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| **Subject**:  | **ITU-UNIDO Workshop on “E-waste in Latin America: From Current Challenges to Future Solutions” (Fully Virtual, 17 October 2025)** |
| Dear Sir/Madam,1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) are organizing a virtual workshop on **“E-waste in Latin America: From Current Challenges to Future Solutions”** on **17 October 2025 from 16h00 to 18h00 CEST**.2 Every year, millions of tonnes of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) reach the end of their life, making e-waste one of the fastest growing waste streams worldwide. In 2022 alone, the world produced 62 million tonnes of e-waste, with less than a quarter properly collected and recycled. To commemorate *International E-waste Day (14 October),* this workshop will highlight Latin America’s progress and future pathways to managing e-waste sustainably and harnessing the opportunities of a circular economy that turns end-of-life equipment into valuable resources. 3 As part of the Project for Electronic Waste in Latin America (PREAL), two reports have been developed to support countries in strengthening their e-waste systems:* **Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) in Latin America: Current Situation and Perspectives:***This report provides an overview of the latest regional data and analysis, including results from 13 participating countries.*
* **Guidelines for Implementing National Systems for Integrated Management of Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) in Latin American Countries:** *This report offers practical recommendations for governments and stakeholders to build effective national e-waste management systems.*

4 International Standards are at the core of these efforts, providing common methods to measure progress, compare results, and guide effective solutions. Together with supportive policies, training and raising awareness, and the engagement of all stakeholders across the value chain, they help countries strengthen e-waste management systems and move towards a circular economy adapted to the realities of Latin America.These actions also contribute directly to the ITU-led Green Digital Action (GDA) agenda, which brings the global digital community together to reduce the environmental footprint of ICTs and accelerate climate and circular solutions.5 The workshop will bring together policymakers, regulators, industry representatives, producer responsibility organizations, recyclers, international bodies, development partners, civil society, and researchers working on e-waste, circular economy, and sustainability. Participation in the workshop is free of charge and is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates, Academia, and any interested individuals, including members of international, regional, or national organizations. The workshop will be held in English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation provided.6 All relevant information pertaining to the event (e.g., draft programme, list of speakers, registration link) will be made available on the main event webpage at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2025/1017EW/Pages/default.aspx>. The website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available and participants are encouraged to check periodically for the latest information.7 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, I would be grateful if you could register as soon as possible at: <https://www.itu.int/net/CRM/js/sr/C-00015853>. **Please note that pre-registration of participants for the workshop is mandatory and is carried out exclusively online.**Yours faithfully,Seizo OnoeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau |