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- Administrations of ITU Member States in the CIS and Arab regions
- National Statistic Offices (NSOs) in the CIS and Arab regions
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members, Associates, and Academia in the CIS and Arab regions
- Regional organizations from CIS and Arab regions

Subject: **ITU Joint Workshop on ICT Statistics for CIS and Arab Regions, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 12-14 February 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the ITU Joint Workshop on ICT Statistics for CIS and Arab Regions, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU in collaboration with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 12 to 14 February 2019.

This Workshop is interregional between the CIS and Arab regions to provide cross regional experiences and expertise. It is addressed to the executives and experts responsible for measurement of telecom/ICT development from ministries, national statistics offices (NSOs), regulators, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders from the CIS and Arab regions. The Workshop is aimed at discussing the following questions:

- Overview of ITU's work on ICT statistics
- Understanding composite indices, in particular the ICT Development Index (IDI)
- Collecting supply-side ICT/telecommunication indicators
- Collecting demand-side ICT data through household surveys
- Mechanisms of national coordination of ICT statistics
- ITU expert groups
- How to report your survey data to ITU

The draft programme is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in English, Russian and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation.

Registration for the event will be exclusively online until 5th February 2019 at
https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000440

The event will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2019/02_Tashkent/02_Tashkent.aspx

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

In accordance with Resolution 25 (Rev. 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 and Arab Regions, 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 (Annex 3) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **not later than 14th January 2019.**

For visa support, participants are kindly requested to complete the visa support form, which is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan: http://evisa.mfa.uz/evisa_en/?action=vvod and send it along with copy of the passport to the event coordinator Ms. Umida Musayeva at the email: u.musaeva@mitc.uz by **14th January 2019.**

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Umida Musayeva, Senior Specialist of the International Department, Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan (email: u.musaeva@mitc.uz, tel.: +998 90 371 83 88). For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Office (email: karim.abdelghani@itu.int, Tel.: +20 2 353 71777) and Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: farid.nakhli@itu.int; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

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

Yours sincerely,

Doreen Bogdan-Martin
Director

Annexes:
1. Draft programme
2. Practical information
3. Fellowship request form

ITU Joint Workshop on ICT Statistics
for CIS and Arab Regions
Tashkent, Republic of Uzbekistan, 12-14 February 2019

Workshop will be held in Hotel Wyndham Tashkent, Amir Temur Str., C-4, No. 7/8, 100000, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

DRAFT PROGRAMME

	12 February 2019, Tuesday
09:30-10:00	**Registration of participants**
10:00-10:15	**Opening remarks:** • Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan • International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
10:15-10:30	**1. Introduction and rationale of the workshop** *Speaker: Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, Arab Regional Office, ITU*
10:30-11:00	**Group photo and coffee break**
11:00-11:45	**2. Overview of ITU's work on ICT statistics** *Speaker: Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, Regional Office for CIS, ITU*
11:45-12:30	**3. Global ICT benchmarks and methodologies** *Speaker: Martin Schaaper, Senior ICT Analyst, ITU*
12:30-13:00	**4. Country presentation Uzbekistan** *Speaker: Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan*
13:00-14:00	**Lunch break**
14:00-15:00	**5. The ICT Development Index (IDI)** *Speaker: Martin Schaaper, Senior ICT Analyst, ITU*
15:00-15:30	**Coffee break**
15:30-16:30	**6. Fixed-telephone network, mobile-cellular network and international bandwidth indicators** *Speaker: Iñigo Herguera, Associate Professor of Economics, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, consultant to ITU*
16:30-17:00	**7. Country presentation Belarus** *Speaker: t.b.d.*

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09:30-10:30	**8. Fixed-broadband, mobile-broadband and bundled telecommunication services indicators** *Speaker: Iñigo Herguera, Associate Professor of Economics, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, consultant to ITU*
10:30-11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00-12:00	**9. Quality of service and traffic indicators** *Speaker: Iñigo Herguera, Associate Professor of Economics, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, consultant to ITU*
12:00-12:30	**10. Country presentation Kyrgyzstan** *Speaker: t.b.d.*
12:30-14:00	**Lunch break**
14:00-15:00	**11. Revenue, investment, employment and Pay TV** *Speaker: Iñigo Herguera, Associate Professor of Economics, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, consultant to ITU*
15:00-15:30	**Coffee break**
15:30-16:30	**12. Country presentation** *Speaker: t.b.d.*

14 February 2019, Thursday

09:30-10:00	**13. Getting ICT data through surveys: good practices and national coordination mechanisms** *Speaker: Martin Schaaper, Senior ICT Analyst, ITU*
10:00-10:30	**14. Country presentation** *Speaker: t.b.d.*
10:30-11:00	**Coffee break**
11:00-12:30	**15. Overview of household ICT indicators** *Speaker: Martin Schaaper, Senior ICT Analyst, ITU*
12:30-14:00	**Lunch break**
14:00-14:30	**16. ITU expert groups** *Speaker: Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, Arab Regional Office, ITU*
14:30-15:00	**17. How to report your survey data to ITU** *Speaker: Martin Schaaper, Senior ICT Analyst, ITU*
15:00-15:15	**18. Conclusions and closing ceremony**

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Event venue

Grand floor, Conference room «Silk Road A»
Hotel Wyndham Tashkent***
Address: Amir Temur Str., C-4, No. 7/8, 100000, Tashkent, Uzbekistan,
Tel.: +998 71 1203700
http://www.wyndhamtashkent.com/en.html

2. Registration

Registration for the event will be exclusively online until 5ᵗʰ February 2019 at
https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000440

On-site registration will start **on Tuesday, 12 February 2019, at 9:30 a.m.,** in the event venue.

3. Languages

The Workshop will be conducted in English, Russian and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation.

4. Transport

Transfer will be available for the workshop participants from the airport to recommended hotels and back to the airport. To request a transfer, participants are kindly requested to contact host country representative.

5. Recommended hotels

Hotel Wyndham Tashkent***
Uzbekistan, 100000, Tashkent
Amir Temur Str., C-4, No. 7/8
Tel.: +998 71 1203700
http://www.wyndhamtashkent.com/en.html

Room Type	Special Rates
Standard Single	120 USD
Deluxe Twin	171 USD

Radisson SAS Hotel Tashkent *
88, A.Temur Street,
Tashkent, 100084, Uzbekistan
Tel.: +998 71 1204900
Fax: +998 71 1204902

Room Type	Special Rates
Standard Single	152 USD
Deluxe Single	190 USD

International Hotel *****
107A, A.Temur Street,
Tashkent, 100084, Uzbekistan
Tel.: (998 71) 1207000 ext. 4229
Fax: (998 71) 1206459

Room Type	Special Rates
Standard Room	160 USD
Deluxe Room	210 USD

6. Contacts

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Mr. Karim Abdelghani Programme Coordinator Tel.: +20 2 353 71777 Email: karim.abdelghani@itu.int **ITU Regional Office for CIS:** *Mr. Farid Nakhli* Programme Officer Tel.: +7 495 926 60 70 Email: farid.nakhli@itu.int	*Ms. Umida Musayeva* Senior Specialist, International Relations Department Tel.: + 998 71 238-41-41 Mob.: + 998 90 371-83-88 Email: u.musaeva@ccitt.uz

7. Currency

National currency unit in the Republic of Uzbekistan is Uzbekistan sum (UZS). All payments are made in national currency. Currency exchange offices are available in all cities.
As of 16 November 2018, UZS exchange rate was as following:
1 USD = 8250 UZS, 1 EUR = 9280 UZS.
Information on current exchange rate of Uzbekistan sum against other currencies is available at: http://gold-enpages.uz/kurs/ .

8. Banks

Banks are open from 9:00 a.m. till 18:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Currency exchange is carried out by all banks and exchange offices.

9. Climate

The climate of Uzbekistan is sharply continental, characterized by high amplitude of day and night. The temperature varies rather considerably with respect to the seasons. Average temperature in February is around +7-+9°C.

10. Time

Time in Uzbekistan is 5 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+5).

11. Electricity

The standard supply is 220 V, 50 Hz, C.A. Outlets for 220 Vs are available at the hotels.

12. Telecommunications

There are three fixed line telephony providers working in Uzbekistan: JS "Uzbektelecom", JV "Est Telecom", JV "Buzton". Mobile communication is provided by Uzdunrobita – trade mark "MTC" (GSM), Unitel – trade mark "Beeline" (GSM), Coscom – trade mark «U-cell» (GSM), UzMobile (CDMA 450).

Telephone code of Tashkent is +998 71. A local call from a regular phone will cost around 7 sum per minute. For international calls from Tashkent one should dial 00 + code of the country + code of the city or follow the instructions on telephone card.

The Workshop participants can get Internet access in the respective hotels and at the event venue.

13. Entry visa

The Republic of Uzbekistan has bilateral visa free deals with Republic of Azerbaijan, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine.
Those participants who need entry **visa** to the Republic of Uzbekistan are recommended to contact their local Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Uzbekistan for information well in advance.

Entry visas for foreign citizens are issued in diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan on the basis of the Visa Support Letter (permission from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan). In Tashkent International Airport Consular Bureau visas can only be issued to those foreign citizens arriving from countries that do not have diplomatic or consular missions of the Republic of Uzbekistan. In this case, visa support from the hosting administration is required.

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14. General information

The Republic of Uzbekistan is located between the rivers of Amudarya and Syrdarya and occupies 447,400 square meters. The span of the territory from the west to the east is 1,425 km and from the north to the south - 930 km. Republic of Uzbekistan is bordered by five landlocked countries: the Republic of Kazakhstan to the north; the Republic of Tajikistan he southeast; the Kyrgyz Republic to the northeast; Afghanistan to the south; and Turkmenistan to the southwest.

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                          Geneva (Switzerland)   **Tel: +41 22 730 5487**
                                                    Fax: +41 22 730 5778

Request for a fellowship to be submitted by 14ᵗʰ January 2019

Participation of women is encouraged

Country: _____

Name of the Administration or Organization: _____

Mr. / Ms. _____
                    (family name)   **(given name)**

Title: _____

Address: _____

_____

Tel.: _____   **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

PASSPORT INFORMATION:

Date of birth: _____

Nationality: _____   **Passport number:** _____

Date of issue: _____   **In (place):** _____   **Valid until (date):** _____

 CONDITIONS
1. One full or two partial fellowships per eligible country
2.1 In case of ONE full fellowship: ONE return ECO class airticket by the most direct/economical route and a daily subsistence allowance to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses in Tashkent
2.2 In case of partial fellowships, please select your preference:
○ Return ECO class airticket by the most direct/economical route OR
○ Daily subsistence allowances to cover accommodation, meals and incidental expenses in Tashkent
3. Imperative that fellows be present from the first day and participate during the entire duration of the event

Signature of fellowship candidate: _____   **Date:** _____

TO VALIDATE FELLOWSHIP REQUEST, NAME AND SIGNATURE OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DESIGNATING PARTICIPANT MUST BE COMPLETED BELOW WITH OFFICIAL STAMP.

Signature: _____   **Date:** _____