



## The Secretary-General

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### **Subject: Invitation to ITU Telecom World 2018, Durban, South Africa, 10-13 September 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has the pleasure to invite its Member States, Sector Members and National Regulatory Authorities to ITU Telecom World 2018, taking place from 10 to 13 September at the Durban International Convention Centre in South Africa.

As the leading UN tech event for governments, corporates and SMEs, ITU Telecom World provides an influential platform to help accelerate ICT innovation for social and economic development across the globe. This year's event will explore the tremendous power of **innovation for smarter digital development** through its world-class forum, international exhibition, acclaimed awards programme and targeted networking activities.

The **world-class forum** explores innovations in technologies and policies driving a smarter world. ITU invites you to [nominate a speaker](#) to share insights and experience, and help shape solutions to critical societal challenges. Participating Ministers will automatically be invited to speak at the Ministerial Roundtable on Tuesday 11 September.

The **international exhibition** brings together countries, corporates and SMEs to showcase their solutions and key areas of expertise. ITU encourages you to consider organizing your own presence with a national pavilion or an independent stand; and ensuring the presence of SMEs or corporate initiatives eligible for the **ITU Telecom World Awards programme** recognizing the most promising ICT-based innovations for social good.

ITU Telecom World 2018 also offers **high-level networking opportunities** to connect with fellow senior industry representatives, including the Opening Ceremony, further social events, a professional Business Matchmaking Service, facilitated bilaterals for leaders, private networking spaces and our event App.

Full details of all aspects of the event can be found at <http://telecomworld.itu.int>.

ITU invites your office to contact the [ITU Telecom Secretariat](#) to confirm interest and obtain registration details for the Minister/Head of organization and accompanying colleagues, noting that we welcome in particular the participation of women and youth delegates.

I look forward to welcoming you to ITU Telecom World 2018 this September.

Yours faithfully,

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