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- The Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of ITU-T and ITU-D Study Groups;
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**Subject: ITU Virtual Workshop on “Digital/OTT Taxation”**  
**(Fully Virtual, 19-20 May 2021, 12:00-16:00 hours Geneva time)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a two-day [Workshop on Digital/OTT Taxation](#), which will take place virtually from 19-20 May 2021, to share information and facilitate discussion on the latest developments of interest to telecommunications/ICT stakeholders.

The workshop will be held in English only with live captioning and will be followed by the ITU-T Study Group 3 meeting taking place from 24-28 May 2021.

As background, ten years ago, the ITU organized a [joint workshop on taxation of telecommunications services and related products](#). Since that time, the telecommunications/ICT market has evolved considerably, leading to interest in this topic in both the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T), particularly in ITU-T Study Group 3, and in the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D). This workshop provides an opportunity to bring together diverse experts to share perspectives and exchange information on the latest developments in this field, with a view towards advancing international cooperation and coordination.

The first session (multilateral organizations perspectives) aims to provide participants with a thorough understanding of the efforts undertaken by other organizations, particularly the OECD, in terms of digital/OTT taxation.

The second session (industry perspectives) aims to explore the experiences and viewpoints of various industry players regarding digital/OTT taxation issues.

The third session (academia perspectives) aims to examine the current state of academic research on the economic impacts of digital/OTT taxation and consider any lessons learned offered by the empirical evidence.

Finally, the fourth session (national perspectives) aims to explore some of the various approaches that telecommunications/ICT regulators have taken towards digital/OTT taxation and consider how these national experiences can help inform collaboration at the regional and international level.

Participation in these webinars is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations.

All relevant information pertaining to the workshop (speakers, registration links, remote connection details, etc.) will be made available on the [main webpage](#), which will be regularly updated as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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