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Subject: **Pacific Regional Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) Workshop
4 – 7 December 2018, Suva, Fiji**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in **Pacific Regional Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC)** to be held in Suva, Fiji from 4 – 7 December 2018.

The workshop is being organized under the Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) of which ITU is a partner organization, and is also supported by the Department of Communications and the Arts, Government of Australia.

The workshop supports activities of ITU Asia-Pacific regional office to address the outcomes of the Regional Initiatives on consideration for specific needs of Island States and to assist membership in challenges related to climate change and disaster management . The workshop will cover, amongst others, issues related to:

- ICT and its role in disaster risk reduction and its mitigation
- Development of National Emergency Telecommunication Plan (NETP) and relevant case studies from region
- Roles of Regional Organization and telcos in Disaster Management
- PPDR networks, GMDSS and MARS database

The draft program is attached (Annex A) for your information. Further details on this event including the updated agenda and online **registration** form may be accessed through event webpage at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2018/ETC-Pacific/main.aspx>

ITU is pleased to provide **one fellowship** per eligible country from ITU membership from Pacific Island States, subject to availability of funds, with preference to those related applicants who would be able to share relevant national best practices during the workshop. Applicants requesting fellowships are required to submit their fellowship request forms (attached as Annex-B) duly validated by their respective Administrations no later than **14th November 2018**.

For any further information or queries related to the event, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Aamir Riaz (aamir.riaz@itu.int).

I look forward to active participation from your end in the event.

Yours faithfully,



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- Annexure A - Draft Program
- Annexure B - Fellowship Form