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Subject: ITU Workshop “Regional cooperation of startup ecosystems as a key factor for global digital leadership - Startup Central Eurasia Platform”, 25-26 November 2021, Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Workshop “Regional cooperation of startup ecosystems as a key factor for global digital leadership - Startup Central Eurasia Platform”**, which will be held in **Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, from 25 to 26 November 2021**. The workshop is jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and IT Park of Uzbekistan with the support of the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communication of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Workshop is addressed to the executives and experts from ministries, regulators, high-tech parks and business accelerators, startups and SMEs, venture investors, regulators, universities and public education institutions, research and design institutes, software developers, and other interested stakeholders from the ITU Member States.

The Workshop will discuss the development of startup ecosystems in the region and feature a presentation of the Startup Central Eurasia Platform and proposals for creating thematic alliances between interested organizations of the region's countries, focused on implementing joint international projects. The event's program also includes a thematic part - mentoring sessions, meetings with investors from the region, exercises on entering the markets of neighboring countries. The draft program of the event is attached. The workshop will be held in a hybrid format (onsite and online) with Russian and English simultaneous interpretation.

Participants are kindly requested to complete the registration form:

<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Login.aspx?src=Registration&Event=C-00010740> .

Remote participation link will be sent by email to all registered participants. The workshop materials are available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2021/SCE-Nov.aspx>.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Ismina Mavlyankarieva, Startup Ecosystem Support Manager, IT Park of Uzbekistan (e-mail: i.sultanova@it-park.uz, phone: +998909735358). For any other questions concerning this workshop please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS Region (e-mail: farid.nakhli@itu.int; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

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

Yours faithfully,

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