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| **Subject:** | **ITU Forums on “Using new Frontier Technologies to make cities smarter and more sustainable” and on “5G, EMF and Health and Training on ITU-T Recommendations on EMF” (Abuja, Nigeria, 26-28 March 2019)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union, at the kind invitation of the Federal Ministry of Communications, Nigeria and the Nigerian Communications Commission, is organizing the **ITU Forum on “Using new Frontier Technologies to make cities smarter and more sustainable”** and the **ITU Forum on “5G, EMF and Health and Training on ITU-T Recommendations on EMF”**, which will take place at the Hotel Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, Nigeria.

2 The **ITU Forum on “Using new Frontier Technologies to make cities smarter and more sustainable”** will take place in the afternoon of 26 March 2019 and in the morning of 27 March 2019.

3 The **ITU Forum on “5G, EMF and Health and Training on ITU-T Recommendations on EMF”** will take place in the afternoon of 28 March 2019.

4 These Forums will be collocated with the meeting of the [ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Africa](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/20/sg20rgafr/Pages/default.aspx) (SG20RG-AFR) which will take place on 25 March 2019 (all day) and 26 March 2019 (morning only), and the meeting of the [ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group for Africa](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgafr/Pages/default.aspx) which will take place on 27 March 2019 (afternoon only), 28 March 2019 (morning only) and 29 March 2019 (morning only).

5 The Forums will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation in French.

6 Participation in the Forums is open to anyone with an interest in topics related to frontier technologies to shape smarter and more sustainable cities and 5G, EMF and health. Participation in the events is free of charge.

7 The objective of the Forum on **“Using new Frontier Technologies to make cities smarter and more sustainable”** is to provide a platform to discuss new frontier technologies and their potential to transform societies, economies and the environment. The Forum will also discuss the role of artificial intelligence and IoT to shape smarter and more sustainable cities.

8 The objective of the Forum on **“5G, EMF and Health and Training on ITU-T Recommendations on EMF”** is to provide an overview of 5G, EMF and health issues to policy makers and other stakeholders with a special focus on Africa and will identify a few actions for consideration to ITU-T Study Group 5: Environment, Climate Change and Circular Economy.

9 Information relating to the Forums on **“Using new Frontier Technologies to make cities smarter and more sustainable”** and **“5G, EMF and Health and Training on ITU-T Recommendations on EMF”**, including the draft programmes and practical information, will be available on the event webpages at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/20/sg20rgafr/201903/Pages/default.aspx> and <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgafr/201903/Pages/default.aspx>, respectively. These webpages will be regularly updated as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

10 Registration is mandatory for all participants planning to attend the Forums. You are invited to complete the registration form available on the **event webpages** no later than **12 March 2019**.

11 If required, visas must be requested as soon as possible from the embassy or consulate representing Nigeria in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Deadlines vary, so it is suggested to check directly with the appropriate representation and apply early.

12 Those who require a personal invitation letter are invited to contact **Ifeoma Uzochukwu** by e-mail at [iuzochukwu@ncc.gov.ng](mailto:iuzochukwu@ncc.gov.ng) (Tel: +23494628748) with copy to [tsbsg5@itu.int](mailto:tsbsg5@itu.int) and [tsbsg20@itu.int](mailto:tsbsg20@itu.int) bearing the words “**Letter of support for visa**” as the subject and should be sent before the deadline of **25 February 2019**.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau