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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States from CIS region
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members, Associates, Regional Organizations, and Academia from CIS region

**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on *Calibrating the Policy, Legal and Regulatory Environment to Enable the Digital Economy*, Moscow, Russia, 7-8 September 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop on *Calibrating the Policy, Legal and Regulatory Environment to Enable the Digital Economy*, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU with the support of the Ministry of Telecom and Mass Communications of the Russian Federation and in collaboration with VEON Ltd., ITU-D Sector Member. The Workshop will be held in Moscow, Russia from 7 to 8 September.

This Workshop is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, operators, equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Academia.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing experiences on policy, legal and regulatory aspects. In particular, the Workshop will cover following issues:

- Evolving digital economies and the information society: the impact of digitization in Eurasia
- Digital business models and new players in the digital economy
- Challenges and opportunities of disruption – a policy perspective
- Smart society and Big Data: definition, application and value
- Key elements of Big Data: a conversation
- The future of the internet: IoT, IoE etc.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

The event will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: [https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2017/09\\_Moscow/09\\_Moscow.aspx](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2017/09_Moscow/09_Moscow.aspx)

There is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

Participants are invited to complete the registration form (Annex 2) and send it as by email to [itumosocw@itu.int](mailto:itumosocw@itu.int) **no later than 1 September 2017.**

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region. An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the Fellowship Form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: [fellowships@itu.int](mailto:fellowships@itu.int) or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 15 August 2017.**

Should you have any questions or need clarifications regarding the Workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: [farid.nakhli@itu.int](mailto:farid.nakhli@itu.int) ; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization.

Yours faithfully,

[ Original signed ]

Brahima Sanou  
Director

**Annexes:**

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Visa Support Form