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To:

- All Arab Administrations & Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia
- Regional/International Organizations
- Critical National Sectors/National CERTs

**Subject: Regional Cybersecurity Week 2018 for the Arab Region**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the ITU Arab Regional Cybersecurity Centre (ARCC) in Oman and in collaboration with the ITU Arab Regional Office (ARO), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Cybersecurity week for the Arab Region from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 in Kuwait, kindly hosted by the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority (CITRA) of Kuwait.

The cybersecurity week aims to share experiences, consolidate and enhance cooperation among Arab countries in the field of cybersecurity in general and identify clear mechanisms to tackle threats and attacks in the Arab and international cyber space. This week events will include:

- **The 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Cybersecurity Summit to be held from 21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018** under the theme “Cybersecurity Readiness in the Fourth Industrial Revolution” that aims to address the best preventive strategies to counteract cyber threats. For more information about and registration for the Summit , please visit [www.rcssummit.com](http://www.rcssummit.com).
- **The 6<sup>th</sup> Regional Cyber Drill ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) on 23<sup>rd</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018.** The drill seeks to enhance communication and capacity building and boost emergency readiness and response to cyber threats and/or attacks through the Arab CIRTs. Countries that have their own national CIRTs are invited to participate with a team of three to four technical members in addition to one management member or a decision maker as an observer (optional), while countries that have not yet completed the establishment of their National CIRT can participate as an observer (1 to 3 observers). Registration is available through <http://arcc.om/registration>

- **The ITU –T Study Group 17 Arab Regional group (SG17RG-ARB) Second Meeting** to be held on **Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018**. The meeting of the regional group will be mainly attended by delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates to Study Group 17 in the region. For registration please visit the following link: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/17/sg17rgarb/Pages/default.aspx>.
- **The 6<sup>th</sup> annual Arab Cybersecurity Cooperation Team meeting (ACCT)** for the Head or the representatives of Arab CIRTs to explore areas of cooperation in cybersecurity field in the Arab region which is scheduled to be held on **22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, at 15:00 pm** in parallel with the 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Cybersecurity Summit.

For more information about the events, please visit the ARCC website <http://www.arcc.om> or the link <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2018/Cyber/Cyber.aspx>

You can register for both events (Regional Summit and Regional cyber Drill) via the following link: <http://arcc.om/registration> Please note that the deadline for registration is **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**.

**Participants are also advised to take the necessary steps to obtain a Kuwaiti visa as soon as possible.** For further questions about the Regional Cybersecurity Week activities, please contact us at [arcc@ita.gov.om](mailto:arcc@ita.gov.om)

Yours faithfully



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