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To:

- ITU Member States
- ITU Sector Members, Associates, Academia and relevant international, regional and national organizations

Subject: **Invitation to the 2026 Global Space Connectivity & Sustainability Events
12 to 14 October 2026, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the **2026 Global Space Connectivity & Sustainability Events** co-organized by the **International Telecommunication Union (ITU)** and the **Communications, Space & Technology Commission (CST)** of Saudi Arabia.

Taking place from **12 to 14 October 2026 in Riyadh** this will combine two established global space events, the Joint ITU-CST Forum on **Connecting the World from the Skies** and the **ITU Space Sustainability Forum** into a flagship three-day event under the theme of 'Connected Earth, Sustainable Space.

Building on the strong momentum of previous editions of both events, this expanded 2026 platform reflects the growing interdependence between satellite connectivity and the sustainable use of space. By bringing these two communities together, the event aims to foster more integrated dialogue across policy, industry and academia at a time of rapid transformation in the space sector.

Under this shared vision of advancing both connectivity and sustainability, this year's programme will bring together senior leaders from governments, international organizations, industry and research institutions through a dynamic format of high-level keynotes, panel discussions, interactive sessions and technology demonstrations. The programme will be designed to encourage practical dialogue and identify tangible pathways toward achieving both inclusive global connectivity and sustainable space operations.

Details about the programme, speakers, registration procedure, and other practical details are available at www.itu.int/scs26/. The event will be live webcasted to reach out global audience and recorded for later access. Kindly note that advance registration is required.

The ITU and CST have long played pivotal roles in promoting both global connectivity through non-terrestrial networks and the sustainable development of satellite and space activities. As we look ahead to WRC-27, ITU and CST remain committed to leveraging their expertise and international networks to address emerging challenges and shape a resilient future for the space sector.

We look forward to your active participation and contributions as we work together to advance inclusive global connectivity and ensure the sustainable and responsible use of space.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

Doreen Bogdan Martin
ITU Secretary-General

(signed)

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