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Subject: ITU Centers of Excellence Network for Africa - Distance learning course on "Broadband" for English speaking countries in Africa, 27 June- 29 July 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), we would like to invite you to participate in the distance learning course on "Broadband for English speaking countries in Africa, to be conducted from **27 June to 5 August 2011**. This course is organized jointly by the ITU and **Telkom Centre for Learning (CFL)** in **Johannesburg, South Africa**.

This distance learning course is part of the capacity building partnership between the ITU and Telkom SA, under the aegis of the Centers of Excellence network for Africa. This training is part of the 2011 action plan adopted by the Steering Committee of the Centers of Excellence Network for Africa.

This course is targeted at managers, engineers and employees from regulators, government organizations, telecommunication companies and academia, interested in learning more about the characteristics, dynamics, trends and status of broadband provisioning and access in Africa.

The participants will gain a clear understanding of the practical implementation of the broadband landscape and an effective and comprehensive learning on mobile broadband trends in Africa.

This course will cover a wide range of broadband network topics as follows:

- Current and future Broadband landscape in Africa , including a discussion on South Africa as an example
- African broadband trends with a special country focus on Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria
- Mobile Broadband trends in Africa
- Regulatory impact on the future of African Broadband provisioning and access
- Current and future plans of Broadband enabling providers: Seacom, Telkom SA, Vodacom /Vodafone, MTN

To ensure that the program covers all areas of interest, the participants are encouraged to consult Annexure 1 for the description of the training program and Annexure 2 for the registration fees.

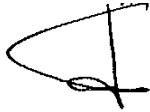
For any consultation contact the coordinator of ITU-AFR Diadié Toure (diadie.toure@itu.int) and/or Nico Gibson (gibsonna@telkom.co.za).

If you wish to participate in this online training, please complete the electronic registration Form available in the ITU Academy portal <http://academy.itu.int/> no later than **20 June, 2011**.

Additional information on this training programme can be found on the ITU Academy Portal at:
<http://academy.itu.int/moodle/course/view.php?id=335>

We look forward to your active participation and invaluable contribution to this workshop.

Yours faithfully,



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