Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)

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To:
Administrations of ITU Member States in Africa

Subject: **Invitation to participate in training opportunities on digital and AI skills development**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In support of the outcomes of the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25), in particular Resolutions 37, 40 and 73 relating to digital inclusion, capacity development and bridging the digital divide, I have the honour to invite ITU Member States in Africa to participate in digital and artificial intelligence (AI) training opportunities generously offered by the Republic of Kazakhstan under the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition. This initiative, co-signed by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Government of Kazakhstan, provides a valuable opportunity to strengthen national digital capabilities and equip participants with practical skills for an increasingly digital and AI-driven economy.

This programme, scheduled to start in 2027, draws on Kazakhstan's national digital education and innovation ecosystem and includes **Tech Orda**, an accredited vocational IT training track administered by the Astana Hub Foundation; **Tomorrow School**, a peer-to-peer programme in programming and artificial intelligence delivered by the Alem.ai Foundation; and **QazCoders**, a fully online, self-paced programme delivered by Astana Hub with Udacity.

The Telecommunication Development Bureau strongly encourages each Administration to take advantage of this unique opportunity by nominating at least two suitably qualified prospective participants for consideration. Nominees should hold, at a minimum, a bachelor's degree and demonstrate the potential to contribute meaningfully to national digital transformation priorities. Participation remains subject to the requirements of the selected programme and confirmation by the relevant Kazakhstani programme administrator.

Administrations are encouraged to give priority to motivated candidates with a clear interest in digital technologies and the capacity to apply, multiply and institutionalise the knowledge acquired for the benefit of their organisations and communities. Early and broad participation will enable BDT and the competent Kazakhstan's authorities to assess demand, shape responsive implementation modalities and maximise the regional impact of the pledge.

Administrations are invited to communicate the names of the proposed participants to my team (paul-kasera.demba@itu.int) by 15 December 2026. Submission of a nomination does not guarantee selection or the allocation of a place. My team is also at your disposal for additional information.

Detailed selection procedures, timelines and allocation arrangements will be communicated in due course. I count on your Administration's active engagement and look forward to receiving its nominations for this important capacity-development initiative. The trainings will be conducted in English.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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Director

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