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- Administrations of ITU Member States in the CIS region
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members and Academia in the CIS region
- Regional telecommunication organizations in the CIS region

Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on deployment of VoLTE/ViLTE networks based on IMS. From standardization to implementation, Samarkand, Republic of Uzbekistan, 2-3 October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the *Regional Workshop on deployment of VoLTE/ViLTE networks based on IMS. From standardization to implementation* for the CIS region, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU in collaboration with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and will be held in Samarkand, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 2 to 3 October 2018.

This Workshop provides platform for representatives from ministries, regulators, telecommunication operators, academia, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and development institutes, software developers and other relevant stakeholders from ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates in the CIS region.

The Workshop is aimed at sharing experiences on IMS and VoLTE technologies. In particular, the Workshop will cover following issues:

- Principles of 4G networks (VoLTE/ViLTE) deployment based on IMS platform
- Key scalability challenges in the IMS-based VoLTE/ViLTE networks
- Role of ENUM in VoLTE/ViLTE interconnection
- Legal, normative and regulatory aspects of IMS and VoLTE application
- Directions of international standardization that will help to resolve challenges faced by operators during VoLTE/ViLTE deployment based on IMS platform

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in English and Russian 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/2018/10_Samarkand/10_Samarkand.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 requested to complete the Registration Form (Annex 2) and send it to workshop coordinators **not later than 25th September 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 (the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan). 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 **not later than 4th September 2018.**

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Umida Musayeva, Senior Specialist of the International Department, Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan (email: u.musaeva@mitc.uz, tel.: +998 90 371 83 88). For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Area Office for CIS (email: farid.nakhli@itu.int; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

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

Yours sincerely,

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Director

Annexes:
1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form