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**Subject: Extension of Deadline for ITU Connect2Recover Research Competition 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to Circular/BDT/DIR/100 of 2 August 2021 announcing the launch of the ITU Connect2Recover Research Competition 2021. The competition is intended to identify promising research proposals that will accelerate digital inclusion during the COVID-19 recovery globally.

Anticipating wider interest and encouraging potential submissions from stakeholders, the deadline to submit the research proposals has now been extended to **17 September 2021**. The winners will be announced **one month later** and will have **six months** to submit research papers.

The competition is open to Academia, including early career researchers and think tanks. Individual experts who are affiliated with academic institutions may also apply.

I am pleased to remind you that fifteen research grants, of USD 42,000 each, will be awarded to winning research teams selected by a jury appointed by ITU. Winners will receive initial support from ITU to engage with governments and regulators to gather information and data for their research.

Detailed information about the competition is available at the [webpage](#). For further enquiries about the competition or the submission process, please direct your queries to [Connect2Recover@itu.int](mailto:Connect2Recover@itu.int) or [sameer.sharma@itu.int](mailto:sameer.sharma@itu.int).

I look forward to your active participation.

Yours faithfully,

(Digitally signed)

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