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| Subject: | **Forum on Data Management: Transforming Data Into Value Dubai, UAE, 12 March 2017** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that a **Forum on Data Management: Transforming Data Into Value** will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 12 March 2017. The Forum will precede the meeting of ITU-T Study Group 20, “Internet of things (IoT) and smart cities and communities (SC&C)”that will take place from 13 to 23 March 2017, and the Joint Coordination Activity on Internet of Things and Smart Cities and Communities (JCA-IoT and SC&C) that will take place in the afternoon of 16 March 2017. These events will be kindly hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the United Arab Emirates.

The forum will open at 0830 hours on 12 March 2017. Participant registration will begin at 0800 hours at Le Meridien Dubai Hotel & Conference Centre.

2 Discussions will be held in English only.

3 Participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. The forum is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted.

4 The objective of this Forum will be to facilitate discussion on how data can be transformed into value and how international standards can facilitate that process. Participants will learn about the current state of data management, discuss ways to address interoperability and security issues, and explore the capabilities and protocols needed to manage IoT data in smart cities. This forum will bring together smart city and IoT stakeholders, managers and engineers working on big data and data analytics, service providers planning to delivering IoT solutions, and policy and standards makers.

5 A draft programme of the Forum is available at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/iot/201703/Pages/programme.aspx>.

This website will be regularly updated as new or modified information become available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

6 Information relating to the forum, including practical information for participants, is available on the ITU-T website at the following address: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/iot/201703/Pages/default.aspx>

7 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the forum, I should be grateful if you would register via the on-line form: <https://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-T/misc/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=3000943>, as soon as possible, but **not later than *26 February 2017.*** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for the Forum is carried out exclusively *online*.**

8 I would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). **The visa must be requested at least four weeks before the date of beginning of the Forum** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing UAE in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. More information regarding visas can be found in the practical information on the Forum website at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/iot/201703/Pages/default.aspx>

Yours faithfully,

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