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Subject: ITU Workshop for Europe and CIS Regions “ICT Infrastructure as a Basis for Digital Economy”, Kyiv, Ukraine, 14-16 May 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Workshop for Europe and CIS Regions “ICT Infrastructure as a Basis for Digital Economy”**, to be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in collaboration with the State University of Telecommunications and held in **Kyiv, Ukraine, from 14 to 16 May 2019**.

This workshop is organized in the context of the ITU Regional Initiatives, approved by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17). The outcomes of this meeting will contribute to the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on “Broadband infrastructure, broadcasting and spectrum management” and the ITU Regional Initiative for CIS on “Fostering innovative solutions and partnership for the implementation of Internet of Things technologies and their interaction in telecommunication networks, including 4G, IMT-2020 and next-generation networks, in the interests of sustainable development”.

The workshop is addressed to the executives and experts responsible for ICT infrastructure, broadcasting, spectrum management, e-services and cybersecurity from ministries, regulators, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research institutes and other interested stakeholders from Europe and CIS regions. The workshop will focus on the following questions:

- ICT infrastructure as a basis for digital transformation;
- National strategies for 5G implementation;
- Spectrum requirements and case studies on 5G pilot projects;
- Application technologies of the near future: Internet of things, machine learning, intelligent transport networks, robotics, blockchain;
- Cybersecurity challenges.

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

The event will be paperless. All the documents related to this event, including draft agenda, practical information, registration form, fellowship request form as well as visa support form will be available at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2019/WK/ICT-Infrastructure-as-a-Basis-for-Digital-Economy.aspx>

Participants are requested to complete the electronic registration form available at event's website **no later than 10 May 2019**.

There is no participation fee for this event, however, please note that all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

In accordance with Resolution 213 (Dubai, 2018) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, and in order to promote the participation of developing countries in ITU activities, ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region, subject to the availability of funds.

An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are requested to complete the fellowship request form and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by e-mail: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 15 April 2019**.

Those participants requiring an entry visa to Ukraine are requested to complete the visa support form and send it along with a copy of the passport to the event coordinator, Ms. Iryna Pokhabova (irynapokhabova@gmail.com) by **15 April 2019**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Iryna Pokhabova, Head of Department, State University of Telecommunications (email: irynapokhabova@gmail.com; tel.: +380 93 058 1622). For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe (email: EURregion@itu.int, phone: +41 22 730 5467) or Mr. Kirill Oparin, Head of the ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: itumoscov@itu.int, phone: +7 495 926 6070).

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

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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