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Subject: **Regional Seminar for Africa on Fixed Mobile Convergence and Guidelines on the smooth transition of existing mobile networks to IMT-2000 for Developing Countries, Nairobi, Kenya, 9-12 May 2005**

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the kind invitation of the Communications Commission of Kenya (CCK), the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is organizing an **Regional Seminar for Africa on Fixed Mobile Convergence and Guidelines on the smooth transition of existing mobile networks to IMT-2000 for Developing Countries**, which will take place in Grand Regency Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya from 9 to 12 May 2005.

Today's technology savvy young person will soon be a key decision maker at home and at work. This "next generation user" is the target customer who will demand and expect multimedia services, security, personalization and mobility for enhanced productivity and user experience. Next Generation Networks (NGNs) must meet the demands of these next generation users.

There are now more mobile users than fixed users. This increasing "demographic" shift requires an essential re-examination of the relationship between fixed and mobile networks. It also makes it very clear that mobility must be a core capability of the NGN.

The key objectives of this seminar are to provide an overview of convergence in its widest sense (Telecom/IT/Broadcast), then to focus on near term convergence topics including fixed and mobile, Telecom + IT. The seminar will include identification of directions and work topics for proceeding forward on near term convergence. Guidelines on the smooth transition of existing mobile networks to IMT-2000 for Developing Countries will be part of the Seminar.

The Call for Presentations and the Draft Program of the seminar are attached herewith for your information and participation.

Any contributions to the organization of the Seminar will be highly appreciated and should be notified electronically to the ITU, **no later than 21 March 2005**, to the attention of Mr. Riccardo Passerini, e-mail: riccardo.passerini@itu.int.

The seminar will be conducted in English and French.

All the Administrations, Regulators, Operators, ITU-D Sector Members and Organizations of the region are kindly invited to participate in this event.

The ITU will offer partial fellowships limited to **one** participant per **Administration/Regulator** per country on first come first served basis covering the cost of accommodation and miscellaneous expenses. **Please note that the cost of travel should be covered by your Administration/Regulator.** Nevertheless, a limited number of fellowships will be made available for countries in special needs. In this respect, should either your Administration or Regulator require a partial fellowship, you are requested to kindly fill in the attached Fellowship Nomination Form and return it to the ITU by fax (No. +41 22 730 57 78) **by Friday 8 April 2005 at the latest.**

You are requested to fill in and fax to ITU and CCK, the attached Registration Form for all participants. We are also attaching an Information Note and the Hotel Reservation Form, to be returned to CCK. Both Registration Form and Reservation Form should be received **not later than Wednesday 20 April 2005.**

All the related information on the seminar could be found at the following address: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/imt-2000/BDTActivities.html>.

We would like to inform you also that QUALCOMM Incorporated will offer a 3G CDMA training seminar to all BDT Seminar participants free of charge on May 13 and 14 at the Grand Regency Hotel.

Those participants requiring entry visa to Kenya are requested to contact their local Consulate of Kenya for information well in advance. Please see also the attached information note for further details on the matter.

Please note that this seminar will be a paperless event and that CDs with presentations will be distributed at the registration desk in Nairobi. Nevertheless, if participants wish to have the presentations in paper they are encouraged to print them from the afore-mentioned website which will be updated on a regular basis.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Original letter signed by:

Hamadoun I. Touré
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