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Subject: **ITU Regional Seminar on Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) for rural and remote areas for Africa, Yaoundé (Cameroon), 18-21 September 2006**

Dear Sir/Madam,

At the kind invitation of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications of Cameroon, the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) is organizing a **Regional Seminar on Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) for rural and remote areas for Africa**, which will take place in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 18 to 21 September 2006.

Due to its ability to cover wide geographic areas efficiently, wireless technology not only has the potential to become the third broadband pipe into homes in the well-served areas, but is beginning to provide one of the most efficient solutions for innovative and high-speed broadband services to consumers in remote and underserved areas. The Seminar will examine the technological, economic and regulatory factors that influence the availability and deployment of wireless broadband services. The event will provide an opportunity for wireless broadband business, technology and regulatory experts to share their knowledge, experiences and views on the future of the industry with ITU and Host Administration attendees.

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

Any presentations and contributions for the organization of the Seminar will be highly appreciated and should be notified electronically to the ITU, **no later than 31 August 2006**, to the attention of Mr. Riccardo Passerini, e-mail: riccardo.passerini@itu.int.

The Seminar will be conducted in English and French.

Your Administration/Company/Organization is invited to participate and to lecture in this event with one or more qualified experts.

You are kindly requested to complete and fax, **by 10 September 2006 at the latest**, the attached Registration Form for all your representatives and the Hotel Reservation Form to Mr. Albert Kamga, Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (Fax: +237 223 1510), with copy to Mr. Passerini (Fax: +41 22 730 5484).

Those participants requiring entry visa to Cameroon are requested to contact their local Embassy/Consulate of Cameroon for information well in advance. In case there is no Embassy or Consulate of Cameroon in your country, please contact urgently Mr. Kamga (albert.kamga@ties.itu.int) for assistance.

The information note is also attached. All the related information on the Seminar could be found on the following website: www.itu.int/ITU-D/imt-2000/BDTActivities.html.

Operators and Companies will be also invited to exhibit their products and trials during the Seminar. Dedicated space outside the conference room may be allocated for such Exhibition.

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

Yours faithfully,

Original letter signed by:

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Director

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Call for papers

Draft program

Information note

Registration form

Hotel reservation form