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| Ref: | **TSB Circular 157**TSB Events/MA | **To:**- Administrations of Member States of the Union;- ITU-T Sector Members;- ITU-T Associates;- ITU Academia |
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| Subject: | **ITU workshop on Distributed Ledger Technology Scalability and Interoperability (Geneva, Switzerland, 2 August 2019)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the **ITU Workshop on Distributed Ledger Technology Scalability and Interoperability** will take place on 2 August 2019 at ITU Headquarters, Rue de Varembé 2, Geneva, Switzerland.

The workshop will be preceded by the **final meeting of ITU-T Focus Group on Application of Distributed Ledger Technology (FG DLT) from 29 July to 1 August 2019**, taking place at the same venue. Please see <https://itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/dlt/> for details about the FG DLT meeting.

2 Participation in the workshop 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 in the workshop is free of charge, however seats are limited and no fellowships will be granted. The workshop will be held in English only.

3 The objectives of the workshop are to:

– Examine scalability requirements of DLT platforms;

– Discuss approaches to benchmark DLT platform performance;

– Identify components of DLT that would benefit from interoperability;

– Discuss approaches to minimize DLT platform differences from the user perspective;

– Review related standardization activities;

– Propose a way forward for related standardization work in ITU-T Study Groups.

4 Information relating to the workshop, including practical information and the programme of the event, will be available on the event website at: <https://itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/201908/>

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

5 Wireless LAN facilities will be available at the venue of the event.

6 Registration is mandatory for all participants planning to attend the workshop. You are invited to complete the online registration form available at: <https://itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00006124> by **22 July 2019. Please note that pre-registration of participants for this workshop is mandatory and will be carried out exclusively *online*.**

7 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 checking the corresponding box on the registration form no later than four weeks before the event. Enquiries should be sent to the ITU Travel Section (travel@itu.int), bearing the words “**visa support**”.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau