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- Academia Members,
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in the Asia-Pacific Region

Subject: ***E-agriculture Solutions Forum 2018, 15-17 November 2018, Nanjing, Peoples' Republic of China***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the *FAO-ITU E-agriculture Solutions Forum 2018* that will be held from 15-17 November 2018 at Nanjing, China. The Forum is organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and is hosted jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, Peoples' Republic of China.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have great potential to accelerate countries in achieving the national agricultural goals and targets. Strategic deployment of these solutions can significantly accelerate the capability to harness the potential. In this context, the FAO and the ITU, with support from partners, have developed the E-agriculture Strategy Guide, are assisting countries in developing and implementing their e-agriculture strategies, and are also organizing capacity building and awareness raising activities including the E-agriculture Solutions Forum. This year's Forum will bring together stakeholders from the agriculture and ICT sectors involved in developing and deploying ICT for agriculture solutions. The Forum aims to:

- bring together proven e-agriculture solutions that will benefit agriculture stakeholders;
- share knowledge on successful e-agriculture solutions and identify ways of scaling up implementations;
- strengthen the Community-of-Practice (CoP) among e-agriculture solution providers; and
- share experiences in implementing ICT solutions for agriculture.

The three day Forum will also include exhibits from e-agriculture solution providers. It will also provide valuable opportunities for networking to further strengthen national e-agriculture implementation programmes and build partnerships.

Please note that all the information related to the Forum, including presentations, practical information, and registration forms are available on the ITU website at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/E-agriculture-Solutions-Forum-2018.aspx>

A brochure including the provisional agenda for *E-agriculture Solutions Forum* is also available on the website for your consideration. We look forward to active participation of your senior representatives in the Forum. The Forum will be paperless, conducted in English and will not require any participation fees.

ITU is pleased to provide one full fellowship to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries and eligible Low-Income Developing Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget and with preference to Least Developed Countries, to facilitate their participation in the Forum. The nominee for fellowship is requested to be involved in developing e-agriculture strategies or ICT solutions for agriculture. The fellowship application form is available on the ITU event website above. The deadline for submission of fellowship application is 10 October 2018 and deadline for registration is 20 October 2018.

Mr. Ashish Narayan (tel: +66 2 5750055, email: ashish.narayan@itu.int) is at the disposal of participants who require further information and/or assistance in participating in the Forum.

I look forward to your active participation and contribution to the success of these events.

Yours faithfully

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