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| **Subject:** | **Forum on Connected by Design: Building Inclusive Digital Infrastructure for Future-Ready Cities (Geneva, Switzerland, 15 September 2025)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the **Forum on Connected by Design: Building Inclusive Digital Infrastructure for Future-Ready Cities** taking place on **15 September 2025** from 0930 to 1230 hours CESTat **ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland**.

2 The Forum will be collocated with the meeting of ITU-T Study Group 20 (*Internet of Things, digital twins and smart sustainable cities and communities*) taking place from 15 to 25 September 2025 and the meeting of the Joint Coordination Activity on Internet of Things, digital twins and smart sustainable cities and communities ([JCA-IoT, DT and SSC&C](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jca/iot/Pages/default.aspx)), taking place on 26 September 2025.

3 The Forum will bring together global leaders, city innovators, and digital visionaries for a high-level event exploring how Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) can transform cities and communities into more inclusive, resilient, and citizen-centric spaces.

This event will spotlight scalable approaches to interoperable digital ID, payments, data sharing, and smart urban governance, bridging policy, technology, and social impact.

4 The Forum will be held in English and remote participation will be provided.

5 Participation is free of charge and is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions, as well as to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work.

6 All relevant information (draft programme, speakers, registration link, remote connection details) will be made available on the event website found at: <https://www.itu.int/cities/building-inclusive-digital-infrastructure-for-cities/>.

The website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check periodically for the latest updates.

7 Kindly note that registration is mandatory and more information will be available here: <https://www.itu.int/cities/building-inclusive-digital-infrastructure-for-cities/>.

8 **Please note that different conditions apply to participation in the meetings of ITU-T Study Group 20 and JCA-IoT, DT and SSC&C.** For information and registration for these meetings consult the respective websites; [ITU-T Study Group 20](https://itu.int/go/tsg20) and [JCA-IoT, DT and SSC&C](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/jca/iot/Pages/default.aspx).

9 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 Switzerland. The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland 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.

Additional information on visa requirements, hotel accommodation, transportation etc. will be available on the event webpage under the section “**Practical Information**”.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau