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| **Subject:** | **ITU workshop on “Resilience to Natural Hazards through AI Solutions” and 2nd Meeting of the Global Initiative on Resilience to Natural Hazards through AI Solutions (Frascati, Italy, 8-9 May 2025)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the [European Space Agency](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.esa.int%2FAbout_Us%2FESRIN%2FContact_ESRIN&data=05%7C02%7Cmythili.menon%40itu.int%7C7f877aa8e6194656a27608dd4c1682ad%7C23e464d704e64b87913c24bd89219fd3%7C0%7C0%7C638750381758521805%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=sRbnslQl4PAABpUd5dsre%2FQohHizinifXNJWwN%2BzMMs%3D&reserved=0) (ESA), is organizing a workshop on “**Resilience to Natural Hazards through AI Solutions**” that will take place at the ESA ESRIN establishment in Frascati, Italy on **8 May 2025.** The workshop is kindly hostedby the European Space Agency (ESA) and will be held in conjunction with the **2nd Meeting of the** [Global Initiative on Resilience to Natural Hazards through AI Solutions](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/default.aspx)on **9 May 2025** at the same venue.

2 The [Global Initiative on Resilience to Natural Hazards through AI Solutions](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/default.aspx) is a collaborative effort led by ITU, together with the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Universal Postal Union (UPU), and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).
This initiative explores how AI can be effectively leveraged for disaster management, providing expert guidance and support for research, innovation, and facilitating the development of standards. More information on the launch of this Initiative can be found [here](https://www.itu.int/hub/2024/08/new-un-initiative-to-reduce-disaster-risk-with-ai/). This initiative builds on the activities of the [ITU/WMO/UNEP Focus Group on AI for Natural Disaster Management (FG-AI4NDM)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ai4ndm/Pages/default.aspx).

3 The second meeting of the Global Initiative will take place on 9 May 2025, in Frascati, Italy.
This meeting will focus on reviewing written contributions and advancing on the development of the deliverables. The draft agenda, meeting documents, and additional information will be available on the [Global Initiative’s homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/default.aspx).

Written contributions are pertinent for the eventual success of the group and are strongly encouraged to further the work of the Initiative. Written contributions should be submitted to the Secretariat (tsbfgai4ndm@itu.int) in electronic format using the templates available from the [GI-AI4R homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/default.aspx).
The contribution deadline for the meeting is **28 April 2025**.

4 The workshop will open at 0930 hours on 8 May 2025 and registration will open at 0830 hours on the same day. You will be escorted to the meeting room, with event signage guiding the way. Further details on travel and Venue logistics will be provided in the Welcome Letter closer to the event dates. The discussion will be conducted in English only. Remote participation will be provided for the workshop.

5 Participation in the workshop is free of charge and 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, but please note that registration to attend either in person or online is mandatory.

6 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop and meeting, I should be grateful if you would register as soon as possible on the event Webpage, no later than **20 April 2025**. **Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops and meetings is mandatory and carried out online.**

7 All relevant Information pertaining to the workshop including the draft programme will be made available on the [Global Initiative’s homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/default.aspx). The event webpage will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the webpage periodically for updates.

8 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 Italy. The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Italy in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Visa processing and approval may take some time, it is therefore suggested to check directly with the appropriate representation and apply early.

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| 28 April 2025 | Submit written contributions (by e-mail to tsbfgai4ndm@itu.int) |
| 20 April 2025 | Pre-registration for the meeting and workshop online at [GI-AI4R homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/extcoop/ai4resilience/Pages/default.aspx) |

Yours faithfully,

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