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- **Arab Administrations of ITU Member States**
- **Arab Regulators**
- **ITU-D Sector Members**

Subject: **ITU Regional Cybersecurity Readiness Exercise, Marrakech - Morocco, 29-31 May 2024**

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to invite your organization to participate in the **ITU Regional Cybersecurity Readiness Exercise**, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Marrakech, Morocco on **29-31 May** 2024 at the kind invitation of Directorate General for Information Systems Security (DGSSI).

The **Readiness Exercise** aims to bring together the cybersecurity community throughout the region while fostering international cooperation. It will emphasize the role of national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs), Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs), and Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs), in building cyber resilience and protecting critical information infrastructure.

During the initial two days of the event, participants will engage in hands-on exercises centered around diverse scenarios related to emerging cyberattacks. Additionally, attendees will have the chance to share their experiences, foster collaboration, and explore training prospects in the field of cybersecurity. On the third day, participants can immerse themselves in the Positive Hack Days festival, which includes the pivotal Standoff event.

Considering the practical nature of the event, we encourage participation of teams from ITU's member states, comprising a minimum of two members of your national CIRT. This team structure will allow to gain maximum benefit from the cyber threat simulations.

This event will be conducted in English. Please note that this event will be held in a paperless format. All relevant documents such as the event Programme, Registration Form (which will be closed on **27 May 2024)** and the Practical Information for participants, will be posted on the event webpage (Click here)1.

There is no fee for participation in the event, however, all expenses related to travel, accommodation and insurance of participants must be covered by their administration. Participants who require an entry visa must apply to the Moroccan Consular office at their place of permanent residence.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs), there will be a limited number of **partial Fellowships** to cover the travel expenses of one delegate from each LDCs. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form (Annex 1), sign and validate it and return it to ITU no later than **16 April 2024**.

For further enquiries on the event, please contact: Mr. Ahmed ElRaghy, Senior Advisor at the ITU Regional Office for Arab states (email: Ahmed.ElRaghy@itu.int).

Looking forward to your active participation in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

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1 https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2024/Cyber_Mor/Cybersecurity.aspx