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| Subject: | **Focus Group Meeting ML5G (24, 26, 27 April 2018) and Workshop “Impact of AI on ICT Infrastructures” (25 April 2018), Xi'an, China** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that at the kind invitation of the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT), the second meeting of the [Focus Group on Machine Learning for Future Networks including 5G (FG-ML5G)](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ml5g/Pages/default.aspx) will be held on 24 and 26-27 April 2018 in Xi’an, China. The meeting will be preceded by a workshop **“Impact of AI on ICT Infrastructures”** on 25 April 2018 during the meeting at the same venue. The focus group meeting and the workshop are kindly hosted by the government of the Xi’an high-tech district and ZTE, and co-hosted by China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom as co-host. The workshop is organized by CAICT, in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

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 Information relating to the workshop, including the draft programme, will be available on the event website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ml5g>. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

5 Wireless LAN facilities are available for use by delegates.

6 Practical information including accommodation, transport and visas is available on the event webpage.

7 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/ 3001065](https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=3001065) as soon as possible, but **no later than 16 April 2018.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is carried out exclusively *online*.**

8 Citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in China. **The visa should be requested at least four (4) weeks before the date of beginning of the workshop** and obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing China in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Please follow the instructions on [this webpage](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/focusgroups/ml5g/Pages/visa-information.aspx) to apply for a visa.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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