



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Administrations of ITU Member States

**Subject: Invitation to Partner on the Fourth Iteration of the Global Cybersecurity Index**

Dear Sir/Madam,

In 2013 the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) launched the first Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) aimed at measuring the commitment of Member States of the ITU to cybersecurity. Since then, the GCI has produced three successful publications with the third published in early 2019.

Following the support expressed by Member States upon the launch of the three preceding GCI iterations, ITU-D has initiated a fourth iteration of the Index. Key outputs for this next round of the index include scores for each of Member States of the ITU and the publication of best practices and regional analysis.

For this next iteration, as well as for the ones that will follow, the upcoming version four (GCIv4) will be elaborated in consultation with the Member States (ITU-D Study Group 2 – Question 3) in order to improve the process and questionnaire to be administered. The questionnaire and any relevant GCI related documentation were submitted by the BDT Secretariat to the Q3 Rapporteur Group meeting in October 2019, to be revised and agreed by the meeting before the launch of the survey. In March 2020 during the SG2 meeting, BDT will update Q3 with the status and will initiate the analysis of the data.

In order to proceed efficiently, you are kindly requested to appoint a focal point by the 11 November 2019 who will be responsible for completing the online GCI questionnaire (survey) for your country.

The Cybersecurity - GCI team will contact your assigned focal point and provide further instructions on how to access the online questionnaire, which will close on 31 March 2020. A Reference Model, a Guideline for Member States and related timeframes, as well as any necessary information can be found on the dedicated GCI website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/GCI.aspx>.

Mr Marco Obiso ([marco.obiso@itu.int](mailto:marco.obiso@itu.int)) is the focal point for the ITU on the GCI. He and the GCI team are ready to provide support to your focal point in answering the GCI questionnaire. Inquiries about the GCI can also be sent to the GCI team at [GCI@itu.int](mailto:GCI@itu.int).

I wish to thank Member States that have contributed to the three previous iterations of the GCI and I hope to receive even greater support from you for this next iteration.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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