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- Chairs and Vice Chairs of ITU-D Study Groups
- Organizations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs)

Subject: Invitation to the fourth edition of 'Accessible Arab Region 2025: ICT for ALL' Amman, Jordan, 29-30 April 2025

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the fourth edition of "Accessible Arab Region 2025: ICT for ALL" event organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and graciously hosted by the Jordanian Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC), in Amman, Jordan, from 29 to 30 April 2025. The event will be conducted in Arabic, English and French with simultaneous interpretation. The sign language will be also provided.

The event aims to raise awareness on the policies and initiatives for digital accessibility, exchange lessons learned, strengthen communication among participants, with a focus on knowledge development and capacity building. The event will showcase good practices for enabling all people to effectively access the digital world, ensuring that the needs of marginalized communities, persons with disabilities and older persons are considered in the planning and design of digital solutions.

Through this platform, ITU and ESCWA call upon all Member States and stakeholders to explore ways to enhance and mainstream digital accessibility, providing innovative and equitable solutions that ensure digital inclusion and empowerment for all. Participants will also discuss how to enable seamless access to the digital world, addressing daily needs and improving the quality of life. The event will highlight key initiatives and activities supporting the implementation of digital inclusion policies and strategies, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and other relevant global commitments.

This event serves as a regional knowledge-sharing platform bringing together all relevant stakeholders to discuss requirements, standards and principles of inclusive digital design. It aims to support UN Member States and regional stakeholders by facilitating the exchange of good practices, discussing challenges, and leveraging the potential in digital accessibility. It also provides a unique networking and partnership opportunity to achieve the overarching goal of digital inclusion for all in the Arab region.

The event brings together all relevant stakeholders, including the public and private sectors, non-governmental organizations, technology companies, start-ups, Experts, researchers, as well as relevant regional and international organizations.

More information about the event, including <u>registration</u> and agenda, can be accessed through the <u>ITU</u> and <u>ESCWA</u> web pages. Please note that the deadline for registration via the mentioned link is **25 April 2025**. For inquiries or further information, please contact: Ms. Rouda Alamir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for the Arab States (<u>rouda.alamirali@itu.int</u>) and Ms. Mirna El Hajj Barbar, Programme Management Officer, ESCWA (<u>barbarm@un.org</u>).

We look forward to your participation and invaluable contribution towards the success of this event. Yours faithfully,

(signed) Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (signed) Tarik Alami Acting Director, Statistics, Information Society and Technology Cluster United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)