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To: Arab Administrations of ITU Member States, Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members, Associates, Academia and Regional and International Organizations concerned

**Subject: ITU Regional Forum on “Use of ICTs for Transition to Smart and Sustainable Development”
Khartoum-Sudan, 12-13 December 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the implementation of the Operational Plan 2016 for the Arab Regional Office of the International Telecommunication Union and in collaboration with the Sudatel Telecommunications Academy “SUDACAD”, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Regional Forum on “Use of ICTs for Transition to Smart and Sustainable Development”**. The Forum will be held in **Khartoum-Sudan, 12-13 December 2016**.

The overall objective of this Forum is to raise awareness on the role of ICTs as tool and enabler for three key pillars of sustainable development (economic development, social inclusion and environmental protection) and as key catalysts and crucial for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Among other issues related to the use of ICT for development, the below themes will be covered during the Forum:

1. The ITU Smart Sustainable Development Model (SSDM);
2. ICT Policies and strategies for transition toward smart and sustainable development;
3. ICTs for Climate Change adaptation and mitigation;
4. ICTs for disaster management;
5. ICTs generated e-waste from policy prospective (Green Environment);
6. Smart, sustainable and green cities in the Arab region: Towards gradual transformation of Arab cities to smart and sustainable cities;
7. ICTs and Economy (Green Economy);
8. ICTs for clean and sustainable energy.

The Forum is targeting the specialists in the field of ICTs applications and services for development, sustainable development specialists, from developing countries, ITU Member States, ICT regulatory agencies, sustainable development agencies and ministries.

The Forum will be conducted in Arabic and English with simultaneous interpretation. Please note that all the information related to the Forum such as **draft Agenda, Fellowship Form, Information Note, Online Registration link** and the **Hotel Reservation Form** will be available on the ITU website ([Click here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the link mentioned above. Please note the deadline for registration is **1st of December 2016.**

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in this event, there will be a limited number of **Partial Fellowships** to cover the accommodation expenses of one delegate from each Arab LDCs. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the Forum's website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **15 of November 2016.**

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Associate Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int) and Mr. Khalid Bushra Ahmed Zakria, Manager, Planning & Research Consultancy, SUDACAD, E-mail (khalidb@sudatel.sd).

Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours faithfully,



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