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Subject: Summer schools on “Evidence-based digital policies to achieve universal and meaningful connectivity” and “Digital and green transitions” in Maastricht, The Netherlands in June 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in 2 summer schools to be held in **Maastricht, The Netherlands, in June 2026** as follow:

- The second edition of the summer school on **“Evidence-based digital policies to achieve universal and meaningful connectivity”** will take place **from 8 to 12 June 2026**. This one-week long advanced course is uniquely designed to strengthen the technical and thematic capabilities for evidence-based digital policies to achieve Universal and Meaningful Connectivity. Through interactive sessions, participants will learn on key issues related to the statistical measurement of ICTs and apply insights for effective policymaking. The training is targeted at officials of ministries, regulatory authorities responsible for digital policies as well as policy analysts and researchers from national and regional organisations working in the field of telecommunication regulations. More information as well as entry requirements are available on the ITU Academy website at the following link: [Summer school on evidence-based digital policies to achieve universal and meaningful connectivity | ITU Academy](#). Please note that online application is open until **15 February 2026**.
- The third edition of the summer school on **“Digital and green transitions”** will take place from **22 to 26 June 2026**. It promises an enriching curriculum that spans a variety of critical subjects, including emerging technologies, policy and regulation, e-waste management and sustainable agriculture. The training is targeted at government officials, policy makers, employees from regulators and other organizations dealing with digital transformation. More information as well as entry requirements are available on the ITU Academy website at the following link [Summer school on digital and green transitions | ITU Academy](#). Please note that online application is open until **1 March 2026**.

Both summer schools are organized jointly by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the UN University-MERIT, which is one of the ITU Academy Training Centres. The courses are generously funded by the European Union through the Global Gateway Initiative for investment in connectivity and infrastructure projects. Participation is provided free of charge for selected applicants, including accommodation, meals, and other organized activities for a comfortable and immersive learning experience.

Selected participants or their organizations will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses to and within Maastricht. The trainings will be delivered in English.

Please note that participation for both summer schools is limited to **30 seats**. Women and participants from developing countries are strongly encouraged to apply. All entry and selection requirements can be found on each summer school's page.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the ITU Academy team at ituacademy@itu.int.

We look forward to your active participation in these transformative summer schools.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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