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Subject: **Workshop: Exploring Innovation in Transactions & Financing in the Caribbean, 1st – 3rd June 2016**

Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the “Exploring Innovation in Transactions & Financing in the Caribbean” Workshop which will be held in Trinidad and Tobago from 1st to 3rd June 2016 at the Hilton Trinidad and Conference Centre. The workshop is co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UNECLAC).

Its primary purpose is to provide Caribbean stakeholders from various sectors with interactive sessions along the theme of utilizing technology innovations towards the goal of improving financial transactions and financing arrangements. This workshop has been organized in collaboration with global partners to provide the aforementioned stakeholders with critical update on developments across the globe in the areas of financial technology (FinTech) and Digital Financial Services (DFS). It is very important that the sessions be grounded in the local and regional context hence the workshop will include participation of regional bodies which have been researching these areas such as the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and UNECLAC.

One day prior to the “Innovation in Transactions & Financing” Workshop, ITU in collaboration with Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (TATT), will hold a one (1) day regional Training Workshop on ITU Information and Communications Technology Indicators, at the same venue on 31st May, 2016. You are therefore also invited to participate in this one day Caribbean forum.

The first key objective of the IDI Indicators workshop is aimed at presenting the Measuring the Information Society (MIS) Report 2015, the ITU flagship annual analytical report on the state of ICT use, access and affordability worldwide. The second key objective is strengthening the capacity of countries to produce national statistics and indicators on telecommunications and ICTs.

The workshop will discuss, *inter alia*, an overview of the Work on ICT Measurements undertaken globally by ICT Data and Statistics Division, ITU/BDT; Big Data, Data Quality and Big Data in ICT and in overall development, as well as Internet of Things (IoT) and finance-based mobile applications. These topics are of increasing importance in the financial services sector.

To participate, please register on-line using the link available at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud> **no later than 27 May 2016.**

The preliminary working agendas of the events are attached. Practical information for participants is available on the web page of the event: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2016/15534.aspx>.

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I am very much looking forward to welcoming you to this important event.

Yours sincerely,



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Annexes:

- 1- Preliminary Working Agenda
- 2- Practical Information