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To: Arab Administrations of ITU Member States,
Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members,
Associates, Academia and Regional and
International Organizations concerned

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on securing the critical infrastructure for financial Industry from 14-15 October 2018 & Cybersecurity and Web Accessibility for the Financial Sector from 16-18 October 2018
Giza – Egypt

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the implementation of the ITU Arab Regional Initiatives adopted in the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the upcoming two events:

- **ITU Regional Workshop on securing the critical infrastructure for financial Industry from 14- 15 October 2018:** This Workshop aims to address cyber threats targeting the critical infrastructure for banking industry, trying to understand attacks and fraud targeting banks and the need to improving cybersecurity at the financial sector. The workshop will cover also the cybersecurity strategy for banks and for the whole financial sector in terms of coordination, information sharing to fight cyber threats. This workshop is designed to address mid to senior level management from policy makers, regulators, corporate executives and managers undertaking cybersecurity responsibilities in their respective organizations and especially cybersecurity professionals from the banking sector.
- **ITU Web Accessibility training for Web Developers in Banks from 16-18 October 2018:** This Training is designed for the banking sector and in specific project managers, website developers, designers, digital content creators, leaders in charge of social responsibility projects within banks and will address the following questions:
 - ✓ What is web accessibility?
 - ✓ How to implement it in terms of policy and internally within organizations.
 - ✓ What are assistive technologies and how they are used by persons with disabilities.
 - ✓ What are the Web Content Accessibility Standards and how to implement them?
 - ✓ How to validate accessibility, including through user testing by PwD.

Both of these events will be organized in collaboration with the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt and the Egyptian Banking Institute (EBI), and will be held in Cairo – Egypt.

Please note that all the information related to the workshop and the training such as draft Agenda, Fellowship Forms, Information Note and the Online Registration link, will be available on the ITU website ([Click Here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register in both events through the link mentioned above, no later than **10 October 2018**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Country (LICs) in these events, ITU is pleased to provide **one full Fellowship** to cover the travel and accommodation cost of one delegate from each Arab LDCs and LICs for each event. Applicants requesting fellowships are required to submit their Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the event's website mentioned above, duly signed by their respective Administrations by no later than **22 September 2018**.

We would appreciate it if you can extend this invitation to the Central Banks in your countries to disseminate within the banking sector.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact: Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (karim.abdelghani@itu.int) or Ms. Rouda Al Amir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (Rouda.AlamirAli@itu.int).

Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in these important events.

Yours sincerely,



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