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| **Subject:** | **Joint IEEE 802 and ITU-T Study Group 15 workshop “Building Tomorrow’s Networks”  27 January 2018, Geneva, Switzerland** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the **joint IEEE 802 and ITU-T Study Group 15 workshop “Building Tomorrow’s Networks”** will take place at ITU headquarters, Geneva, on **27 January 2018.** This workshop will be held in conjunction with the IEEE 802.1 and IEEE 802.3 interim meetings   
(22-26 January 2018), and the [ITU-T Study Group 15](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/15/Pages/default.aspx) meeting (29 January – 9 February 2018) in ITU headquarters, Geneva.

2 This workshop 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. Participation at the workshop is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted.

4 The workshop intends to offer a platform for all involved stakeholders and aims to focus on topics such as optical interfaces, mobile fronthaul, 5G mobile transport, passive optical network (PON), management and YANG modeling.

5 Information relating to the workshop, including the draft programme, will be available on the event website at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/20180127/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

6 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates in the main ITU conference room areas. Detailed information is available on the ITU-T website (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

7 A number of Geneva hotels offer preferential rates for delegates attending ITU meetings, and provide a card giving free access to Geneva’s public transport system. A list of participating hotels, and guidance on how to claim discounts, can be found at: <http://itu.int/travel/>.

8 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, I should be grateful if you would register via the online form <http://itu.int/reg/tmisc/3001027> as soon as possible, but **no later than 8 January 2018.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is 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 Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the workshop** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

If problems are encountered by **ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates or Academic Institutions**, and at the official request made by them to TSB, the Union can approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa, but only within the period mentioned of **four** weeks. Any such request should be made by official letter from the administration or entity you represent. This letter must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of the passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the ITU-T workshop in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail ([tsbreg@itu.int](mailto:tsbreg@itu.int)), bearing the words **“visa request”**. **Please also note that ITU can assist only representatives of ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members, ITU Associates and ITU Academic Institutions.**

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director of the Telecommunication  
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