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**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on Bridging the Digital Innovation Divide
Cairo - Egypt , 1-2 October 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the ITU Regional Workshop on “Bridging the Digital Innovation Divide: Fostering Digital Entrepreneurship and Startup Ecosystems”, which will take place in Cairo – Egypt, from 1-2 October 2019, and organized in collaboration with The Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (TIEC).

The overall objective of this workshop is to promote entrepreneurship and develop innovative frameworks for the benefit of start-ups in Arab countries based on digital technologies.

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

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the link mentioned above. Please note that the deadline for registration is **25 September 2019**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs) in this event, there will be a limited number of **Full Fellowships** to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of one delegate from each LDCs/LICs. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **1 September 2019**.

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).

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

Yours sincerely,

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