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**Subject: First Arab Regional Forum on Early Warning Systems and Disaster Preparedness
Cairo – Egypt, 17-18 December 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

ITU Regional Office for Arab States in collaboration with the League of Arab States and our partners from the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), and the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO), is pleased to invite you to participate in the **First Arab Regional Forum on Early Warning and Disaster Preparedness Systems**, which will be held during the period of **17-18 December 2025**, at the headquarters of the **League of Arab States in Cairo, Egypt**. The forum will be held under the theme "Together for Better Coordination and Effective Response" and will be conducted in Arabic, with simultaneous interpretation into English.

Under the patronage of the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, the forum targets ICT officials from ministries and regulatory authorities, ministries of environment, disaster management agencies, policy-makers, the private sector, and national and international organizations working on issues related to early warning systems, disaster risk reduction, meteorology, Sendai Framework focal points, and ministries of interior and defense across the Arab region.

The organization of this forum is based on the decision of the 55th Session of the Supreme Committee for Joint Arab Action Coordination under the Council of Arab Ministers of Communications and Information Technology, which called for convening a regional forum on early warning systems under the umbrella of the League of Arab States, and in implementation of the United Nations Secretary-General's "Early Warnings for All" (EW4ALL) Initiative, as well as to strengthen joint Arab action in the field of disaster risk reduction.

This regional forum aims to develop a joint Arab roadmap focusing on two key pillars:

1. Enhancing the effectiveness of early warning systems in addressing increasingly complex and cascading risks.
2. Strengthening preparedness and resilience measures across the region to protect lives and property and to improve community readiness.

All documents related to this event including the **concept note, agenda, practical information note, online registration link, and visa details**, as well as any subsequent updates are available on the event's official webpage ([click here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and register online through the link provided above. Please note that the deadline for registration is **20 November 2025**.

To facilitate the participation of delegations from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and low-income countries, a limited number of partial fellowships are available to cover travel expenses for one delegate per country. Interested administrations should contact the forum focal point to request the application form and submit it no later than **16 November 2025**.

For more information about this forum, please contact Dr. Mustafa Al-Mahdi, Programme Officer at the ITU Arab Regional Office (mustafa.almahdi@itu.int).

I look forward to your active participation in this important forum.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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