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To:

- All African and Arab Administrations and Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members in Africa and Arab Regions
- International, Regional and sub-regional organizations

Subject: FIRST-ITU Regional Symposium for Arab and African Regions, 13th –15th November 2017 and Cyber Drill - ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) fourth edition for Africa Region, Dar Es Salam, 16th –17th November 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the FIRST-ITU Regional Symposium for the Arab and African Regions, from 13th –15th November 2017 and the ALERT – (Applied learning for Emergency Response Teams) international cyber drill for Africa and Arab Region, from 16th –17th November 2017 that will be held in Dar Es Salam, at the Bank of Tanzania Conference Centre, with the kind invitation of Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA).

This event is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST) and is hosted by Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA).

The purpose of the symposium is to provide an appropriate platform for senior ICT and cyber security officials from the African and Arab regions to discuss and formulate strategic directions and plans to tackle emerging threats to the global and regional cybersecurity sector.

The purpose of the cyber drill 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 regions' national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs)/ Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs).

The two first days are dedicated to two capacity building workshops with parallel tracks, the first one on CIRTs/CSIRTs management and the second one on technical aspects. To ensure the quality of the courses, places are limited to 40 persons per track.

The third day is dedicated to the FIRST-ITU symposium which is an open forum for ICT professionals and decision makers in government, industry, academia and NGOs to discuss their ideas on improving cybersecurity and resiliency for the Arab and African regions. The symposium will include topics such as

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incident response, forensic and malware analysis, threat Intelligence, internet resilience, and Internet security policies among others.

The two last days are dedicated to the cyber drill which will be structured around various scenarios involving existing and emerging cyberattacks administered to the Incident Response Teams for resolution.

The drill includes debriefing on the most appropriate solutions of the scenarios, as well as a platform for networking and discussions on how to improve cooperation.

This cyber drill is open to national CIRTs/CSIRTs from the Arab and Africa regions.

In order for the CIRTs/CSIRTs to benefit from the cyber drill, it is strongly recommended that at least two team members from your national CIRT/CSIRT and one senior cybersecurity manager are present.

Please be informed 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 www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/Tanzania_cyberdrill_2017.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 event website, www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/Tanzania_cyberdrill_2017.aspx, not later than 3 November 2016.

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

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.

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