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- Administrations of ITU Member States from Europe and CIS
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members, Associates, and Academia from Europe and CIS
- Regional telecommunication organizations from Europe and CIS

Subject: ITU Regional Conference for Europe and CIS on Digital Future Powered by 4G/5G, Kiev, Ukraine, 14-16 May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to ITU Regional Conference for Europe and CIS on *Digital Future Powered by 4G/5G*, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU in collaboration with the State University of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and will be held in Kiev, Ukraine, from 14 to 16 May 2018.

This Conference is addressed to representatives of ministries, regulators, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from Europe and CIS.

The Conference will cover following issues:

- ICT infrastructure as a basis for digital transformation
- Legislative and regulatory environment required to enable implementation and development of 4G/5G networks and innovative services
- Application technologies of the near future: Internet of things, machine learning, intelligent transport networks, robotics, blockchain
- Cybersecurity challenges
- Modern management practices in public and private sectors
- Digital economy development in Europe and CIS

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

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

The event will be paperless.

All materials of the Conference will be available on the ITU website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2018/05_Kiev/05_Kiev.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 online Registration Form at <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp> **no later than 4 May 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 (Kyrgyz Republic and 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 3) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than April 13, 2018.**

Participants requiring an entry visa to Ukraine are requested to contact diplomatic mission of Ukraine in their country for information well in advance.

Mr. Jaroslaw Ponder, Head, ITU Office for Europe (email: EURregion@itu.int, phone: +41 22 730 5467) or Mr. Kirill Oparin, Head, ITU Area Office (email: itumoscov@itu.int, phone: +7 495 926 6070) are at your disposal should you require any further information.

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

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Practical Information
3. Fellowship Request Form
4. Visa Support Form