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Subject: **ITU 8th Green Standards Week**
9-12 April 2018, Zanzibar, Tanzania

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), at the kind invitation of the Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) and Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), is organizing the eighth edition of the Green Standards Week from 9 to 12 April 2018 in Zanzibar, Tanzania.

This year, the Green Standards Week is dedicated to the theme “**Linking circular economy and industry 4.0**”.

2 The Green Standards Week 2018 will be structured as follows:

- **12th ITU Symposium on ICT, Environment and Climate Change** to be held on 9 April 2018 (morning)
- **ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for Africa (SG5RG-AFR)** to be held on 9 April 2018 (afternoon)
- **Forum & Training “With ICTs everywhere - How safe is EMF?”** to be held on 10 April 2018 (morning)
- **ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG5RG-ARB)** to be held on 10 April 2018 (afternoon)
- **ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Africa (SG20RG-AFR)** to be held on 10 April 2018 (afternoon)
- **Forum on Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things in the development of Smart Sustainable Cities** to be held on 11 April 2018 (morning)
- **ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Africa (SG20RG-AFR)** to be held on 11 April 2018 (afternoon)
- **Training on e-Waste Statistics** to be held on 12 April 2018

3 The Green Standards Week acts as a global platform for discussion and knowledge-sharing in order to raise awareness of the importance of and opportunities for using information and communication technologies (ICTs) to protect the environment, unlock the potential of circular economy and expedite the transition to smart sustainable cities.

4 The Green Standards Week brings together leading specialists in the field, from top policy-makers to engineers, designers, smart city planners, government officials, regulators, standards experts, academia and others.

5 Discussions will be held in English, French and Arabic.

6 Participation in the Symposium, fora and trainings is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to anyone who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation in these events is free of charge.

7 The ITU-T SG5RG-AFR, SG5RG-ARB and SG20RG-AFR meetings will be restricted to delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates of ITU-T Study Group 5 and ITU-T Study Group 20 in the African and Arab regions respectively, in conformity with clause 2.3.3 of WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016).

8 The draft programme for the Symposium, fora and trainings will be made available on the Green Standards Week website at:

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/gsw/201804/Pages/default.aspx>.

Please contact Cristina Bueti (greenstandard@itu.int) should you need additional information on the GSW programme.

9 Practical information including hotel accommodation, transportation, visa and health requirements will be available on the Green Standards Week website. This website will be updated as new or modified information becomes available.

10 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the Fora, please register for these events via the online form available on the Green Standards Week webpage as soon as possible, and no later than 28 March 2018. Please note that pre-registration of participants for the events is carried out exclusively online.

11 We would like to remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Tanzania. The visa must be requested and obtained from the Tanzanian Embassy in your country. If there is no such office in your country, kindly avail of the visa services provided by the Tanzanian Embassy closest to the country of departure. Please see the Green Standards Week webpage for additional information on visa requirements.

I look forward to your participation in the Green Standards Week.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General