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| **Subject:** | **7th Workshop on "SMART Cable Systems: From the Workshop to the Ocean Floor"(12 April 2019, New Orleans, United States)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I would like to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union is hosting the **7th Workshop on "SMART Cable Systems: From the Workshop to the Ocean Floor"** in New Orleans, United States on 12 April 2019 from 0900 to 1500 hours, immediately following the SubOptic 2019 Conference from 8 to 11 April 2019. The event will be held at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel (555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 USA).

2 The workshop is intended for members of the cable and telecom industry (suppliers, owners or potential owners, and operators of submarine cable systems). Members of academia and the scientific community seeking a briefing on the current state of SMART cables are welcome to attend. 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. This workshop will be held in English only. Participation in the workshop is free of charge but no fellowships will be granted.

3 The workshop will focus on practical next steps related to enlisting national and international governments and funding sources (e.g., multilateral development banks) in upcoming cable projects and engaging with cable industry suppliers at an engineering level.

4 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/20190412/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.

5 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 <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00005899> as soon as possible, but **no later than 1 April 2019.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is mandatory and carried out exclusively *online*.**

6 Citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in the United States of America. The visa needs to be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing the United States of America in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director of the Telecommunication
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