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**Subject: Invitation to the ITU Global Innovation Forum 2024, Valetta, Malta, 28–30 October 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to take part in the ITU Global Innovation Forum 2024 to be held in Valletta, Malta from 28 to 30 October 2024, under the theme "**Shaping our digital futures for prosperity and well-being for all.**" This forum is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and will be hosted by the Ministry for Economy, Enterprise and Strategic Projects of the Government of Malta.

The Global Innovation Forum is committed to reducing the digital innovation gap by empowering stakeholders with forward-thinking ideas, sharing insights on policy acceleration and collaborative initiative development, supporting startups and SMEs growth, nurturing innovative digital clusters and connecting them to global innovation networks. The goal is to provide a platform that strengthens the local innovation capabilities of countries while leveraging global and regional partnerships.

The Forum is open to all stakeholders, including policymakers, academics, development agencies, international organizations, startups, SMEs, digital innovation agencies, enterprise development agencies, entrepreneurial support organizations, development banks, funding partners, venture capitalists, digital changemakers, industry experts, and thought leaders in the relevant fields.

Participants will embark on a transformational journey through thought leadership sessions, fireside chats, roundtables, innovation studios, social events, innovation awards, masterclasses, exhibitions, and networking. This will include immersion within the Maltese innovation ecosystems and involvement with the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Alliance for Digital Development.

**Registration**

Advance online registration to the event is mandatory via this [registration link](#). Participants must first complete an online registration form and subsequently obtain approval from the corresponding [Designated Focal Points \(DFPs\) for ITU-D event registration](#) by **21 October latest**. An [ITU user account](#) is required for this purpose.

For assistance with the registration process, please contact: [BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int](mailto:BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int).

## Interpretation

Interpretation for the event will be provided based on the requests received during the online registration process. Participants who require interpretation in a language other than English (i.e. in Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish) must indicate so when completing the online registration form. Interpretation must be requested forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the opening of the event, i.e. by **14 September 2024 (23.59 hours CEST)**.

## Practical Information

Participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Practical information on accommodation, including logistical details, will soon be available on the event website.

Due to visa requirements to travel to Malta and to ensure visas are processed in time for the event, please follow the instructions to be available on the website and submit your visa application at least 6 to 12 weeks before the planned travel date.

Further information about the Forum, including the draft program and all practical details such as accommodation and visa requirements, will be available on the Global Innovation Forum 2024 website at <https://www.itu.int/go/GIF2024> in the upcoming weeks.

For any additional inquiries about the Global Innovation Forum, please write to [bdtinnovation@itu.int](mailto:bdtinnovation@itu.int).

I look forward to your active participation in the Global Innovation Forum 2024.

Yours faithfully,



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