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- Arab Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates
- Academia Institutions
- Regional and International Organizations concerned
- Regional chairs and vice chairs of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and Study Groups

**Subject: ITU Online Workshop on ICTs Tabletop Exercises, Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) and Tampere Convention for Disaster Management in the Arab region**  
**28-29 Oct 2020 (14:00-17:00) pm Cairo time**

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is my pleasure to invite you to the ITU Online Workshop on ICT Tabletop Exercises, Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) and Tampere Convention for Disaster Management in the Arab region, organized by the International Telecommunication Union and to be held online on **28-29 Oct 2020 (14:00-17:00) pm Cairo time**. The workshop will be delivered in English only.

In the face of strong natural hazards and pandemics, such as the global COVID-19, and as in any other emergency, the speed and efficiency of a response is proportional to the level of preparedness. To help countries be better prepared for disaster response, ITU is developing this event that provides the opportunity to learn how to increase resilience, improve national coordination for disaster management among different stakeholders and deliver early warnings to communities at risk in a timely manner.

This 2-days online workshop will highlight the benefits of using the [Common Alerting Protocol \(CAP\)](#), which is a standard for exchanging all-hazard emergency alerts and public warnings over all kinds of ICT networks, provide an opportunity to learn the advantages of developing [Table-Top exercises](#), and raise awareness on the importance of the [Tampere Convention](#).

This online workshop targets policy makers from ministries of ICTs, ICTs regulators, disaster management organizations, red crescent and red cross organizations, private sector entities, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and other participants from humanitarian organizations, as well as academic institutions and media.

Detailed information on this online workshop including registration which will close in **24 of Oct**, access to Online room and the draft programme details which can be access from the event homepage at the following link ([Click here](#))<sup>1</sup>.

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I look forward to your participation and invaluable contribution towards the success of this important workshop.

Yours faithfully,



**Adel Darwish**  
Regional Director

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2020/CAP/CAP.aspx>