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| **Subject:** | **Dialogue on Sustainable Digital Transformation in Asia and the Pacific(Fully virtual, 19 October 2021)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) together with other entities and United Nations organizations are organizing the **Dialogue on Sustainable Digital Transformation in Asia and the Pacific** scheduled to take place virtually on **19 October 2021 from 10h00 to 13h00 CEST.** The dialogue will be held in conjunction with [ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group Meeting for Asia and the Pacific (SG5RG-AP)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgap/Pages/default.aspx) taking place on 19 and 20 October 2021.

2 This event is a continuation of the [Sustainable Digital Transformation Dialogues](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtd/Pages/default.aspx) which took place from 28-30 September 2021. The overarching theme of this virtual event is to lead a global discussion on sustainable digital transformation in the Asia and the Pacific and the Sustainable Development Goals. The main objective is to provide an international platform where all stakeholders can gather to share their experiences and identify common solutions and opportunities in sustainable digital transformation. It encourages a closer look at the role played by policies and international standards in the process and how these may facilitate positive change. Through meaningful exchanges of dialogues, the event will reshape the global narratives of digital transformation and create new opportunities for cooperation and collaboration.

3 The event will be held in English only.

4 The event is expected to be attended by top policymakers, business leaders and industry experts, representatives from the Asia and the Pacific regions, other UN agencies, academia, civil society, other regional organizations, NGOs, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders. Participation is free of charge and open to all interested stakeholders including ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU and who wishes to contribute to the work.

5 All relevant information pertaining to the event (draft programme, speakers, registration link, remote connection details) will be made available on the event website here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/sg05rg/sdtd/20211019/Pages/default.aspx>. The website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates.

6 Kindly note that registration is mandatory for all participants to each event.

7 **Please note that a separate registration is required for the Regional Group Meeting.**
More information on the regional group meeting is available on the website of the [ITU-T SG5 Regional Group for Asia and the Pacific (SG5RG-AP)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgap/Pages/default.aspx). The regional group meeting will be restricted to delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates of the ITU‑T Study Group 5 in the region, in conformity with clause 2.3.3 of WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016).

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau