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| **Subject:** | **ITU Regional Standardization Forum (RSF) on “Addressing Competition Issues in ICT Economy” (Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1 October 2019)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the **ITU Regional Standardization Forum on “Addressing Competition Issues in ICT Economy”** on 1 October 2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Forum will be kindly hosted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL). The Forum will be followed by the meeting of the ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO) from 2 to 4 October 2019. The study group regional group meeting will also be preceded by a BSG Interactive Workshop on Effectiveness in Standardization.

2 Participation in the Forum 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.

3 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 including the work of Regional Groups. The target audience of the event includes ITU Member States, national standards bodies, ICT regulators, ICT companies, ICT research organizations, service providers, and academia.

4 The draft programme of the Forum will be made available on the ITU website:
<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/bsg/201910/Pages/default.aspx>.

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

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

6 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:
<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00006380> as soon as possible, but **no later than 24 September 2019.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for our events is carried out exclusively *online*.** Participants will also be able to register on-site on the day of the event.

7 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 Sri Lanka. The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Sri Lanka 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 will be available on the event website under Practical Information.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*
Chaesub Lee
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau