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All ITU Member States, Sector Members, ITU-D,
ITU-T Study Group Associates

Subject: **Invitation to the Joint ITU-D and ITU-T workshop on "e-Health services in low-resource settings: Requirements and ITU role", Tokyo, Japan, 4-5 February 2013, hosted by the Ministry of Internal affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the workshop on e-health jointly organized by the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) and the Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) which will take place in Tokyo, Japan on 4-5 February 2013. The workshop will be hosted by Ministry of Internal affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan.

The workshop objective is to facilitate information sharing between e-health experts and to increase the understanding between developed and developing countries of what are the common threads, the different priorities and the challenges amongst the identified priorities and needs for implementation of e-health services in low-resource settings. The overarching goal is to identify a comprehensive roadmap for ITU activities towards implementation of e-health services in low-resource settings that includes the necessary standardization and interoperability studies.

The invitation is open to interested participants and experts from the region, ITU Member States, Sector Members, ITU-D and ITU-T Study Group Associates, including representatives from regional and international organizations.

For more information, please visit the event webpage at <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/e-health/201302>. Please use the online registration form available through the above link to confirm your participation before **18 January 2013**. Please find workshop related information and agenda attached in Annexes.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hani Eskandar, e-mail: hani.eskandar@itu.int or Mr Simão Campos, e-mail: simao.campos@itu.int.

Yours faithfully

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

ANNEX 1

Information on the Joint ITU-D and ITU-T workshop on “e-Health services in low-resource settings: Requirements and ITU role” Tokyo, Japan, 4-5 February 2013

The specific objectives of the workshop are:

1. Learn about different priorities of both developed and developing countries; and identify common threads amongst identified priorities and needs.
2. Share experiences obtained from activities regarding e-health: needs, outcomes, barriers and next steps. This could be used to define specific use cases for which standards should be adopted, and to identify key elements of an e-health service architecture and framework specifications.
3. Identify special requirements for e-health: a diagnosis and deep understanding of why standards are not used / applied in certain settings.
4. Assess transformative opportunities: Share advances in innovation that can transform delivery of healthcare. These include advances in mobile devices, portable medical devices, re-engineered healthcare workflows, clinical decision support systems, new business models, and novel distribution / logistics strategies in the supply-chain.
5. Identify future need, roles and responsibilities of stakeholders in advancing e-health standards.

The workshop is a follow-up on the ITU-WHO workshop on e-Health Standards and Interoperability that took place in Geneva in April 2012 (<http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/e-health/201204>). In addition, the results of this workshop will feed into the work of the relevant ITU-D and ITU-T Study Groups as well as the ITU-T Focus Group on Machine to Machine (M2M) Communications.

GENERAL INFORMATION

ITU workshop on e-health will be held in Tokyo, Japan, 4-5 February 2013. The workshop is organized jointly by ITU-D and ITU-T and hosted by the Ministry of Internal affairs and Communications (MIC) of the Government of Japan.

Further, it is to note that the 4th meeting of the ITU-T Focus Group on Disaster Relief Systems, Network Resiliency and Recovery (FG-DR&NRR) will be held at the same venue, 5-8 February 2013.

1. VENUE

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo

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2. **LANGUAGE** Discussions will be held in English only.

3. CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND REGISTRATION

Registration will start from 0800 hours on Monday, 4 February 2013 at the foyer of the **OHGI** room on the fourth floor. Delegates are invited to pre-register online at the event website. The opening session will commence at 0900 hours. All sessions will be held at the **OHGI** room.

4. LOGISTICS AND VISA INFORMATION

All General Information (including hotel information, transportation, Visa, health requirements, etc.) can be found at the event webpage. <http://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/e-health/201302>

ANNEX 2

Draft agenda for the Joint ITU-D and ITU-T workshop on “e-Health services in low-resource settings: Requirements and ITU role” Tokyo, Japan, 4-5 February 2013

This event is hosted by Ministry of Internal affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan.

Note that the detailed programme is subject to change.

Day 1 – Monday, 4 February 2013

08:00-9:00	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening
09:30-10:30	Keynote speeches from Public and Private sector leaders
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00	Session 1: Setting the context: e-Health implementation in low-resource settings
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30–15:00	Session 2: Use cases on e-Health in low-resource settings
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-17:00	Session 3: Use Cases on e-Health in low-resource settings (Continued)
17:30	Social event

Day 2 – Tuesday, 5 February 2013

09:00-10:30	Session 4: Current projects on e-Health in Japan
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-12:30	Session 5: Future technologies on e-Health
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30–15:00	Session 6: e-Health in the case of disasters
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:50	Session 7: Implications for ITU-D and ITU-T work
16:50–17:00	Closing