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Subject: **Workshop on “Next Generation Networks” for Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries in Africa, Luanda, Angola, 21 - 25 March 2011**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the workshop on **“Next Generation Networks”** for Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries in Africa, to be held in **Luanda, Angola from 21 to 25 March 2011**. The workshop will be hosted by the **Instituto Angolano das Comunicações, INACOM**. The workshop is being conducted under the aegis of the ITU Centres of Excellence Network for Portuguese and Spanish speaking countries in Africa.

The workshop will provide participants with in-depth knowledge on how to describe key architectural evolutions in telecommunication core and access networks that will be deployed over the next five to ten years as well as the transportation of all information and services (voice, data, and video). It will focus on Next Generation Networks (NGN) from different perspectives, such as technology, regulatory and business aspects.

Among others, the following topics will be covered:

- Progress towards NGNs;
- Relevant standards;
- Architectures, technologies, evolution, migration and convergence of networks and services;
- Regulation trends and perspectives;
- Options for emerging and developing countries

The workshop will also draw from the work done by the ITU through its Study Groups, on developments in NGN.

This Workshop will target managers, engineers and employees from regulators, government institutions, telecommunication companies and academia, who are interested in understanding the implementation and regulation of Next Generation Networks (NGN), including networks, services, and content. Other institutions and individuals that are interested in building their capacity related to Next Generation Networks (NGN) are also welcome to participate.

In order to benefit from each other's experience, participants are invited to prepare and present case studies during the workshop.

If you wish to participate in this workshop, please complete the attached Registration form (Annex 1) and return to the Project Coordinator (see contact details above) by **8 March 2011** at the latest.

A registration fee of USD 50 per participant is required to attend this workshop. Bank account details for payment of the fee will be sent to you at the confirmation of your participation by INACOM.

A partial fellowship, covering only the daily subsistence in Luanda, will be granted to one participant of each eligible country at the request of the administrations. However, countries are free to send more than one participant for this workshop, as long as they meet the cost of travel, accommodation and related expenses in Luanda.

If interested, please complete the attached Fellowship application form (Annex 2) and return it to bdtfellowships@itu.int, as indicated in the form, **no later than 8 March 2011**.

Additional information on this workshop, including the programme of the workshop as well as useful information can be found on the ITU Academy Portal at <http://academy.itu.int/index.php/events>.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

Annexes: 5

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ITU Centres of Excellence

Workshop on "Next Generation Networks" for Portuguese
and Spanish speaking countries in Africa

Luanda, Angola, 21 - 25 March 2011

Registration Form

Please use **CAPITAL** letters.

Family Name:.....		
Given Name:.....		
Title/Function:.....		
Name of Organisation/Company:.....		
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Office Address:.....		
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Town:.....		Country:.....
Telephone Number(s):.....		
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Fax Number(s):.....		
E-mail:.....		
Arrival: Date.....	Time	Flight No.
Departure: Date.....	Time	Flight No.

Please fax or email this form duly completed by **8 March 2011** to the following persons:

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