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Policy Makers, Regulators and CSOs working on  
keeping children safe while online.

**Subject: ITU/Ghana Child Online Protection (COP) Forum as Part of Ghana's National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) in Accra, Ghana 28-30 October 2019.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is pleased to invite you to the COP Forum to be held in Accra, Ghana which is jointly organized by the ITU Regional Office for Africa and the Ministry of Communications of Ghana as part of the National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). The Forum is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the Kofi Anan International Peacekeeping Training Centre (KA IPTC) in Accra, Ghana.

One of the Regional Initiatives as set by the last WTDC for Africa region is building confidence in the use of ICTs and of particular focus for ITU is keeping children safe while online. To this end a lot of work has been done and resources on this can be accessed at [www.itu.int/cop](http://www.itu.int/cop). Adoption and roll out of COP initiatives in African countries is still in its early stages. In a bid to bring this discussion under the spotlight and to assist countries in overcoming challenges and making meaningful progress in this area.

The Forum will also afford an opportunity for national stakeholders including the youth to zoom in on this issue and together come up with recommendations on next steps in order to make children online experiences safer. The Forum will therefore aim at identifying different countries, while paying attention to have at least one country from each of the five regions in Africa, that have made strides with COP initiatives to share their experiences and also have an opportunity to appreciate the viewpoints of youth from Ghana on their use of the internet and what security concerns they have in their online interactions.

ITU will offer one full fellowship per one identified country from each region in Africa and will also facilitate the round table of the selected youth from all the regions in Ghana.

All information on the venue, registration, draft agenda and other documents related to the workshop can be found on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx>. For any additional information, you may contact Ida Jallow, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for Africa. Email: [Ida.Jallow@itu.int](mailto:Ida.Jallow@itu.int), Tel: +251 115 514977/4855 and Dr. Albert antwi-Boasiako, National Cybersecurity Advisor of Ghana's National Cyber Security Centre. Email: [info@cybersecurity.gov.gh](mailto:info@cybersecurity.gov.gh), Tel: +233 302 685628.

We look forward to your respective participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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