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Subject: Invitation to participate in ITU Digital World 2021, now taking place online

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union and the Ministry of Information and Communications of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam would like to inform you that **ITU Digital World 2021**, originally scheduled to be held in Ha Noi, Viet Nam, from 12 – 15 October 2021, **will now take place as an online event from September to December 2021**. This decision follows careful consideration and continuous monitoring of the ongoing global COVID-19 crisis by ITU and the government of Viet Nam.

We therefore have great pleasure in inviting you to join us online for ITU Digital World 2021. Marking the 50th anniversary of ITU Telecom, the event will feature a series of **high-level online Forum debates** (September – November) and **Ministerial Roundtables** (October 12-14) on the theme “Building the digital world. Together.”

ITU Digital World SME Awards and Masterclasses, open to all SMEs making innovative use of ICTs for social good, runs from June to December 2021. A **virtual exhibition** will offer 2D and 3D booths for national pavilions and digital companies to showcase their products and services. Full details of all event elements will be available at <https://digital-world.itu.int/>.

Focusing on infrastructure, funding and enabling frameworks, the Ministerial Roundtables will be a unique opportunity for leaders at the highest level to explore the role of government in accelerating digital transformation. **Ministers, Heads of Regulatory Authorities and CEOs are welcome to confirm their interest in speaking at the Roundtables to forum.telecom@itu.int by 31 July 2021**. To register your interest in speaking or participating in other elements of **ITU Digital World 2021**, please contact participate.telecom@itu.int.

The success of ITU Virtual Digital World 2020 proved the importance of ICTs during the time of COVID-19, and the value of the online format in fostering international cooperation and exchange of knowledge. We encourage all Member States and Sector Members to take full advantage of the opportunities offered by ITU Digital World 2021, and look forward to welcoming you all online.

Yours faithfully,

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