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Subject: Executive Workshop on Bridging the Digital Innovation Divide: Fostering Digital Entrepreneurship and Startup Ecosystems, 12-13 September 2017, Ljubljana, Slovenia,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Executive Workshop on **Bridging the Digital Innovation Divide: Fostering Digital Entrepreneurship and Startup Ecosystem** will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia, from 12 to 13 September 2017.

This workshop is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in cooperation with the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE) within the framework of the **ITU European Regional Initiative on Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Youth**, adopted by the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2014 (WTDC-14), Dubai.

This Executive Workshop aims at building regional and national capacities and skills in developing digital ecosystems, including designing policies, implementation programmes and projects. Programme of this workshop builds upon the recently launched toolkit on **Bridging the digital innovation divide: A toolkit for strengthening ICT centric ecosystems**, and will be supported by a series of national and regional best practices and initiatives fostering ICT centric innovation and digital transformation.

Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the draft agenda and practical information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2017/EW/Executive-Workshop-on-Bridging-the-Digital-Innovation-Divide.aspx>

The event will be conducted in English only.

Participants are requested to complete the registration form available at the ITU website not later than 5 September.

While there is no participation fee for this workshop, it is to be noted that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration / Organization / Company.

Venue of the Executive Workshop is the International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE), Dunajska Street 104, P.O Box 2592, 1001 Ljubljana, Slovenia, telephone: +386 1 568 23 31, fax: +386 1 568 27, 75, e-mail: info@icpe.int).

Participants requiring an entry visa to Slovenia should contact their nearest Slovenian Embassy or Consulate well in advance.

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Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Director

Annex 1

Annex 2