ITU not later than **13 April 2013**.

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I very much hope that you will be able to participate and share your views and valuable experience with the participants, which will contribute to enrich the discussions and the outputs of the Forum.

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Director

Annexes:

Annex 1: Draft Agenda

Annex 2: Call for speakers

Annex 3: Fellowship Request Form