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**Subject: ITU Workshop for Europe and CIS “Using ICT to Save Lives”, Odessa, Ukraine, 24-26 April 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Workshop for Europe and CIS Regions “Using ICT to Save Lives”**, to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (ONAT) of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, and held **in Odessa, Ukraine, from 24 to 26 April 2019**.

This workshop is organized in the context of the ITU Regional Initiatives, approved by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17). The outcomes of this meeting will contribute to the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on “A citizen-centric approach to building services for national administrations” and the ITU Regional Initiative for CIS on “Monitoring the ecological status and the presence and rational use of natural resources”. This meeting will also offer an opportunity to present results of the [3<sup>rd</sup> Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications \(GET-19\)](#) held from 6 to 8 March 2019 in Balaclava, Mauritius, and discuss the follow up at the regional level.

The workshop is addressed to the executives and experts responsible for emergency telecommunications and disaster response from ministries, regulators, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders from Europe and CIS regions. The workshop will focus on the following questions:

- Strategic aspects and international cooperation on emergency telecommunications and disaster response
- Best practices of using information and communication technologies (ICT) to save lives
- ICT-based solutions used in emergency situations
- Technical, legal and organizational aspects of telemedicine
- Using ICT to prevent climate change

The workshop will be conducted in English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation.

The event will be paperless. All the documents related to this event, including draft agenda, practical information, registration form, fellowship request form as well as visa support form will be available at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2019/WO/Using-ICT-to-save-lives.aspx>

Participants are requested to complete the registration form and send it to the workshop organizers **no later than 17 April 2019.**

There is no participation fee for this event, however, please note that all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

In accordance with Resolution 213 (Dubai, 2018) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, and in order to promote the participation of developing countries in ITU activities, ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region, subject to the availability of funds.

An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are requested to complete the fellowship request form and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by e-mail: [fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int) or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 1 April 2019.**

Those participants requiring an entry visa to Ukraine are requested to complete the visa support form and send it along with a copy of the passport to the event coordinator, Mr. Vladyslav Kumysh ([rdd@onat.edu.ua](mailto:rdd@onat.edu.ua)) by **20 March 2019.**

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Vladyslav Kumysh, Head of Research and Development Department, A.S. Popov Odessa National Academy of Telecommunications (email: [rdd@onat.edu.ua](mailto:rdd@onat.edu.ua), tel.: +380 48 705 0384). For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (email: [EURregion@itu.int](mailto:EURregion@itu.int), phone: +41 22 730 5467) or Mr. Kirill Oparin, Head of the ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: [itumoscov@itu.int](mailto:itumoscov@itu.int), phone: +7 495 926 6070).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization/Company.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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