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**REGIONAL OFFICE FOR AFRICA**

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To:

- ITU Member States and ITU-D Sector Members in the Africa Region
- International, Regional and Sub-Regional Organizations in the Africa Region

Subject: **Cyber Drill - ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams)**  
**Third edition for the Africa Region - Mauritius, 4-8 April 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the third ITU ALERT (**Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams**) international cyber drill for Africa Region to be held from 4 to 8 April 2016 at Hôtel le Méridien Île Maurice (Pointe-aux-Piments, Pamplemousses), at the kind invitation of the Mauritius National Computer Board (NCB) .

This event will be organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Mauritius National Computer Board (NCB).

The purpose of the event is to enhance the communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective effort in mitigating cyber threats among the Region's national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs).

The first day is dedicated to a series of workshops on current cybersecurity issues, followed by two days of cyber drill exercises structured around various scenarios involving the most common types of cyber attacks. These sharing sessions provide a platform for cooperation and discussions on cybersecurity. The last two days are dedicated to capacity building session.

Besides, on the second day, we will organize a high-level awareness session about threats of cyber attack dedicated for managers, where we will demonstrate a live cybersecurity incident simulation, which will enable the managers to assess potential threats with regard to cyber attacks in a very tangible way.

Since an important feature of this event is the conduct of cyber drills/simulations on a number of practical cyber threats scenarios, the participation of at least two team members from your national CIRT and one senior manager in cybersecurity in your country is highly recommended.

Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the agenda, registration form, hotel reservation form and practical information for participants will be available at [www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/Mauritius\\_cyberdrill\\_2016.aspx](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/Mauritius_cyberdrill_2016.aspx). Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event.

Participants are requested to complete the online registration form available on the cyber drill website not **later than 20 March 2016**.

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Participants are strongly advised to take care, as early as possible, of their entry visas to Mauritius as the approval procedure may take some days and they may be requested to present an invitation letter from the local host (NCB) to the Mauritius Embassy/Consulate in their countries.

Although there is no participation fee for this meeting, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of your experts will have to be borne by your Entity.

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Yours faithfully,

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