Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)

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- Administrations of ITU Member States from the CIS Region
- Regulatory authorities from the CIS Region

Subject: **ITU Digital Transformation and Regulation Training for the CIS Region, blended course, Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 14–15 December 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in **ITU Digital Transformation and Regulation Training for the CIS Region**, organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) with the support of the Digital Regulatory Academy (DRA) of the Communications, Space and Technology Commission (CST) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and kindly hosted by the Information Communication Technologies Agency (ICTA) of the Republic of Azerbaijan. The event will take place in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, from 14 to 15 December 2026.

The training will focus on current approaches to developing a modern legal and regulatory environment, digital transformation, investment and innovation incentives, and the expansion of digital connectivity. It aims to strengthen the capacity of policy and regulatory authorities in the region in the areas of digital transformation, modern ICT regulation, use of data for evidence-based policy and regulatory decisions.

Training outline is available at ITU Academy here: https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/digital-transformation-and-regulation-training-cis-region.

Considering the practical nature of the event, I invite you to nominate representatives of your organization involved in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies related to digital transformation, telecommunications/ICTs, digital connectivity, digital regulation through a reply letter sent to the Regional Office for CIS Region at itu-ro-cis@itu.int and duly completed ***online form*** (link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/7e97FhT8hK) of nominated participants, preferably by 30 October 2026. I invite each Administration/Regulator to nominate a maximum of 4 participants for this training. The online forms should contain only information related to participants formally nominated by your organization to attend the training.

To support effective participation in the onsite training and provide a valuable learning experience, nominated participants are highly encouraged to complete the following self-paced online courses available through the ITU Academy prior to the event:

- Data Governance Basics (https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/data-governance-basics) (available in English);
- AI Governance: Fundamentals (https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/ai-governance-fundamentals) (available in English and Russian);

To encourage participation of developing countries in the region and subject to availability of funds, one full, or two partial fellowships may be granted per eligible Member State within the CIS region. Full fellowships will cover the 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 participation. Fellowship application should be done by ***online form*** (link: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/7scyWysFyr) by 30 October 2026 (23:59 hours, Geneva, Switzerland) at very latest. Registration prior to submitting the fellowship request is mandatory.

Practical information for participants will be shared in due course.

My colleagues at the ITU Regional Office for the CIS Region, Ms Daria Kursa (daria.kursa@itu.int) and Mr Maksim Burianov (maksim.burianov@itu.int) remain at your disposal on matters related to organization of the training. In any cases, please copy itu-ro-cis@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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