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To all ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academia, State of Palestine, Organizations which have the right to attend ITU conferences and meetings as observers

Subject: **Invitation to the Global Digital Resilience Forum, 8-9 December 2026, Dubai, United Arab Emirates**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the honour to invite you to the **Global Digital Resilience Forum**, scheduled to take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 8–9 December 2026.

Organized by the Government of Dubai and Dubai Electronic Security Center (DESC), and supported by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and the Technology and Global Affairs Innovation Hub of Sciences Po Paris School of International Affairs as Knowledge Partners, the Forum will bring together senior representatives of governments, international organizations, industry and academia.

The Forum builds on the expert report When digital systems fail: The hidden risks of our digital world, launched by ITU, UNDRR and Sciences Po in May 2026, which maps risks to the physical digital infrastructure on which our societies and economies increasingly depend, across terrestrial, subsea and space-based systems, and sets out a roadmap for strengthening collective preparedness. Building on these findings, the Forum will provide a platform for Member States and stakeholders to exchange experiences, examine critical digital risks and identify concrete avenues for international cooperation and action to strengthen digital resilience.

The Forum will take place over two days. Day 1, on 8 December, will focus on scenario planning and technical workshops, bringing together invited experts to explore infrastructure interdependencies, examine cascading disruptions and identify practical ways to strengthen preparedness and recovery. Day 2, on 9 December, will feature a high-level open forum, where senior policymakers and experts will build on the workshop findings, exchange good practices and explore priorities for cross-sector and international cooperation.

We kindly invite each Member State to participate in the Forum. Member States are encouraged to give due consideration to gender balance in their nominations. Due to limited venue capacity, participation will be subject to confirmation. Nominated representatives are kindly requested to register through the registration platform by **23 November 2026**.

Further information, including the concept note, is available on the Forum website. For any additional information, please contact the Forum Steering Group at info@gdrf.ai.

Your participation and contributions will be instrumental in advancing this important dialogue, and we look forward to welcoming you to Dubai for the Global Digital Resilience Forum.

Yours faithfully,

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