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To:

- Nationals and regional CIRTs
- Member States and ITU-D Sector Members for Africa Region
- International, regional and sub-regional organizations

Subject: Eleventh edition of ITU CyberDrills for Africa region in Lilongwe, Malawi, 8-12 May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the eleventh ITU regional CyberDrill for Africa region which will be held in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 8 to 12 May 2023, at the kind invitation of the Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA).

This event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and hosted by MACRA within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Africa dedicated to Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/Information and communication technologies and protection of personal data as agreed by the 2022 World Telecommunication Development Conference.

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 and collaborative 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 remaining two days are dedicated to cyberdrill exercises structured around various scenarios involving the most common types of cyberattacks while the sharing sessions provide a platform for cooperation and discussions on cybersecurity. The cyberdrill is open to CIRTs in the Africa region who want to participate.

Since an important feature of this event is to conduct cyberdrills/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 made available on the ITU website at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/EVENTS/2023/Regional-Cyberdrill-for-Africa-.aspx>

Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event.

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

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 Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for Africa (E-mail: [serge.zongo@itu.int](mailto:serge.zongo@itu.int), phone number: +237 222 22 92 92) and Mr Christopher Banda, Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) (E-mail: [christopher.banda@macra.mw](mailto:christopher.banda@macra.mw) , phone number: +265 999 559 505) are at your disposal to assist you.

Yours faithfully,

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