**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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- Administrations of ITU Member States
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Subject: Global CyberDrill, Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 23-25 April 2024

Dear Madam / Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Global CyberDrill** to be held from **23 to 25 April 2024**, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

This event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and kindly hosted by the United Arab Emirates Cyber Security Council (CSC) within the framework of the ITU-D priority "Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development" as agreed by the 2022 World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-22).

This event will take place during GISEC 2024 conference and exhibition. Travel and accommodation for a limited number of participants from one hundred (100) selected countries will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. We thank this generous offer and support by the Cyber Security Council of the UAE who will manage the logistics. The event does not require participation fees.

The Global CyberDrill shall enhance communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective and collaborative effort in mitigating cyber threats among Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs).

The first day will be dedicated to the Global Forum, where discussions will center on AI empowerment for Cybersecurity to support providing even better data protection against threats, Cyber Diplomacy, fostering meaningful cooperation, and the role of intergovernmental and international organizations in countering cyber threats. This event aims to bring together decision-makers and ICT professionals from government, industry, academia, and NGOs to facilitate the exchange of ideas, enhancing cybersecurity and resilience on a global scale. Additionally, a high-level roundtable meeting will be held, with a specific focus on "Strengthening International Collaboration for a Secure, Interconnected World".

The second and third day will be dedicated to CyberDrill exercises, structured around a variety of scenarios that involve emerging types of cyberattacks. Additionally, the sharing sessions will provide a platform for participants to collaborate, deliberate, and advance cross-learning opportunities pertaining to cybersecurity issues.

Considering the practical nature of the event, I encourage participation of teams from ITU's member states, comprising a minimum of two members of your national CSIRT, accompanied by a senior cybersecurity executive. This team structure will allow you to gain maximum benefit from the cyber threat simulations and CyberDrills that are crucial components of the event.

Please note that this event will be held in a paperless format. All relevant documents, such as the event agenda, registration form, and practical information for participants, can be accessed on the ITU website at www.itu.int/go/CD2024 .We encourage all participants to download the necessary documents prior to the event.

The following contacts are at your full disposal for any questions you might have concerning this event:

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I look forward to your valuable participation and contributions to this interregional event.

Yours faithfully,

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