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To

- Administrations
- National Regulatory Authorities of ITU Member States
- ITU Sector Members

**Subject: ITU High Level Workshop on Regulatory and Economic Aspects of Roaming,
Geneva, Switzerland, 23 – 24 September 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the ITU High Level Workshop on Regulatory and Economic Aspects of Roaming, which will take place in Geneva (Switzerland) from 23 to 24 September 2013.

This Workshop is organized in coordination with the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau (TSB). It is addressed to senior representatives of Telecommunication/ICT Ministries, Regulatory Bodies and Operators.

The objective of this High Level Workshop is to review developments in international mobile roaming services (IMRs), by examining in particular the economic and regulatory steps which have been taken to reduce prices and improve competition in this market. It is expected to discuss the best practices and recommendations based on the initiatives which have had positive effects in the IMRs market by lowering prices, facilitating more competition and protecting users, and to exchange views on how further improvements could be attained. The results of the ITU Report on “International mobile roaming services: regulatory and economic aspects” will be presented during the Workshop.

Please find attached the Workshop provisional programme. Active participation by delegates in panels is welcome and encouraged. Delegates wishing to participate as panelists in one of the sessions identified in the provisional programme are kindly requested to get in touch with the contact persons mentioned below **by 26 August 2013**. Selected panelists will be informed by 6 September 2013. All the information concerning this High Level Workshop is available online at the website: www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regulatory-Market/Pages/

Moreover, I can inform you that one partial fellowship per country will be awarded, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from Least Developed or Low Income Developing Countries (www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/info/Pages/resources.aspx). The fellowship form is available on the event website. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the competent Administration of the requesting ITU Member State. The fellowship request must be returned to ITU not later than **19 August 2013**.

Registration will be carried out online on the event website. You are invited to confirm your participation by registering before **13 September 2013**. Interpretation will be provided based on the requests of participants. You are therefore invited to indicate on the registration form **whether you require languages other than English by 10th July 2013**. Based on the requests made by this deadline, and provided there are at least five requests for a given language, interpretation will be provided in the requested language.

Should you require any information in relation to this Workshop, please contact Mr Makhtar Fall, Head, Regulatory and Market Environment Division, by e-mail: makhtar.fall@itu.nt or phone: +41 22 730 6256/730 5709 or Mrs Carmen Prado-Wagner: carmen.prado@itu.int.

I look forward to your active participation in this High Level Workshop.

Yours faithfully,

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