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Subject: ITU Forum on *Smart Sustainable Cities: from Concept to Implementation*, Minsk, Republic of Belarus, 3-5 March 2020,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the **Forum on *Smart Sustainable Cities: from Concept to Implementation***, which is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in cooperation with the Ministry of Communication and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus and OJSC "Giprosvjaz". The Forum will be held in **Minsk, Republic of Belarus, from 3 to 5 March 2020.**

The Forum will be collocated with the meetings of the ITU-T Study Group 3 and Study Group 20 Regional Groups for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG3RG-EECAT and SG20RG-EECAT), which will be held in Minsk from 4 to 5 March 2020.

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 the following questions:

- Trends and perspectives of smart sustainable cities development
- Developing concepts and roadmaps of smart sustainable cities implementation
- Standardization of requirements to public services
- Smart urban technologies and innovative ways of public administration
- Key performance indicators for smart sustainable cities

The Forum will be paperless. All materials of the Forum will be available on the ITU website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2020/03_Minsk/03_Minsk.aspx

The Forum will be conducted in Russian.

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

Participants are requested to send completed registration form to the Forum organizers by **25 February 2020.**

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 required to complete the Fellowship Form and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by e-mail: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +4122 730 57 78 **no later than 4 February 2020**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms Nastassia Lahutsik, Junior Researcher, ICT Development Department, OJSC "Giprosvjaz" (email: lahutsik@giprosvjaz.by, tel.: +375 17 293 81 36). For any other questions concerning this Forum please contact Mr Farid Nakhli, Programme Coordinator, ITU Regional Office for CIS Region (e-mail: farid.nakhli@itu.int ; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

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

Yours faithfully,

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