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Subject: Invitation to the Virtual Webinar Session on ITU's Mandate and Regional Focus

Dear Madam/Sir,

I would like to wish you a happy 2021 and a great start to a year I hope filled with achievements, health and happiness to you, your family and the colleagues at your office.

In light of the preparations by the UN country teams in the region to develop a Common Country Assessments (CCAs) and a UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UN SD CF), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) would like to explore opportunities for collaboration and engagement.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 we at ITU took notice of the accelerated efforts by governments regionally and globally to digitally transform and provide meaningful connectivity to all their citizens. Naturally, Ministries of communications and information technologies along with telecom regulators are at the heart of these efforts. As ITU is the UN specialized agency for information and communication technologies we are supporting member states and stakeholders in this effort.

With this background, we would like to invite you to a virtual webinar to brief you and your teams on the role and focus of ITU in the Arab region and more importantly, to highlight areas where ITU can contribute in the processes for the CCAs and UNDCFs. The session will take place on **February 18th at 12:00 to 14:00 Cairo Local Time.**

Detailed information including the draft agenda, registration link and related documents can be accessed from the event homepage at the following link: ([Click here](#))¹. Please note that the deadline for registration is **17 Feb. 2021**.

For more inquiries or further information, kindly contact: Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator (karim.abdelghani@itu.int).

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

Yours faithfully,



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¹ <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2021/UNRC/mandate.aspx>