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To:
Administrations of ITU Member States from
Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Pakistan, Papua New
Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa,
Tonga

Subject: In-depth Information Session on the Smart Villages and Smart Islands (SVSI) Asia-Pacific Project for Group 1 (Phase II Implementation), 10 June 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to thank you for your active participation and valuable contributions to the inception meeting of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the ITU project entitled “Enhancing the sustainability of Smart Villages and Smart Islands in the Asia-Pacific”, held on 24 April 2026. The project builds on lessons learned and best practices from Phase I of the Smart Villages and Smart Islands (SVSI) initiatives and aims to support the strengthening of national sustainability and governance frameworks through a whole-of-government and multi-stakeholder partnership approach, while ensuring that the six dimensions of sustainability promoted by ITU guide the implementation of SVSI initiatives.

Building on the outcomes of the inception meeting, which marked the formal launch of the Project Steering Committee and confirmed key next steps, including the finalization of coordination mechanisms, focal points, and implementation arrangements, I am pleased to invite you to an **in-depth information session** with **Group 1 countries** to support the planning and implementation of Phase II project activities in the respective countries.

The session will be held on 10 June 2026 from 09:00 to 10:00 (GMT+7) Bangkok time.

This session aims to focus on the practical, step-by-step implementation of Phase II, what is expected of the focal points and what ITU can offer in the course of implementation.

The SVSI focal point and concerned officials of your ministry and agency are invited to this information session. Please kindly send us the nomination of SVSI focal points if this was not done yet.

The concept note and provisional agenda for the meeting are provided in **Annex 1** for your reference. Additional information and updated documents related to the meeting will be made available on the project webpage at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/ICT-Applications/Pages/Initiatives/ASP/Smart-Islands/Enhancing-sustainability-of-SVSI-ASP.aspx>.

Participants are kindly requested to register for this meeting by 9 June 2026 using Zoom meeting link: <https://itu.zoom.us/join/registration/EZH32yEVQGuGnch1OPSkuw>

My colleagues, Ms. Rury Demsey (rury.demsey@itu.int) is the focal point for this project to provide any support and assistance.

I look forward to your participation and continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely,



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