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| Subject: | **ITU Regional Conference on “Internet of Things, Telecommunication Networks and Big Data as basic infrastructure for Digital Economy”(Saint Petersburg, Russia, 4-6 June 2018)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the **ITU Regional Conference on “Internet of Things, Telecommunication Networks and Big Data as basic infrastructure for Digital Economy”** will be kindly co-hosted by Rostelecom and the Saint Petersburg State University of Telecommunications (SPbSUT) and will take place in Saint Petersburg, Russia from 4-6 June 2018. This conference is organized jointly by TSB and the ITU Area Office for CIS.

This event will be combined with the meetings of ITU-T Study Group 11 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG11RG-EECAT) and ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG20RG-EECAT) to be held from 4-6 June 2018 at the same venue. More details about these groups are made available on their webpages: [SG11RG-EECAT](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/11/sg11eecat/Pages/default.aspx) and [SG20RG-EECAT](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/20/sg20rgeecat/Pages/default.aspx), respectively.

2 The Conference will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

3 Participation in the ITU Regional Conference 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 Conference is free of charge, however seats are limited and no fellowships will be granted.

4 The three-day Conference will cover the following issues:

* Digital economy and its deployment in the Region;
* Deployment of 5G networks and beyond as a basis of digital economy;
* Big data processing and management to support digital economy;
* IoT applications and services of 5G-based networks;
* International standardization of the Internet of Things, big data, 5G and future telecommunication networks.

5 Information relating to the Conference, including practical information and the programme, will be made available on the event website at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/20180604/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 Wireless LAN facilities will be available at the venue of the event.

7 Registration is mandatory for all participants planning to attend the Conference. You are invited to complete the online registration form available here <http://itu.int/reg/tmisc/3001059> **by 28 May 2018. Please note that pre-registration of participants for this Conference is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively online.**

8 If required, visas must be requested as soon as possiblefrom the embassy or consulate representing Russia in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

Delegates who require a personal invitation letter are invited to complete the form available in the practical information and send it to Ms Vera Soloveva, ITU Area Office for CIS, by e-mail: itumoscow@itu.int with copy to TSB: tsbevents@itu.int bearing the words **“Letter of support for visa”** as the subject and should be sent before the deadline of **1 May 2018**.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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