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Subject: Invitation to the Young ICT Leaders' Forum and YILF Challenge 2018, 4-7 September 2018, Busan city, Republic of Korea

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the **Young ICT Leaders' Forum and YILF Challenge 2018** that will take place **from 4 – 7 September 2018** in Busan City, Republic of Korea. Both events are jointly organized and hosted by Busan Metropolitan City.

The Forum aims to promote an active participation of youth in the digital economy, including (1) promoting the engagement of youth in the field of ICTs; (2) decreasing the digital divide; and (3) promoting research on emerging ICTs particularly Internet of Things (IoT).

The Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2018 also incorporates "**YILF Challenge 2018**" which is an open competition platform for young people to present their **ideas to solve issues facing smart cities' ecosystems**. Enabling a good ecosystem is essential to the development of digital technologies making a city smarter, safer, and friendlier to the environment, thereby improving the quality of life of the citizens. **Annex 1** contains the tentative programme of this event. The event will be conducted in English.

Busan Metropolitan City will provide fellowships (including round-trip air ticket and hotel accommodation) to qualified YILF Challenge applicants, subject to available budget. The approved fellows will participate in the Forum component, and will be trained and coached in developing smart city ecosystem strengthening projects based on their submissions. The last date for receiving applications is **28 July 2018**. Early submissions are preferred. I shall appreciate your kind circulation of this invitation among local stakeholders, youth, entrepreneurs, ecosystem enablers, and startups in your country.

Details of application criteria, agenda, and necessary information are available at:
<https://innovation.itu.int>.

Mr. Mohamed Ba (mohamed.ba@itu.int) is at your full disposal should you require any further information.

I look forward to your active participation in this Forum.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex 1

Annex 1 contains the tentative programme of the **Young ICT Leaders' Forum (YILF)** and **YILF Challenge 2018**.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Day 1: 4 September 2018		
Time	Agenda	Venue
All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop: Building innovation ecosystems for smart cities 	BEXCO
Day 2: 5 September 2018		
Time	Agenda	Venue
All Day	Workshop: Building innovation ecosystems for smart cities (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closing Innovation Program 	BEXCO

Day 3: 6 September 2018		
Time	Agenda	Venue
08:00-09:00	Registration	
09:00-09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening of the Young ICT Leaders' Forum 2018 	BEXCO
10:00-10:30	Group photo and coffee break	
10:30-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 1: Building Smart Cities: Building a supportive technology ecosystem (5G, IoT, etc.) 	BEXCO
11:30-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 2: Solving Smart Cities Issues: Motivating digital entrepreneurs to build their communities 	
12:30-13:30	Lunch break	

13:30-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 3: Creating solutions: Innovation ecosystems as a driver of smart cities 	BEXCO
15:30-15:45	Coffee break	
15:45-17:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session 4: Nurturing policy for digital innovations of smart cities 	BEXCO
18:30-20:00	Welcome dinner	BEXCO
Day 4: 7 September 2018		
Time	Agenda	Venue
All Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study tour of the Busan Smart City Ecosystem 	BEXCO