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**Subject: The Grand Bahama Tech Summit & ITU's Caribbean Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI),
Internet of Things (IOT), Policies and Regulations
Grand Lucayan Convention Center, Freeport, Bahamas, 28 to 30 October, 2019**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the “The Grand Bahama Tech Summit & ITU’s Caribbean Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IOT), Policies and Regulations.” The event is co-organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Government of the Bahamas and will be held at the Grand Lucayan Convention Center in Freeport, Grand Bahama from 28 to 30 October 2019.

A technological revolution that represents the future of computing and communications is taking place worldwide. This workshop seeks to provide a platform to discuss trends in Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things and Smart Cities and discuss the role of artificial intelligence and IoT to shape smarter and more sustainable cities. It will also provide a platform to discuss some of the potential opportunities and challenges that the Caribbean region may face as it relates to policies, regulations and investments in this dynamic new era.

The workshop will therefore cover the next major phase of wireless and mobile telecommunications standards beyond the current 4G/IMT-Advanced standards while introducing the most dominant technologies and architectures. Issues related to the regulation of these new eco-systems will also be discussed - technological landscape aspects and inherent challenges.

The targeted Caribbean stakeholder audience includes:

- Innovators
- Policy makers & leaders seeking greater participation in digital economy
- Financial and telecommunications/ICT regulators
- Academia and Institutions critical to research and development of the innovation sector
- Entrepreneurs seeking to develop and use innovative financial solutions
- Mobile Network Operators, Banks, Financial Service Providers, Mobile Financial Services Platform Providers,
- International Organizations, NGOs involved in financial inclusion programmes and Civil Society

The draft preliminary working agenda, practical information for participants and the registration form are all available online at:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2019/24039.aspx>.

For further information, please contact Cleveland.thomas@itu.int, ITU Area Representative for Caribbean countries, sylvester.cadette@itu.int, or Sheron.small@itu.int. The telephone contact is +246-431-0343. We look forward to your positive response and active participation in these important events.

Yours sincerely,
[original signed]

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