



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:
Administrations of least developed and low-income countries (LDCs and LICs)

**Subject: Fellowship to participate in ITU Telecom World 2017
Busan Republic of Korea, 25 to 28 September 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that funds have been secured to provide support to Member States seeking financial assistance to participate in the upcoming ITU Telecom World 2017, which will take place in **Busan, Republic of Korea, from 25 to 28 September 2017.**

ITU Telecom World events offer an ideal opportunity to join experts from government and business to discuss the central issues affecting the ICT industry today. This year's event will build on its platform of international services to support innovation and growth of small-and-medium-sized enterprises (SME) in the digital economy through an exhibition of digital solutions, a forum for sharing knowledge, an awards programme recognizing innovative ICT solutions, and a networking hub with business matchmaking for countries, organizations and individuals.

The forum is focusing this year on **smart digital transformation**, with interactive debates and top-level speakers exploring how to benefit from the global opportunities this offers. The full event programme is available at the following link: <http://telecomworld.itu.int/2017-event/forum/>.

The one-per-country full fellowship, to be awarded within the budget available, will finance the participation of least developed countries (LDCs), and low-income countries (LICs) having a per capita gross domestic product not exceeding USD 2000. In addition, a four-day Forum pass will be offered to those receiving a fellowship.

Fellowship beneficiaries are required to make a contribution to ITU Telecom World 2017 in one of the following ways:

1. Be a speaker.
2. Be a member of the jury for the ITU Telecom World Awards Programme.

Together with my management team, I will welcome the fellows for an interactive discussion during the event.

I look forward to the participation of a representative of your country at ITU Telecom World 2017, which will bring Heads of State and Government, ministers, regulators, policy-makers, heads of international organizations and United Nations agencies to join with C-level executives and key players from big business, technology companies, manufacturers, operators, content and application providers plus, digital thought-leaders, academics and major media stakeholders in shaping the future.

The attached fellowship form should be completed by the candidate, fully validated by the relevant Administration of the ITU Member State and submitted to fellowships@itu.int by **14 July 2017**.

Yours sincerely,

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Director