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| **Subject**: | **ITU Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) Meet-ups  (Episode #1: DLT Interoperability, 5 August 2020, fully virtual meeting)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication (ITU) is organizing a series of interactive “meet‑ups” to discuss topics related to Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) and their standardization. The meet-ups are planned to take place on the first Wednesday of every new month. The goal of this initiative is to increase the collaboration with global DLT community. The discussions will also aim to bring new knowledge which may contribute to ITU-T standardization activities. This will also be a channel to present the outcomes of ITU-T DLT work to the community, especially of Question 22/16 "Distributed ledger technologies and e-services".

2 The **first episode** of the series, scheduled to take place on **5 August 2020 from 1330-1430 hours (Geneva time)**, will focus on **DLT Interoperability.** With the increasing number of DLT networks being formed, the issue of interoperability has become increasingly relevant and the definition of key points through standardization should play an important role in the direction of a global-scale adoption. The episode will discuss what we can learn from historical events from the Internet formation and analyse the role of governance as an enabler of trust. The discussion will also consider the problems of DLT interoperability from the technical perspective and a possible framework for DLT interoperability.

3 Participation in these meet-ups are 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 from the DLT technology and service providers, research institutions, United Nations agencies, regulators, other related professionals, and also individuals who are members of international, regional and national organizations.

4 All relevant information pertaining to the meet-ups (speakers, registration links, remote connection details) will be made available in due time on the [main landing page](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/webinars/Pages/dlt.aspx) and the respective event website here: <https://itu.int/en/ITU-T/webinars/20200805>. The websites will be regularly updated with the latest information. Participants are requested to check periodically the episodes webpages for updates. Please note that registration is free but mandatory.

5 Should you want to be a speaker in a subsequent DLT meet-up episodes, kindly send an e-mail to the secretariat, [tsbsg16@itu.int](mailto:tsbsg16@itu.int) with [tsbevents@itu.int](mailto:tsbevents@itu.int) in copy, providing a 200-word summary of your presentation (word or PDF format), related links and a short CV. Here are examples of possible topics:

1. Mapping of platform using ITU Architecture;
2. How someone may contribute to ITU; or
3. A specific solution, regulation or use case.

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| Yours faithfully,  Chaesub Lee  Director of the Telecommunication Standardization Bureau |  |