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To: Member States, Sector Members,
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Subject: **First special issue of the ITU Journal now available & Open call for Sponsors 2018**

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to announce that the first special issue of the ITU Journal: *ICT Discoveries* is now published and available online at: <https://www.itu.int/en/journal/001/Pages/default.aspx>. This Journal is an important example of how ITU is following up on PP Resolution 169 (Rev. Busan, 2014), to encourage the participation of Academia through various activities with the support of our members and partners.

This first special issue of *ICT Discoveries* includes 15 research papers, which explore novel applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques that can improve the performance and efficiency of communication infrastructure, systems and components, create new services and ensure optimal user experience. It also includes papers on related policy, legal, societal and ethical aspects that can help safely unlock the potential of AI techniques in the field of communication technologies, and foster technical cooperation and digital inclusion.

The ITU Journal is supported by voluntary contributions. I would like to take this opportunity to launch an Open Call for Sponsors 2018 to support this important academic work. I encourage you to confirm your interest by 10 April 2018, so that we can announce your support during the ITU Council. Details regarding these sponsorship opportunities can be found at:

https://www.itu.int/en/journal/Documents/ITU_Journal_sponsorship.pdf

Looking ahead, we have already started preparation of the second special issue on “Data for good”. The relevant Call for Papers will be issued in March 2018.

Thank you in advance for your interest and support of this peer-reviewed, scholarly and professional Journal.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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Secretary-General