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Subject:World Bank and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Moving the Regulatory
Cursor for Digital Regulation Event, 1st February 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend a **Digital Regulation Event** *on Moving the Regulatory Cursor for Digital Regulation* co-hosted by the World Bank and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on 1st February 2021 at 15:00-16h30 Central European Time/ 09:00-10:30 U.S. Eastern Standard Time.

With digital transformation affecting every aspect of our lives, regulatory structures and frameworks that have traditionally been organized on a sectoral or domain basis are evolving to adapt to a changing environment. Leveraging on the outcomes of the ITU-World Bank <u>Digital Regulation Handbook and Platform</u>, heads of regulators and other ICT stakeholders will join the authors of the handbook to engage in a conversation on tackling emerging questions associated with digital transformation from a regulatory perspective. As we look to the future, a more flexible and collaborative approach will be needed to respond to the issues arising from the digital economy in the new normal. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss:

- What regulatory measures are needed to address the complexity of the digital ecosystem in a safe and informed manner while ensuring socio-economic growth? What are the new aspects and tools to consider when making regulatory decisions?
- Do the basics of ICT regulation still apply in light of digital transformation sweeping across sectors?
 In a data driven environment, are regulatory frameworks fit for purpose to address the evolution of digital technologies and their impact on consumers and businesses?

To join the conversation, please register <u>here</u> to confirm your participation by 30 January 2021. Further information can be found <u>here</u>. Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms Nancy Sundberg (<u>nancy.sundberg@itu.int</u>) and Mr Roku Fukui (<u>rfukui1@worldbank.org</u>).

Yours sincerely,

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