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CDEMA Participants  in the Caribbean region

Subject:        **Multi-Stakeholder forum on the Role of Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster
Management and Climate Change, Bridgetown,  Barbados, 18 – 20 September 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Telecommunications Development Conference which was held in Hyderabad, India in 2010
(WTDC-2010), identified natural disasters as a major threat to socio-economic development and adopted
emergency telecommunications as one of the regional initiatives for almost all the regions including the
Americas. In that regard, the International Telecommunication Union, CDEMA, the UNDP together with host
country Barbados, are jointly organizing an event, "*Multi-stakeholder Forum on the Role of
Telecommunications/ICT in Disaster Management and Climate Change*", to be held in Bridgetown, Barbados
from 18-20 September 2013.

This sub-regional event will bring together national agencies involved in disaster Risk reduction and disaster
management, private telecommunications entities, United Nations Agencies, and Non-Governmental
Organizations, to share knowledge, discuss and exchange views, on how to assist countries and
communities to mitigate, respond and cope with natural disasters.

At the end of the event, an Action Plan will be adopted covering regulatory, legal, technical, standard
operating procedures and the designing of National Emergency Telecommunications Plans.

If you wish to participate in the workshop please use the on-line registration indicated as follows:
http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-D/workshop/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000167.  The draft
agenda and information note are attached hereto.

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Yours faithfully,


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