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| **Subject:** | **Ninth Meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative**  **(Virtual, 31 October 2025)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), is organizing the **Ninth Meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative.** This meeting will take place virtually on 31 October 2025, from 1100 to 1200 hours and 1330 to 1530 hours (CET).

2 The U4SSC meeting will be held in English only.

3 The United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative is a UN initiative supported by 20 UN agencies and programmes and serves as a dynamic international platform for the exchange of knowledge, best practices, and policy innovation— uniting cities, governments, academia, industry, and civil society to co-create people-centred, digitally inclusive, and climate resilient cities and communities to advance the SDGs, the Pact for the Future and its Global Digital Compact. More information about this initiative can be found at <https://u4ssc.itu.int/>.

4 The main objectives of this meeting are to:

* Provide an update on the work of the U4SSC Thematic Groups and Working Groups;
* Discuss new U4SSC activities and approve the U4SSC Annual Work Plan (2025-2026).

5 Participation in the meeting is free of charge and is open to 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. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations.

6 Information relating to this meeting including the draft programme, speakers, remote connection details, and registration link will be available on the [Event website](https://u4ssc.itu.int/9th-meeting/) which will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates. Kindly note that registration to the meeting is mandatory to attend the meeting.

7 On 31 October 2025, in celebration of World Cities Day, a **Webinar on “Empowering Lives through People-Centred Smart Cities”** will be held from 1200 to 1300 hours (CET) as part of the Digital Transformation Dialogues series. More information is available on the [event website](https://www.itu.int/cities/digitaltransformationdialogues/empowering-lives-through-people-centred-smart-cities/).

Yours faithfully,

*(Signed)*

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