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- The Director of the Radiocommunication Bureau;
- ITU Regional Office for Europe

Subject: 9th Green Standards Week
Valencia, Spain, 1-4 October 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the **9th Green Standards Week**, from 1-4 October 2019 in Valencia, Spain.

This year, the Green Standards Week is dedicated to the theme of *"Connecting smart sustainable cities with the sustainable development goals"* and will be kindly hosted by the City of Valencia. The Green Standards Week will be co-organized with a number of organizations including United Nations Agencies.

2 The Green Standards Week 2019 will be structured as follows:

- **Day 1 - Tuesday 1 October 2019**
 - [Leadership panel on "Connecting Smart Sustainable Cities with the Sustainable Development Goals"](#)
 - [U4SSC Award ceremony & Photo session](#)
 - [Forum on "Frontier technologies to tackle climate change and achieve a circular economy"](#)
- **Day 2 - Wednesday 2 October 2019**
 - [Forum on "Smart governance in cities"](#)
 - [Valencia: Smart city](#)
- **Day 3 - Thursday 3 October 2019**
 - [4th meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities Initiative \(U4SSC\)](#)
- **Day 4 - Friday, 4 October 2019**
 - [Training on "Building smarter and more sustainable cities"](#)

3 The Green Standards Week acts as a global platform where policymakers, field experts, city planners, regulators, standards experts and civil societies amongst others can come together to discuss the role of information communication technologies (ICTs) and frontier technologies in facilitating smart governance and smart sustainable cities.

The event also aims to identify the standardization requirements that would accelerate the deployment of ICTs and frontier technologies and to raise awareness on the importance and opportunities that they bring in engineering innovative climate solutions, expediting the transition to smart sustainable cities and unlocking the potential of circular economy.

4 The Green Standards Week will bring 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 and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

6 Participation 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 Information relating to the Green Standards Week, including the draft programme and practical information, is available on the event website at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/gsw/201910/pages/default.aspx>. This website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates. Please contact Ms Cristina Bueti (u4ssc@itu.int) should you need additional information on the GSW programme.

8 To enable ITU to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the Green Standards Week, kindly register via the online form available on the [GSW website](#) as soon as possible, but **no later than 15 September 2019. Please note that pre-registration of participants for the 9th Green Standards Week is mandatory and carried out exclusively online.**

9 I would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Spain. **The visa must be requested** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Spain in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Participants who need support from the host country to obtain an entry visa are invited to contact Contacta.vlci@valencia.es with copy to (u4ssc@itu.int) bearing the words "Letter of support for visa" as the subject and should be sent before the deadline of **15 September 2019**. More information is available on the [Green Standards Week website](#).

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

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Houlin ZHAO
Secretary-General