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Subject: ITU Startup Central Eurasia Forum, Baku, Azerbaijan, 24-25 November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am honored to invite you to participate in the **ITU Startup Central Eurasia Forum**, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Startup Central Eurasia Platform with the support of Sabah.lab, which will be held on **24-25 November, 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan**.

On the first day of the forum, the Startup Central Eurasia Ecosystems Ranking report will be presented. The report is the result of a study of the state of development of the startup ecosystem in the countries of the region. It is planned that the **report "Startup Central Eurasia Ecosystems Ranking"** will become an annual document with an analysis of current events and challenges for the region, as well as recommendations for the effective development of startup ecosystems of countries. Along with this, panel discussions will be organized with key players in the startup ecosystem of the region and international experts to share experiences and discuss the vision for the development of startup ecosystems in countries.

On the second day of the Forum, trainings about how to effectively talk with investors and get investment will be organized for startups. The best startups from the region will be pitching their projects, and a networking session with international investors will be organized.

The draft program of the forum is contained in the Appendix.

Forum will be held in Russian and English. All information regarding the ITU Startup Central Eurasia Forum will be posted on the event website: <https://www.itu.int/ru/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2022/SCEBaku.aspx>.

To participate in the forum please register at the link.: <https://forms.office.com/r/XW5B5yBN9Y>.

For any questions concerning this Forum please contact Consultant of the ITU Regional Office for the CIS Region Nastassia Lahutsik (e-mail: nastassia.lahutsik@itu.int; phone: +375297921916).

I look forward to your participation in the events.

Yours faithfully,

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