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- United Nations Funds, Programmes, and Specialized agencies.

Subject: ITU Subregional workshop for the Pacific on promoting and measuring universal and meaningful connectivity (UMC), 24-26 June 2025, Koror, Palau

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the ITU Subregional Workshop for the Pacific on promoting and measuring universal and meaningful connectivity (UMC), organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Bureau of Communications (BOC), Republic of Palau. This workshop will be held from **24 to 26 June 2025** in Koror, Palau. The working language will be English.

This workshop is part of the project “Promoting and measuring universal and meaningful connectivity” funded by the European Union. It is also part of the “Accelerating SDG achievement through digital transformation to strengthen community resilience in Micronesia” project funded by the Joint SDG Fund.

The workshop is intended for policymakers in charge of national policies and strategies for digital connectivity, and statisticians responsible for the measurement of telecom/ICT development from ministries, national statistics offices (NSOs), regulators, telecom operators, research institutions, and other relevant organizations from the Pacific Islands.

This workshop will cover the following topics:

- Embracing universal and meaningful connectivity: The new policy imperative (day 1)
- Data-driven decision making: Enhancing statistician-policymaker collaboration (day 2)
- Tracking UMC: Strategies for overcoming measurement challenges (day 3)

Interested candidates wishing to attend in person or remotely must apply for [registration](#) to this workshop (also here <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00015229>), by signing in with their existing ITU user account or creating a new one by following these [instructions](#). If any assistance is needed with the registration process, they may contact directly itu-ro-asiapacific@itu.int or servicedesk@itu.int or the ITU focal point mentioned below.

There is no participation fee for this workshop. However, all expenses related to travel, accommodation and insurance should be covered by the participants.

To encourage in-person participation from [developing countries](#), up to two full fellowships per country may be granted, covering air ticket (one return economy class ticket by the most direct/economical route from the country of origin to Koror, Palau) and appropriate daily subsistence allowance intended to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses. One fellowship may be granted to the national statistical office, and another fellowship may be granted to the policymaking institution (ministry or regulator) per country.

To apply for fellowships, candidates must complete this [fellowship application form](#) also available at <https://forms.office.com/e/JnUDTprD4n>, by **19 May 2025**. Anyone applying for a fellowship must complete both the registration and the fellowship application form. Due to limited funding, it might not be possible to accommodate all requests for fellowships. Selected fellowship applicants will be contacted separately with further instructions, and a notification will be sent to non-selected candidates.

Selections for fellowships are carried out by ITU, based on the information provided in the fellowship application form. In awarding a fellowship, account shall be taken of: the candidate's professional background; current position and the practical use the beneficiary intends to make of the knowledge and experience to be gained; and contributions a candidate may make to the work of the event. In line with the relevant provisions of Resolution 213 (Dubai, 2018) of the Plenipotentiary Conference, the fellowship selection shall also consider gender balance and inclusion of persons with disabilities and with specific needs.

Before the workshop, participants from national statistical offices and other institutions that collect data on ICT are requested to complete the two following self-paced courses available through the [ITU Academy](#): "[Measuring digital development: ICT access and use by households and individuals](#)" (also available here <https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/measuring-digital-development-ict-access-and-use-households-and-individuals-2>) and "[Measuring digital development: Telecommunication / ICT indicators](#)" (also available here <https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/measuring-digital-development-telecommunication-ict-indicators-2>).

All participants will receive further guidance on the possibility of preparing a short contribution to present during the sessions. Detailed information about content and logistics, as well as all the hyperlinks mentioned above are available on the workshop webpage, or <https://www.itu.int/itu-d/sites/projectumc/2025/02/06/umc-for-the-pacific/?lang=en>.

For questions related to visa entry to Palau, please contact Mr Melnguis Mesubed at mesubed.melnguis@gmail.com. For all other questions, please contact Mr Calvin Chan, Programme Administrator at the ITU Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (calvin.chan@itu.int) and Mr José L. Cervera-Ferri, Senior Project Manager, ICT Data & Analytics Division at ITU (jose.cervera@itu.int).

I look forward to your registration and your active participation in this subregional workshop.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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