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| **Subject**: | **Invitation to Join the ITU Expert Group on Enhancing the AI Readiness Framework** |
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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join the Expert Group that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is forming as part of our ongoing effort to enhance the [ITU AI Readiness Framework](https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/ai4g/T-AI4G-AI4GOOD-2024-2-PDF-E.pdf), which was first published in September 2024. The Framework has been a critical tool in assessing AI integration in various domains and offering guidance on key factors for enhancing AI readiness. To ensure its continued relevance and effectiveness, we are now working on a more comprehensive version of the Framework that will incorporate new indicators, with an emphasis on standardization.

The enhanced ITU AI Readiness Framework aims to provide a comprehensive evaluation of AI development by integrating societal, economic and scientific indicators, allowing member states and entities to assess AI’s impact and address integration challenges while driving AI innovation. By strengthening the focus on AI technology standardization, the Framework will guide the development and adoption of globally recognized best practices, ensuring the responsible deployment of AI technologies. Additionally, it will promote global cooperation, adapting to diverse regional contexts through collaboration with domain experts. The inclusion of self-assessment tools will empower member states and entities to independently evaluate their AI readiness, identify gaps in AI infrastructure, standards, policies and facilitate focused capacity building for AI.

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**Formation of the Expert Group:**

To support this critical initiative, we are assembling an Expert Group consisting of professionals and researchers in diverse domains, including:

* AI Technology: Experts to provide insights into AI technology, industry and SDGs domains advancements.
* Indicators: Specialists to design measurable indicators and conduct data analysis and visualization that will help countries assess their AI readiness in a holistic, data-driven manner.
* Economy and Society: Economists to evaluate AI’s economic implications, including growth, innovation, and sustainability. Social scientists to address the societal impacts of AI, such as its influence on education, employment, and social equity.
* Ethics: Specialists in AI ethics to ensure the framework promotes the responsible use of AI, addressing concerns around fairness, transparency, accountability, and bias

**Key Responsibilities:**

As a member of the Expert Group, your contributions will be essential in:

* Identifying and evaluation of new indicators and assessment methodsto cover different dimensions
* Participating in online meetings every two weeks and an in-person meeting during AI for Good Global Summit 2025 to discuss progress and provide guidance.
* Supporting international collaboration and the standardization efforts by aligning the framework with global benchmarks.
* Reviewing and refining the AI Readiness Framework Report and helping to refine the framework based on global perspectives.
* By contributing to this project, the Expert Group will play a key role in shaping the future of AI readiness globally, helping member states and entities assess and enhance their AI capabilities responsibly and effectively.

I invite you to join this important project by expressing your interest in participating in the Expert Group by April 15. Please use the form provided [here](https://aiforgood.itu.int/ai-readiness) to submit your application. Only online submissions will be accepted.

For sponsorship enquiries you can contact ai-calls@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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