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|  | Geneva, 12 October 2018 |
| Ref: | **TSB Collective letter 2/SG2RG-ARB****SG2/ZHJ** | * To the members of the Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab region;
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| Subject: | **Meeting of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB); Cairo, Egypt, 4 (PM) - 6 December 2018** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA) of Egypt, and in collaboration with the ITU Regional Office for Arab States, **ITU-T Study Group 2 Regional Group for the Arab Region** (SG2RG-ARB) will hold its meeting at NTRA headquarters, Smart Village, **Cairo, Egypt from 4 (PM) to 6 December 2018** (two and a half days, including a session on Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG)).

The SG2RG-ARB meeting will be preceded by an interactive workshop from 2 to 4 (AM) December 2018, which is an ITU Interregional Workshop on ITU International Numbering Resources (INRs) for the Arab and Africa regions, and is collocated with the meeting of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for Africa (SG2RG-AFR) from 4 (PM) to
6 December 2018 as follows:

* 2 December to 4 December(AM) 2018: **ITU Interregional Workshop on ITU International Numbering Resources (INRs) for Arab and Africa Regions**
* 4 December (PM) to 6 December 2018: **Meeting of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for Africa (SG2RG-AFR)**
* 4 December (PM) to 6 December 2018: **Meeting of ITU-T SG2 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG2RG-ARB)**

Participation at the workshops is free of charge, and open to any participants who share an interest in the issues associated with the telephone number (E.164 resource), International Mobile Subscription Identification (IMSI) (E.212 resource) and Issuer Identifier Number (E.118 resource). The workshop will consist of a combination of presentations and interactive sessions. The workshop will start at 0930 hours on Sunday, 2 December 2018.

The meeting of ITU-T SG2RG-ARB will start at 1400 hours on 4 December 2018. Participation in the ITU-T SG2RG‑ARB meeting is as per WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016), hence restricted to delegates and representatives of Member States, Sector Members and Associates of the study group in the region. Please note that continuity of representation would be helpful to the group’s work.

Participant registration will begin at 0900 hours at the venue from 2 to 6 December 2018. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be displayed at the entrances of the venue. Additional information about the meeting is set forth in **Annex A**.

Practical information relating to the venue will be posted on the SG2RG-ARB webpage at:
<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb>.

Remote participation will be provided. Please indicate whether you will participate remotely when you complete online registration on the [regional group homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb/Pages/default.aspx).

The draft Agenda of the meeting prepared in agreement with the Chair, Mr Saif Bin Ghelaita from UAE, is set out in **Annex B**.

In agreement with the Chairman, the meeting will discuss topics which are of interest to the region, such as Experiences and challenges in National Numbering Plan development, Administration of E.212 Mobile Country Code/Mobile Network Code and Q.708 International Signalling Point Code, Harmonization of important numbers including emergency numbers, call location of emergency service, use of telephone numbers by stakeholders other than operators, Interworking between IP based telecommunication applications and the legacy PSTN/PLMN networks, IoT Identification, and numbering misuse/caller ID Spoofing/Alternative Calling Procedure.

The Chairman invites participants to consider the above topics and [SG2RG-ARB-TD29 (Tunis, April 2018)](https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02RG.ARB-180426-TD-PLEN-0029/en), the list of topics for discussion and contributions or other topics under the mandates of ITU-T SG2 (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/Pages/mandate.aspx>) and contribute to this coming meeting on these topics.

All the documents for the last SG2RG-ARB meeting (Tunis, 26-27 April 2018) can be accessed at: https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG02RG.ARB-180426/sum/en.

**Key deadlines**:

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| 5 November 2018 | - Submit fellowship requests (application form and guidelines can be found [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb/Documents/SG2RG-ARB_Fellowship-request%20form-Dec2018.docx)) |
| 4 November 2018 | - Pre-registration (online via the [regional group homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb/Pages/default.aspx))- Submit requests for visa support letters (Practical information will be made available on the [regional group homepage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb/Pages/default.aspx)) |
| 21 November 2018 | - Submit ITU-T Member contributions (by e-mail to tsbsg2@itu.int) |

I wish you a productive and enjoyable meeting.

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| Yours faithfully,*(signed)*Chaesub LeeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau |  ITU-T SG2RG-ARB |
| Latest meeting information |

**Annexes**: 2

**ANNEX A**

**MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS**

**DEADLINES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:** The meeting will be run paperless. Contributions should be submitted by
e-mail to tsbsg2@itu.int using the [appropriate template](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/Pages/templates.aspx). The name, fax and telephone numbers and e-mail address of the person to be contacted about the contribution should be indicated on the cover page of all documents.

Access to meeting documents is provided from the regional group homepage, and is restricted to ITU-T Members/[TIES account holders](http://www.itu.int/TIES/).

The deadline for contributions is 12 (twelve) calendar days before the meeting and must therefore be received **no later than 21 November 2018**. We invite you to submit your contributions as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for translation.

**WORK METHODS AND FACILITIES**

**INTERPRETATION:** In agreement with the Chairman, the working languages of the meeting will be English, French and Arabic.

**TRANSLATION:** Contributions for this meeting will be available in English, French and Arabic. We invite you to submit your contributions as early as possible to ensure there is sufficient time for translation.

**WIRELESS LAN** facilities and Internet access will be available at the venue of the event.

**REGISTRATION and FELLOWSHIPS**

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration is to be done online via the study group homepage **by 4 November 2018 at the latest**. Additionally, and within the same deadline, focal points are requested to send by e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int), letter or fax, the list of people who are authorized to represent their organization, indicating the names of the head and deputy head of delegation. The membership is invited to include women on their delegations whenever possible.

**Please note that pre-registration of participants for ITU-T meetings is carried out *online* on the ITU-T SG2RG-ARB homepage (**https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/02/sg2rgarb/Pages/default.aspx**).**

**FELLOWSHIPS:** We are pleased to inform you that two partial fellowships per administration may be awarded, **within the Arab Region only**, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from [Least Developed or Low Income Countries](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/gap/Documents/Fellowships_BSG_EligibleCountries.pdf). Pre-registration for the meeting is mandatory. Preference will be given to applicants attending both the workshop and regional group meeting in Cairo, Egypt, 2 to 6 December 2018.

**ANNEX B**

**Draft Agenda**

**Cairo, Egypt, 4 December (PM) - 6 December 2018**

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| 1 | Opening of the meeting |
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda |
| 3 | Overview of ITU-T Study Group 2 and Working Methods |
| 4 | Review of Outcomes of previous SG2 parent and regional group meetings |
| 5 | Terms of Reference and working method for SG2RG-ARB |
| 6 | Call location of emergency service |
| 7 | Experiences and challenges in National Numbering Plan development |
| 8 | Demo for the new National Numbering Plans repository (WTSA Res. 91) |
| 9 | Administration of E.212 Mobile Country Code/Mobile Network Code and Q.708 International Signalling Point Code |
| 10 | Harmonization of important numbers of social values, such as emergency numbers, etc. |
| 11 | Interworking between IP based telecommunication applications and the legacy PSTN/PLMN networks |
| 12 | IoT Identification |
| 13 | Numbering for in-car emergency calls  |
| 14 | Standardized USSD codes |
| 15 | Standardized interconnection model for a 4G customer switching to 5G |
| 16 | Combating misuse of national numbering resources |
| 17 | Caller ID spoofing and Calling Party Number Delivery |
| 18 | Alternative Calling Procedures |
| 19 | Number portability for IoT/M2M numbering resources |
| 20 | Use of telephone numbers by stakeholders other than operators |
| 21 | Overview of GDPR |
| 22 | Highlights of AI for Good Global Summit, IoT week and WSIS Forum  |
| 23 | SG2RG-ARB and Member Contributions to ITU-T Study Group 2 of February 2019 |
| 24 | Venue and date of the next SG2RG-ARB meeting  |
| 25 | Any other business |
| 26 | Closure of the meeting |

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