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| **Subject:** | **Virtual forum on “Digital Transformation of Cities and Communities”, 7 December 2020**  |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that­ the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), together with the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), is organizing the **Virtual Forum on “Digital Transformation of Cities and Communities”**. This forum will take place virtually from 1200-1400 hours, Geneva time, on **7 December 2020**.

2 This virtual forum will be held in English only.

3 Participation in the virtual forum 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 and who wishes to contribute to the work. This includes individuals who are also members of international, regional and national organizations. Participation is free of charge.

4 The objective of this virtual forum is to investigate the expanding role of digital transformation in driving innovation, sustainable growth and inclusion as well as responding to crisis situations in cities and communities. With the pandemic accelerating the adoption of digital technologies in both public and private sectors, cities and communities need to revaluate their smart strategies in order to connect to the new priorities while limiting their exposure to recurring global challenges.

5 Information relating to this virtual forum including the draft programme and practical information, will be available on the event websites at the following addresses: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/climatechange/Pages/20201207.aspx>. This website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the websites periodically for the latest updates.

6 The ITU-T Remote Participation tool, [MyMeetings](https://remote.itu.int/), will be used for the forum.

7 Registration is mandatory for all participants in order to be able to access the ITU-T Remote Participation tool, [MyMeetings](https://remote.itu.int/). You are invited to complete the online registration form available at: <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00008870>

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication
Standardization Bureau