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To:
- Member states and ITU-D Sector Members for Africa Region
- International , Regional and sub-regional organizations

Subject: Cyber Drill - ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) fifth edition for Africa Region, at Afrikland hotel, Grand Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire, 1st -5th October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the fifth ITU ALERT - **Applied learning for Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)** international cyber drill for Africa Region that will be held at Afrikland hotel, Grand Bassam, in Cote d'Ivoire, from 1st -5th October 2018,   at the kind invitation of Autorité de Régulation des Télécommunications/TIC de Côte d'Ivoire (ARTCI).

This event will be organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and hosted by ARTCI within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Africa on Building Confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs agreed by the World Tele communication Development Conference 2017.

The purpose of the event is to enhance the communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective effort in mitigating cyber threats among the Region's national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs).

The two first days are dedicated to Technical capacity building workshop on CIRT operations.

The third day is dedicated to a conference which is an open forum for ICT professionals and decision makers in Government, industry, academia and NGOs levels to discuss their ideas for improving cybersecurity and resiliency for security in Africa region. The conference topics of interest include: incident response, Forensic and Malware Analysis, Threat Intelligence, Internet Resilience, Internet Security Policies.

The two last days are dedicated to the cyber drill exercises structured around various scenarios involving the most common types of cyberattacks while the sharing sessions provides a platform for cooperation and discussions on cybersecurity. This Cyberdrill is open to the CIRTs of Africa region who want to participate.

Since an important feature of this event is to conduct cyber drills/simulations on a number of practical cyber threats scenarios, the participation of at least two team members from your national CIRT and one senior manager in cybersecurity in your country is highly recommended.

Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the Agenda, registration form, hotel reservation form and practical information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/IvoryCoastcyberdrill2018.aspx
Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event.

Participants are requested to complete the online registration form available on the cyber drill website **not later than September , 23rd 2018**

Participants are strongly advised to take care, as early as possible, of their entry visas to Cote d'Ivoire as the approval procedure may take some days and they may be requested to present to the Cote d'Ivoire Embassy/Consulate in their countries an invitation letter from the local host ARTCI.

Although there is no participation fee for this meeting, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of your experts should be defrayed by your Administration / Organization / Company.

Should you require any further information, Mr. Serge Valery ZONGO, ITU Program Officer, Africa Regional Office (E-mail: serge.zongo@itu.int, phone number: +237 222 22 92 92) is at your disposal to assist you.

Yours faithfully,

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