



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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- Administrations of ITU Member States
- State of Palestine (Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018))
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- Academia
- Regional/International Organizations
- ITU Cybersecurity Focal Points
- Heads of National Cybersecurity Authority/Agency or the Equivalent National Entity Responsible for Cybersecurity

Subject: Update on the ITU Global CyberDrill 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the Circular letter BDT/DNE/CYB/010 dated 24 February 2026, concerning the ITU Global CyberDrill 2026 scheduled to take place from 5 to 7 May 2026 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in partnership with the Cybersecurity Council.

Following a comprehensive assessment of the current circumstances affecting international travel and the organization of large-scale events, and in close coordination with the Cybersecurity Council of the United Arab Emirates, I wish to inform you that the ITU Global CyberDrill will not take place as scheduled.

ITU fully recognizes the importance of the Global CyberDrill as a flagship platform for advancing international cooperation and strengthening the cybersecurity readiness and resilience of Member States and continues to value its strong partnership with the Cybersecurity Council of the United Arab Emirates. ITU remains deeply committed to working with all its members and stakeholders to enhance national and regional cybersecurity capabilities and preparedness and looks forward to resuming this important initiative under conditions conducive to its success.

I thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation in support of our shared mission to build a secure and resilient digital future for all.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director