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Subject: Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on Wireless Broadband, 21-23 December 2011
                   New Delhi, India

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the "**Asia - Pacific Regional Workshop on Wireless Broadband"** from **21 to 23 December 2011** in New Delhi, India.

The workshop is hosted by the Department of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology, Government of India. This workshop is preceded by a Workshop on IPR to be organised by the ITU Telecommunication Standardisation Bureau (TSB) at the same venue on 19-20 December 2011.

Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives, established at the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-10), defined a clear priority on broadband development. Considering the potential of wireless broadband technologies for deployment of affordable access, Korea Communications Commission, in cooperation with ITU, launched a project on development of a Master Plan for Wireless Broadband for selected countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Under the scope of the project, the workshop is organized with the following objectives:

- Enhance awareness on new wireless broadband technologies and options for affordable wireless broadband access;
- Understand the need and deployment status of wireless broadband in Asia-Pacific;
- Share best practices and procedures for spectrum management; and,
- Strengthen capacity and skill development to design a Wireless Broadband Master Plan.

The workshop is opened to ITU Member States and Sector Members involved in wireless broadband networks.

The workshop Draft Programme is attached as **Annex 1** and is also available on the ITU website at http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2011/WirelessBroadband/index.asp

The workshop will be conducted in English. There is no registration fee but participants are requested to complete the Registration Form available on the website and send it to ITU by **9 September 2011**.

ITU will provide one full fellowship to one participant from Least Developed Countries and one partial fellowship (Daily Subsistence Allowance) for Eligible Developing Countries according to ITU rules and procedures , subject to availability of funds. In addition to sending the Registration Form by 9 September

2011, applicants requesting a fellowship are required to submit the fellowship request form available on the website, duly signed by their Administration. The deadline for submitting fellowship requests is **28 October 2011**.

Information concerning hotel reservations, visa requests, as well as information for participants is also available on the above-mentioned website. Those participants requiring an entry visa to India are requested to contact their local Embassy/Consulate for information well in advance. Participants who need an invitation letter and/or visa supporting documents for entering India should fill the "Visa Application Form" in block letters (English), and send it to the contact point **no later than 9 September 2011** together with a "Copy of passport (photograph page)". For further information, you are welcome to contact **Mr. Sameer Sharma** (sameer.sharma@itu.int) and **Mr. Pramod Kumar** (dgmspn2@gmail.com) DOT, India.

I look forward to an active participation from your organization.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex 1: Draft Programme

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

	Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Wireless Broadband **21-23 December 2011** **New Delhi**	
Monday 21 December 2011		
08:00 – 09:00	**Registration**	
09:00 – 09:20	**Opening Ceremony:** ▪ Welcome Remarks: TBC ▪ Opening Remarks : Minister of Communications and Information Technology, Government of India (TBC)	
09:20 – 09:30	**Photo Session**	
Session 1 **09:30 – 12:00**	**Wireless Broadband for Socio-economic Development** ▪ Role of Broadband in national socio-economic development ▪ Evolution of Wireless Broadband Technology Drivers ▪ Demography and technology options	
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**	
Session 2 **13:30 – 15:30**	**ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Initiatives & Wireless Broadband** ▪ Scope , expected outcomes and Survey Results ▪ Wireless Broadband Master Plan: Country Case Studies ▪ Affordable access through Wireless Broadband in Asia-Pacific	
15:30 – 15:50	**Coffee/Tea Break**	
Session 3 A **15:50 – 17:30**	**Wireless Broadband: Innovative Services & Devices** ▪ Wireless Broadband Services, Applications and Devices ▪ **Panel Discussion:** Availability of Affordable Devices for Wireless Broadband in Developing Countries	

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	Tuesday 22 December 2011
Session 3 B **09:30 – 12:00**	**Wireless Broadband Technologies** ▪ Wireless Broadband Technologies: Access and Core Networks ▪ Performance of Wireless Broadband Technologies ▪ Emerging Technologies
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**
Session 4 **13:30 – 15:30**	**Spectrum Management-Technical Issues** ▪ Choice of Technology and Capacity Planning and Traffic Engineering ▪ International Standards and Forums on Spectrum Issues ▪ Effective Regulatory Tools for Wireless Broadband Deployment
15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee/Tea Break**
Session 5 **16:00 – 17:30**	**Spectrum Management: Regulatory Issues** ▪ Existing Regulatory environment ▪ Digital Dividend and Spectrum re-farming ▪ International frameworks and best practices
	Wednesday 23 December 2011
Session 6 **09:30 – 12:00**	**Capacity Building on Wireless Broadband** ▪ International Standards and Forums on Technology ▪ Mobile Broadband Backhaul (Dilemma and alternatives) ▪ Training Modules: Wireless Broadband Master Plan
12:00 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**
Session 7 **13:30 – 16:00**	**Way Forward for Wireless Broadband** ▪ National Broadband Plans & Wireless Broadband Master Plans ▪ National Perspectives - Country Specific Examples ▪ Experiences and Lessons Learnt
15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee/Tea Break**
Session 8 **16:00 – 17:00**	**Panel Discussion**
17:00 – 17:30	**Closing Ceremony**

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