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Subject: ITU Forum & Training on "With ICTs everywhere - How safe is EMF?" and

Training on E-waste Statistics
Zanzibar-Tanzania, 9-12 April 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that at the kind invitation of Universal Communications Service Access Fund (UCSAF) and Tanzania Communications Regulatory Authority (TCRA), ITU Forum & Training on "With ICT's everywhere - How safe is EMF?" and Training on E-waste Statistics will be held on 10 April Morning and 12 April in Zanzibar - Tanzania, during the ITU Green Standards Week (GSW) of 9 to 12 April 2018 (for more information on ITU GSW, Click here).

The **Forum** will provide an overview of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) considerations in sustainable environment including its measurements methods and related policy.

The **Training on E-waste Statistics** will highlight the importance of addressing the global e-waste challenge, including through better e-waste statistics and monitoring. The training will focus on providing an overview of the current statistics on e-waste, the methods of producing electronic waste statistics at the national level to help countries generate e-waste data. It will also allow participants to share experiences, knowledge and challenges, including in the area of national coordination. This training is being organized in collaboration with the Global Partnership on E-Waste Statistics (for more info about this partnership, <u>Click here</u>).

The programme of the ITU Green Standard Week will be as follows:

- 9 April 2018 (morning): 12th ITU Symposium on ICT, Environment and Climate Change.
- 9 April 2018 (afternoon): ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for Africa (SG5RG-AFR).
- 10 April 2018 (morning): Forum & Training on With ICT's everywhere How safe is EMF?
- 10 April 2018 (afternoon): ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG5RG-ARB) & ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Africa (SG20RG-AFR).
- 11 April 2018 (morning): Forum on Artificial Intelligence and Internet of Things in the development of Smart Sustainable Cities.
- 11 April 2018 (afternoon): ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Africa (SG20RG-AFR).
- 12 April 2018: Training on E-waste Statistics.

These events are targeting specialists in the field of ICTs, environment and E-Waste, Electromagnetic field (EMF), from developing countries, ITU Member States, ICT regulatory agencies, municipalities, environmental ministries, statistics offices, policy makers, the private sector and national and international agencies working on environmental related issues.

The Forum and Training on EMF and E-waste Statistics will be conducted in Arabic, English and French with simultaneous interpretation. Please note that all the information related to the above events, including the draft agenda, fellowship form, practical information for participants, online registration link and hotel accommodation, transportation, visa and health requirements, will be available on the ITU Arab Regional Office website (Click here). This website will be updated as new or modified information becomes available.

We encourage you to participate and to register in these events through the above-mentioned link. Please note that the deadline for registration is 1^{st} April 2018.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LIC) in these events, there will be a limited number of **partial fellowships** to cover the accommodation expenses of one delegate from each Arab LDC. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the events website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **20 March 2018**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification on the above events, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int).

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

Yours sincerely,

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