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| Ref: | **TSB Circular 43**TSB Events/DA | **To:**- Administrations of Member States of the Union;- ITU-T Sector Members;- ITU-T Associates;- ITU Academia |
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| Subject: | **Workshop on “Control plane of IMT-2020 and emerging networks. Current issues and the way forward”Geneva, Switzerland, 15 November 2017** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the **Workshop on “Control plane of IMT-2020 and emerging networks. Current issues and the way forward”**, will take place at ITU headquarters, Geneva, on **15 November 2017.**

This Workshop will take place during the next ITU-T SG11 (8-17 November 2017) and ITU-T SG13
(6-17 November 2017) meetings and give experts of both SGs as well as other interested parties a chance to exchange their views on current and future ITU-T activities related to control plane and protocols to be used in 5G-based networks.

More details about the ITU-T SG11 meeting are available at: <http://itu.int/go/tsg11>.

More details about the ITU-T SG13 meeting are available at: <http://itu.int/go/tsg13>.

The workshop will open at 0930 hours. Participant registration will begin at 0830 hours at the Montbrillant entrance. Detailed information concerning the meeting rooms will be displayed on screens at the entrances to ITU headquarters.

2 This workshop will be held in English only.

3 Participation is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country that is a member of ITU who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation at the workshop is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted.

4 The workshop intends to offer a platform for all involved stakeholders and aims to:

* Discuss current issues and ITU-T progress on signalling protocols for emerging networks, their applications and their interconnection;
* Discuss worldwide practices and perspectives on the implementation of 5G/IMT-2020 networks and emerging networks;
* Discuss new standardization issues concerning control plane of the 5G/IMT-2020 networks and emerging networks.

5 Information relating to the workshop, including the draft programme, will be available on the event website at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/201711/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

6 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates in the main ITU conference room areas. Detailed information is available on the ITU-T website (<http://www.itu.int/ITU-T/edh/faqs-support.html>).

7 A number of Geneva hotels offer preferential rates for delegates attending ITU meetings, and provide a card giving free access to Geneva’s public transport system. A list of participating hotels, and guidance on how to claim discounts, can be found at: <http://itu.int/travel/>.

8 To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop, I should be grateful if you would register via the online form <http://itu.int/reg/tmisc/3001015> as soon as possible, but **no later than 1 November 2017.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is carried out exclusively *online*.**

9 I would remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Switzerland. **The visa must be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the workshop** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

If problems are encountered by **ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates or Academic Institutions**, and at the official request made by them to TSB, the Union can approach the competent Swiss authorities in order to facilitate delivery of the visa, but only within the period mentioned of **four** weeks. Any such request should be made by official letter from the administration or entity you represent. This letter must specify the name and functions, date of birth, number, dates of issue and expiry of the passport of the individual(s) for whom the visa(s) is/are requested and be accompanied by a copy of the notification of confirmation of registration approved for the ITU-T workshop in question, and must be sent to TSB by fax (+41 22 730 5853) or e-mail (tsbreg@itu.int), bearing the words **“visa request”**. **Please also note that ITU can assist only representatives of ITU Member States, ITU Sector Members, ITU Associates and ITU Academic Institutions.**

Yours faithfully,

Chaesub Lee
Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau

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**ANNEX 1**
 **DRAFT AGENDA**

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| **Wednesday, 15 November 2017** |
| 08:30 – 09:30 | **Registration** |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **Opening****Welcome remarks*** TSB
* Workshop convener
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| 10:00 – 11:30 | **SESSION 1: Activities in control plane of emerging networks from ITU and other SDOs** Objectives: This session will focus on the related activities on the significant technologies for the control plane of emerging networks in ITU-T and other Standards Developing Organizations (SDOs) (e.g. voice/video services control, SDN, NFV, etc.) |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | **Coffee break** |
| 12:00 – 13:00 | **SESSION 2: Worldwide practices and perspectives on future networks**Objectives: This session will focus on the worldwide practices and perspectives on emerging networks provided by operators, vendors, testing laboratories and other SDOs |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | **Lunch** |
| 14:00 – 15:30 | **Continuation of SESSION 2** |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | **Coffee break** |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | **SESSION 3: Control Plane of 5G/IMT-2020, including brainstorming**Objectives: This session will focus on the control plane and protocols of the 5G/IMT-2020, including network slicing, etc. |
| 17:30 – 17:40 | **Closing Remarks****Workshop convener** |

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