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Subject: **ITU Regional Workshop "Towards Universal and Meaningful Connectivity for Arab Region", Algiers – Algeria, 11-12 November 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the ITU Regional Workshop "Towards Universal and Meaningful Connectivity for Arab Region", organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with Algérie Télécom, under the high patronage of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications. This workshop will be held from 11 to 12 November 2024 in Algiers, Algeria at Ecole Supérieure D'hôtellerie et de Restauration (ESHRA). The working language will be English and interpretation in Arabic and French will be provided for both on-site and remote participants.

This workshop aims to familiarize the ITU memberships in the Arab region as well as representatives of the telecommunications industry and specialists in the field of digital infrastructure with the various ITU infrastructure portfolios, including ITU global and regional initiatives. This would support countries to map broadband infrastructure and provide them with tools and practices to identify gaps related to infrastructure, the most promising options for infrastructure connectivity enhancement, increase human potential, as well as the choice of appropriate technology with the lowest CAPEX, give an overview of business planning of connectivity projects to ensure their viability by key representatives of the industry, as well as the development of targeted recommendations for the further formation of partnerships in this field. Therefore, engage investors for collaboration to bridge the connectivity gaps.

The event will offer a valuable platform to connect Member States and policymakers, the tech industry and private sector's representatives, with development organizations including development banks, UN agencies, researchers, education institutions, and media among others.

Registration for the workshop should be completed online through the following link: here. Interested candidates must sign in using their existing ITU user account credentials, which include a username and password. If they have previously created a user account for any recent ITU meeting, that account remains valid and can be used to register for this workshop. Candidates who do not have an ITU user account can

create a new one by following the instructions available here. If any assistance is needed with the registration process, they may contact directly BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

There is no participation fee for this workshop. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by their Administration/Organization. Candidates who are selected but are not able to travel can also participate remotely, provided that they complete the online registration, and their application is accepted.

Candidates are advised to first register for the workshop and complete the following two ITU Academy training courses Introduction to Broadband Mapping and Business planning for ICT infrastructure development. All participants will receive further guidance on the possibility of preparing a short contribution to present during the sessions.

Additional information about content and logistics will be provided in due course and will be made available on the ITU Regional Workshop Towards Universal and Meaningful Connectivity for Arab Region, Algiers – Algeria, 11-12 November 2024. For any queries regarding this workshop, please contact Ms. Rouda Alamir Ali at ITU-RO-ArabStates@itu.int. For questions concerning the venue, accommodation, and visa support, please contact Mr. Mohamed Amine Benziane at mohamed.benziane@algerietelecom.dz, copying the above-mentioned ITU email.

I look forward to your registration and your active participation in this Regional Workshop.

Yours faithfully,

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