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To:

- Communication Administrations of ITU Member States from CIS region
- National Statistical Offices, Regulators, Sector Members, Associates, Regional Organizations, Academia from CIS region

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, 31 January – 2 February 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) I am pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the ITU in collaboration with Ministry of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan and with the support of the Committee on Statistics of the Ministry of National Economy of the Republic of Kazakhstan and will be held in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan, from 31 January to 2 February 2018.

The workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of countries to produce national statistics and indicators on telecommunications and ICTs. It is intended for experts who are responsible for collecting or producing such statistics in ministries, regulatory agencies and national statistical offices.

The workshop will discuss the main groups of telecommunication/ICT indicators, their definitions and methodological issues, the dissemination and harmonization of ICT data at the international level, as well as existing mechanisms of national coordination of ICT statistics. Also, the participants will have the opportunity to share the experience of their countries in the collection and harmonization of telecommunication/ICT indicators.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

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

The Workshop will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: <a href="https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2018/01">https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2018/01</a> Almaty/01 Almaty.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 by email to z.khudaybergenova@mic.gov.kz and itumoscow@itu.int no later than 24 January 2018.

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 or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 no later than 10 January 2018.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation etc., regarding the Workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Zulfia Khudaybergenova, Director, Department of Communications, Ministry of Information and Communication of the Republic of Kazakhstan (email: <a href="mailto:r.khudaybergenova@mic.gov.kz">r.khudaybergenova@mic.gov.kz</a>; telephone: +7 7172 74 03 16). For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for CIS (email: <a href="mailto:farid.nakhli@itu.int">farid.nakhli@itu.int</a>; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

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

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Kirill Oparin Head, ITU Area Office

## **Annexes:**

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