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|  | Geneva, 15 September 2017 |
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| **Subject:** | **ITU Regional Standardization Forum for Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) – Asia and Pacific Region (Seoul, Korea (Rep. of), 24 October 2017)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a Regional Standardization Forum for Bridging the Standardization Gap that will kindly be hosted by the National Radio Research Agency, Ministry of ICT and Science on 24 October 2017 at Meritz Tower in Seoul, Korea (Rep. of). The forum will be held back to back with the meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO), which will take place from 24 to 27 October 2017 at the same venue.

The forum will open at 0930 hours. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours.

2 Discussions will be held in English.

3 Participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country which 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. Participation is free of charge.

4 The main objective of the event is to provide an open forum for debating and exchanging views on a number of standardization topics under discussion at ITU-T and to highlight activities related to the Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) Programme. The target audience of the event includes ITU Member States, national standards bodies, ICT regulators, ICT companies, ICT research organizations, service providers, and academia.

5 The draft programme of the forum is available in Annex 1 and it will also be made available on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/bsg/201710/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be regularly updated as new or modified information become available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

6 General information for participants including hotel accommodation, transportation and visa requirements will be made available on the above-mentioned ITU website.

7 To enable ITU to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the forum, I should be grateful if you would register via the online form at <http://itu.int/reg/tmisc/3001014> as soon as possible, but **no later than 19 October 2017.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants of our events is carried out exclusively *online*.** Participants will also be able to register on-site on the day of the event.

8 I would like to remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Korea (Rep. of). The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Korea (Rep. of) in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Additional information on visa requirements is available on the event website under practical information.

Yours faithfully,

Chaesub Lee
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

**Annex: 1**

 **ANNEX 1**

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**Regional Standardization Forum for
Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG)**

Seoul, Korea (Rep. of), 24 October 2017

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| **8:30 - 09:30** | ​**Registration** |
| **Morning 1** | **Opening Ceremony** |
| **Morning 2** | **​Introduction to ITU-T's activities in Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG)** |
|  | **​Outcomes of WTSA-16** |
|  | **Standardization in the Asia Pacific Region** |
|  | **Discussion** |
|  | **LUNCH BREAK**  |
| **​​Afternoon 1** | **Regulatory and tariffs aspects of ICT/Telecommunications** |
|  | **Discussion**  |
| **Afternoon 2** |  **Economic and policy aspects of ICT/Telecommunications**  |
| **​16:20** | **​CLOSE** |
| **16:30 – 17:30​** | ​**Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 3 for Asia and Oceania** [**(SG3RG-AO)**](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/03/sg3rgao/Pages/default.aspx)**.**  |

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