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Theme: “ICT④SDGs: Towards the implementation of WTDC17 outcomes”
And the Regional Workshop on New Technologies
Algiers – Algeria, 12-15 February 2018

Dear Sir/ Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2018 ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region; that will be held on 12-13 February 2018 under the theme: “ICT④SDGs: Towards the implementation of WTDC17 outcomes”, which will be followed by the Regional Workshop on New Technologies, 14-15 February 2018. Both events are organized in Algiers by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), at the kind host of the Ministry of Post, Telecommunications, Technologies and Digitalization (MPTTN) of Algeria.

Mr. Brahim Sanou, BDT Director, will be present during these events providing opening remarks.

The Regional Development Forum will provide an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the ITU Arab Regional Office and decision-makers of ITU Member States and Sector Members. This Forum will serve as a platform for assessing strategic orientations for the Operational Regional Plans for the period 2018-2021, including the proposed programme for implementing the five regional initiatives.

The Workshop will discuss the latest new technologies such as 5G, Cloud Computing, Big Data and Internet of Things.

These events will be conducted in three languages: Arabic, English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

Please note that all the information related to these events such as Agenda, Fellowship Form, Information Note, Online Registration link and the Hotel Reservation Form will be available on the following ITU website ([Click Here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register in these events through the link mentioned above. Please note that the deadline for registration is **1st of February 2018**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in these events, there will be a limited number of **Full Fellowships to cover the accommodation and travel expenses** to one delegate from each Arab Least Developing Country (LDC). The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the event's website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **15th January 2018**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact: Mr. Slaheddine Maaref, Senior Advisor, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (slaheddine.maaref@itu.int) or Mrs. Hassina LAREDJ, Director of Cooperation and International Relations, Ministry of Post, Telecommunications, Technologies and Digitalization, Algeria, Email (H.Laredj@mpttn.gov.dz).

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

Yours sincerely,



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