



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members
- Academia

**Subject: ITU – UN University-MERIT summer school on “Catalyzing the digital future: digital transformation for sustainability”, 1-5 July 2024, Maastricht, the Netherlands**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the first-of-its-kind summer school on **“Catalyzing the digital future: digital transformation for sustainability”** to be held in **Maastricht, the Netherlands from 1 to 5 July 2024**. This one-week long university level course is uniquely designed to elevate the capacity of professionals who are actively engaged in digital transformation and sustainability worldwide. It promises an enriching curriculum that spans a variety of critical subjects, including emerging technologies, policy and regulation, e-waste management and sustainable agriculture. The training is targeted at government officials, policy makers, employees from regulators and other organizations dealing with digital transformation. Women and participants from developing countries are strongly encouraged to apply.

The summer school is organized jointly by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the UN University-MERIT, which is one of the ITU Academy Training Centres. The course enjoys the generous financial support of the Global Gateway Initiative, which is a strategy by the European Union for investment in connectivity and infrastructure projects across the world. Participation is provided free of charge for selected applicants, including accommodation (from 30 June to 4 July - five nights in total), meals, and other organized activities, to ensure a comfortable and immersive learning experience. Participants or their organizations will be responsible for covering their own travel expenses to and from Maastricht. Please note that the summer school is planned to finish on **5 July** after lunch. The training will be delivered in English.

Please note that the summer school is limited to 30 participants. Online application is open until **12 May 2024** and more information is available on the ITU Academy portal at the following link <https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/summer-school-catalyzing-digital-future-digital-transformation-sustainability>.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the ITU Academy team at [ituacademy@itu.int](mailto:ituacademy@itu.int).

We look forward to your active participation in this transformative summer school.

Yours faithfully,

*(Original signed)*

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