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**Subject: Invitation to the ITU – ALECSO Smart Learning Forum:
Towards a Unified Vision for Smart Learning in the Arab Region
Dubai-UAE, 14-16 December 2015**

Sir/Madam,

In accordance with the ITU Arab Regional Initiative on Smart Learning adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference WTDC (Dubai, 2014), and within the framework of the 2015 activities of the ITU Arab Regional Office and the ALECSO Learning Development Plan (2008-2018), I am pleased to invite you to join us at the ***“ITU/ALECSO Smart Learning Forum: Towards a Unified Vision for Smart Learning in the Arab Region”*** in Dubai-UAE, from 14-16 December 2015. The Forum will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in cooperation with ALECSO and kindly hosted by the United Arab Emirates.

The Forum aims to:

- Set a common vision for Smart learning in the Arab region among all relevant stakeholders with the aim of promoting Smart Learning in the Arab region in the coming years
- Facilitate dialogue between officials from the Ministries of Education and Ministries of ICT in the Arab region to create a common understanding and vision for smart learning in the Arab region
- Launch the Guidelines on formulating national strategies on smart learning
- Launch the study on the deployment of various computing devices in schools to create smart classroom infrastructure
- Launch the study on high quality online content development in schools
- Launch the study on Capacity Building for Teacher Educators in Integration of ICTs
- Launch the study on the development of mobile educational apps targeted for Arab region
- Raise awareness on the challenges and opportunities of smart learning in the Arab region
- Facilitate dialogue among the officials from the Ministries of Education and ICT in the Arab countries to create a common understanding and vision for smart learning in the Arab region
- Highlight best practices in smart learning in the Arab region and abroad
- Create support network of policy experts to help Arab Ministries of Education and ICT during national policy development, contextualization and implementation



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All the related documents are posted on the following webpage:

<http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2015/SL/default.aspx>

Participants are encouraged to register through the Registration link available at the event's website mentioned above. Noting that the deadline for Registration is **10/12/2015**.

Looking forward to your kind participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Al Haddad'.

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