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- Administrations of ITU Member States in Asia and the Pacific Region
- ITU-D Sector Members, and Academia in Asia and the Pacific Region
- National Regulatory Authorities in Asia and the Pacific Region
- Heads of National CIRTs in Asia and the Pacific Region (government institutions only)

Subject: Invitation to the 2025 Regional CyberDrill for Asia and the Pacific Region, from 2 to 5 September, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite your Administration/Organization to participate in the **"2025 Regional CyberDrill for Asia and the Pacific Region"**, to be held from 2 to 5 September 2025 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This event is organized jointly by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovation and Communications (MDDIC) of Mongolia.

This event is organized within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Asia and the Pacific on Contributing to a secure and resilient information and communication technology environment, as agreed by 2022 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22).

The 2025 Regional CyberDrill for Asia and the Pacific Region shall enhance communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective and collaborative effort in mitigating cyber threats among Asia-Pacific Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs).

The first day session is dedicated to a regional conference on best practices in cybersecurity. This event will bring together decision-makers and ICT professionals in government, industry, academia, and NGOs. Its purpose is to facilitate the exchange of ideas, fostering the enhancement of cybersecurity and resilience within both regions.

Shifting focus to the second day, the agenda centres on technical capacity-building training on CSIRTs management.

The third and fourth days will be dedicated to CyberDrill exercises, structured around a variety of scenarios that involve emerging types of cyberattacks. Additionally, the sharing sessions will provide a platform for participants from Asia and the Pacific to collaborate, deliberate, and advance cross-learning opportunities pertaining to cybersecurity issues.

Considering the practical nature of the event, we strongly encourage participation of teams from Asia and the Pacific, comprising a minimum of two members of your national CSIRT, accompanied by a senior cybersecurity

manager. This team structure will allow you to gain maximum benefit from the cyber threat simulations and CyberDrills that are crucial components of the event.

To encourage participation of [eligible countries](#) with priority to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS), one full fellowship may be granted per eligible Member State of Asia and the Pacific region, subject to availability of funds. Full fellowships will cover the cost of air ticket (one return economy class ticket by the most direct/economical route from the country of origin to the meeting venue), and appropriate daily subsistence allowance intended to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses. Member States shall cover the remainder of the cost of the participation.

Member States are encouraged to select their candidates taking into consideration the inclusion of persons with disabilities and persons with specific needs, bearing in mind gender balance. The duly validated fellowship request form (Annex 1) and its annexes, if any, must be returned to the Fellowships Service by e-mail to fellowships@itu.int or by fax: + 41 22 730 57 78, by **30 June 2025** at the latest. Registration prior to submitting the fellowship request is mandatory.

Please note that the “ITU-International Think Tank for Landlocked Developing Countries (ITLLDC) Seminar 2025” will also be held from 28-29 August 2025. We encourage participants to also consider joining this event the week beforehand. Consideration may also be given to extend fellowships to participate in both events, should participants fit the eligibility criteria to participate.

Please note that this event will be held in a paperless format. All relevant documents, such as the event agenda, registration form, and practical information for participants, can be accessed on the ITU website at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/CyberDrill-2025/RASP-CD-25.aspx>.

Should you need further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Calvin Chan (calvin.chan@itu.int) and Mr. Aamir Riaz (aamir.riaz@itu.int). They are at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event.

I look forward to the active participation from your Administration/Organization in this CyberDrill exercise.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

ITU Fellowship Application Form

Full Fellowship – Regular Budget

This form serves as your application for a fellowship to support your participation in:

2025 ITU Regional Asia-Pacific CyberDrill

City/Country: Ulaanbaatar/Mongolia

Dates: From 2 September - To 5 September 2025

Fellowship type: FULL. See section 1 below for further details.

Deadline for application: 30 June 2025 (23:59 hours, Geneva, Switzerland). Any application received after this deadline will not be considered.

Selection Criteria

- Refer to the corresponding invitation letter for further information on the selection criteria.
- Fellowship awards for this event are governed by the [Policy for awarding fellowships for events and activities funded through the ITU regular budget](#).
- To ensure good governance in the use of fellowships, any **one individual may not be awarded more than one full fellowship, or two partial fellowships in a financial year**. In this respect, the amount granted to any one individual **shall not exceed ten thousand (10 000) Swiss Francs** in a financial year.
- Member States wishing to apply for an ITU fellowship **must not have any type of debt** related to the contributions derived from their contributory unit, except those who have agreed to a repayment plan and are in compliance with their obligations.
- **Highest-ranking officials** (Head of State, Head of Government, Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary of State or equivalent, high-ranking diplomats) shall **not be considered** for fellowships.

How to fill out this form

- All questions marked with * are mandatory.
- Please print all pages of this form and complete the signature sections.

How to submit this signed form (and any relevant documents)

- Email: fellowships@itu.int or Fax: +41 22 730 57 78

ITU will only consider requests that meet all the above requirements

Conditions

1. A Full fellowship offer for this activity includes the following:	one (1) return economy class air ticket by the most direct/economical route from the country of origin to the location of the activity/event, AND a subsistence allowance to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses. (Other costs will not be covered as part of this fellowship award)
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Personal Information

2. Country *	
3. Name of Administration *	
4. Gender *	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
5. Email address *	
6. Phone number *	

Passport Information

7. Family/Last Name *	
8. Middle Name	
9. First/Given Name *	
10. Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) *	
11. Place of Birth (City, Country) *	
12. Nationality *	
13. Passport Number *	
14. Passport Date of Issue (DD/MM/ YYYY) *	
15. Passport Date of Expiry (DD/MM/YYYY) *	
16. Passport Place of Issue/Issuing Authority *	

Education and Work Experience

17. Job title *	
18. Highest level of education completed *	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate Degree of Post Doctorate studies <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd University Degree (Master or equivalent) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st University Degree (Bachelor or equivalent) <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Diploma (or equivalent) <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Other
19. Field of Studies *	
20. Number of years of relevant work experience *	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-10 years <input type="checkbox"/> 11-15 years+16-20 years <input type="checkbox"/> More than 20 years
21. Briefly describe your current work functions * (provide separate documents or CV as necessary)	
22. Describe your experience in relation to the activity * (provide separate documents or CV as necessary)	
23. Upon return to your country, how will you make use of the knowledge acquired during the activity * (provide separate documents or CV as necessary)	

Additional Information

24. Have you already benefited from fellowship(s) during the current year? *	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - Provide the activity name(s)/year(s):
25. Describe any accessibility or specific needs you may have (optional)		

Conditions and Applicant Signature

In signing and submitting this form, I certify that I have read the following conditions and accept them in their entirety. *	<p>Please agree to all conditions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I hereby certify that the statements in this application are true and complete *</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If selected for a fellowship, I undertake to attend the entire event *</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If selected for a fellowship, I undertake to inform ITU whenever there are changes in my availability that will affect the terms of my ITU award *</p>
Applicant Signature *	Date (DD/MM/YYYY) * :

National Designated Focal Point Signature

This application shall be duly signed and authorized by the national designated focal point and/or a senior officer from the Administration/Member State.

Full name *: Job title *: Email *:	Signature * Date (DD/MM/YYYY) * :
Stamp of the Administration/Member State *	