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Subject: **ITU Forum "Smart Sustainable Cities: past, present and future", 19-20 April, 2023, Minsk, Belarus**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Forum "Smart Sustainable Cities: past, present and future"** organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), which will be held in Minsk, Belarus, from 19 to 20 April 2023. The Forum will be held as part of the International specialized exhibition and congress on telecommunications, information and banking technologies Tibo 2023. At the kind invitation of the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus and OJSC Giprosvjaz, the event will be held at the Minsk-Arena, Victory Avenue 111, Minsk, Belarus.

The Forum is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, municipalities, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and development institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders. The Forum is aimed at discussing organizational and technical aspects of smart sustainable cities.

The direction of smart sustainable cities and communities is one of the five Regional Initiatives of the CIS region for the 2023-2025 adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22). The forum will consider the experience of the CIS countries and the activities of international organizations in the development of smart sustainable cities. The forum will also bring together city administrations, infrastructure operators and smart service providers who will share their approaches, experiences and successful examples of implementing smart city applications and services.

The Forum will be held in hybrid format (physical + online). All Forum materials are posted on the event web page: https://www.itu.int/ru/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2023/Minsk-SSC.aspx.

Participants are requested to complete registration form.

To facilitate the participation of developing countries and subject to the availability of funding, ITU will provide one full or two partial fellowships for the Communications Administration of the countries of the CIS region. A candidate's application for a scholarship must be approved by the relevant Communications Administration.

Priority will be given to candidates who submit written contributions directly related to the agenda item. Please note that such written submissions must be submitted at the same time as the scholarship application.

Fellowship applicants must complete the Fellowship Application Form and send it to the ITU Fellowship Service by email: fellowships@itu.int no later than **12 March 2023**.

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

Yours faithfully,

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