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Subject: Launch of the Regional E-waste Monitor for Arab States and Sharing Findings of the 2050

E-Waste Outlook in West Asia

01st December 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 CET

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to the above-mentioned online launch event, organized jointly by International Telecommunications Union (ITU), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)/United Nations University (UNU), which will be held on **01**st **December 2021, from 10:00 to 11:00 (CET).** The online event will be conducted in Arabic, English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

The objective of the launch event is to mark the launch of the Regional E-waste Monitor for Arab States publication and share finding of the 2050 electrical and electronic waste outlook in West Asia with a purpose of harmonizing e-waste data and promoting actions on electrical and electronic waste in the Arab region. The Arab States Regional E-waste Monitor and the 2050 E-waste Outlook aim to provide an overview of the current e-waste situation in the region and enable public and private stakeholders to use the data collected to make informed decisions for e-waste management, which can help reduce e-waste generation, prevent illegal dumping, promote recycling and create jobs in the sector. The launch event will highlight some of the key e-waste statistics observed and projected, whilst providing a platform to expand the discussion based on these findings to stakeholders from across the region. The launch event will also help promote the work of ITU, UNITAR/UNU and UNEP on e-waste management in the region.

The event targets specialists from ICT ministries and regulators, national statistics offices, environment ministries, mobile operators, government agencies, United Nations organizations and non-governmental organizations interested in e-waste topics.

Please note that all the information related to the webinar, including the agenda, online registration link, connectivity requirements, etc. will be available on the event website ($\frac{\text{click here}}{\text{click here}}$)¹.

We encourage you to participate and to register in this important event through the above-mentioned link. Please note that the deadline for registration is **27 Nov. 2021**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification on the webinar, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail: (mustafa.almahdi@itu.int), Mr. lyngararasan Mylvakanam, UNEP West Asia Office, E-mail: (iyngararasan.mylvakanam@un.org) and Dr. Kees Baldé, Senior Programme Officer, UNU-ViE-SCYCLE, E-mail: (balde@vie.unu.edu).

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

Yours sincerely,

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¹ https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2021/E-waste/E-waste.aspx