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Subject: **ITU Annual Regional Human Capacity Building Workshop for Sub-Saharan countries in Africa, Holiday Inn Mauritius, Plaine Magnien, Mauritius, 28-30 June 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius are pleased to invite your organization to the ITU annual regional human capacity building workshop for Sub-Saharan African countries to be held at the Holiday Inn Mauritius in Mon Trésor, Plaine Magnien, Mauritius, from 28 - 30 June 2017.

The workshop is organized by ITU Regional Office for Africa in partnership with the National Computer Board of Mauritius who are hosting the event.

This year's theme is "*Developing the ICT ecosystem to harness Internet-of-Things*" and aims to provide an opportunity for the participants to express their views and experiences on the following:

- The ICT ecosystem and enabling environment to foster Internet of Things deployment by looking at technology, standards, cross-sectoral policy, regulatory frameworks, and applications in this area.
- Building skills for ICT policy makers, regulators, telecom operators, and academia required to develop IoT Strategies.
- How to make practical use of IoTs and associated technologies such as Big data, analytics and other such platforms using hands-on exercises.

The main objective of these annual workshops is to provide a platform to African countries to share experiences, strengthen their knowledge and raise awareness on matters concerning the selected theme through a multi-stakeholders approach involving the role of government, educators, ICT/telecoms regulators and ministries, industry civil society, NGO and other organizations.

Documents relating to the event and regular updates thereto (information note, provisional programme, registration and hotel reservation) will be available on the ITU website at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/afr/events/2017. Registration will be done preferably online at the same web address not later than 20 June 2017.

The meeting will be paperless. Participants are therefore invited to download and print the needed documents before and during the event. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French during the meeting.

In order to benefit from the preferential hotel rates negotiated by the national coordinator for this event, participants are requested to complete the hotel reservation form and return it directly to the selected hotel, with a copy to Ms. Oumou Niang (e-mail: Oumou.niang@itu.int, Tel: +221 33 859 70 10) & Mr. Ashwin Seegolam (e-mail: aseegolam@ncb.mu, Tel: +230 601 27 00).

The host country will provide transportation between the airport and hotels, and between the hotels and the Venue and vice versa, for all delegates.

To facilitate the planning and coordination of airport transfers, delegates are requested to fax or e-mail the same form, indicating their flight numbers, dates and times (both arrival and departure) to Ms. Oumou Niang (e-mail: Oumou.niang@itu.int, Tel: +221 33 859 70 10) & Mr. Ashwin Seegolam (e-mail: aseegolam@ncb.mu, Tel: +230 601 27 00).

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I look forward seeing you at the workshop.

Yours faithfully

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