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Subject: ITU Subregional Seminar "Priorities for Youth in the Digital World: Jobs and Education" in Santiago, Chile, 16-17 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Subregional Seminar "Priorities for Youth in the Digital World: Jobs and Education"**, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the International Labor Organization (ILO) and with support of the Descubreme Foundation. The event will be held physically in Santiago, Chile, from 16-17 May 2024.

This seminar aims to strengthen dialogue and cooperation on digital inclusion, digital jobs, and the development of digital skills for youth. Within the context of meaningful universal connectivity, the seminar will explore challenges and opportunities for the educational and socio-economic integration of all young people and their empowerment through information and communication technologies (ICTs). Likewise, this event seeks to create a space for intergenerational dialogue on closing digital gaps for vulnerable youth, with particular emphasis on young women, youth with disabilities, and youth from indigenous, rural, and remote communities, in efforts to leave no one behind in the digital world.

On the second day of the event, we will celebrate the <u>World Telecommunication and Information Society</u> <u>Day (WTISD)</u>, under the theme "Digital Innovation for Sustainable Development". The goal is to promote the exchange of experiences and best practices in innovation, entrepreneurship, and skills development as tools for meaningful youth participation in the digital economy.

We count on your support and participation. For more information, please do not hesitate to contact the ITU Youth Focal Point for the Americas, Ms. Blenda Silva (<u>blenda.silva@itu.int</u>).

Yours faithfully,

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