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## Subject:The Asia and the Pacific Regional Dialogue on Digital Transformation: Gearing Up for<br/>Inclusive and Sustainable Development, Virtual, 7 to 10 December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the Asia and the Pacific Regional Dialogue on Digital Transformation: Gearing Up for Inclusive and Sustainable Development, which will be held online from 7 to 10 December 2021.

The Regional Dialogue aims to foster partnerships on digital transformation among ICT and non-ICT experts, government officials, private sector, civil society and academia. This Dialogue is organized in support of the <u>Partner2Connect Digital Coalition</u> which was launched in September 20 and the preparation for the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC). More specifically, the Regional Dialogue will provide a platform to discuss emerging trends, challenges and opportunities of digital transformation and help accelerate efforts towards inclusive and sustainable development using digital technology in 2022.

The Regional Dialogue will also run in parallel with other programs organised together with other developmental organisation and industry partners, including:

- 1. The Regional Innovation Forum for Asia and the Pacific;
- 2. Financial Inclusion Global Initiative China and the ITU's Digital Financial Services Security Lab;
- 3. Digital Technology Innovations Series Webinar#3: "5G and Fintech Revolutions"
- 4. The Introduction to the Regional Hour of Code: Promoting STEM Education amongst Girls;
- 5. The Asia and the Pacific Regional Hour of Code and;
- 6. other parallel tracks,

Please note that all information related to the event, including the Provisional Agenda, presentations, practical and registration information are available at the Regional Dialogue event website at: <u>http://itu.int/go/DG9H.</u> Deadline for registration is **Sunday, 5 December 2021**.

The Regional Dialogue is open to the public, and we welcome your support to extend this invitation to policymakers, regulators, civil servants, academia and civil society members from the ICT as well as non-ICT sectors, including agriculture, education, energy, finance, health and social development, who are interested to contribute to and participate in this Dialogue on digital transformation.

Should you require any further information, Mr. Sean Doral (<u>sean.doral@itu.int</u>) would be your focal point for the event. I look forward to your active participation and engagement at the Regional Dialogue.

Yours faithfully,

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