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| **Subject:** | **Sustainable Digital Transformation Dialogues  (Fully virtual meetings, 28-30 September 2021)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing the **Sustainable Digital Transformation Dialogues (SDTD)** taking place virtually from 28 to 30 September 2021. The meeting will be preceded by the [ITU-T Study Group 5 and ITU-T Study Group 20 Newcomers' Session](ttps://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/20/Pages/newcomers-session/202110.aspx) on 27 September 2021. The Sustainable Digital Transformation Dialogues will be followed by the ITU-T Study Group 5 Regional Group meetings for Africa ([SG5RG-AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgafr/Pages/default.aspx)), Arab ([SG5RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgarb/Pages/default.aspx)) and Latin America ([SG5RG‑LATAM](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rglatam/Pages/default.aspx)) regions respectively, on each day.

2 The overarching theme of this virtual event is to lead a global discussion on sustainable digital transformation (particularly in the Africa, Arab, and Latin America regions) and the Sustainable Development Goals. The main objective is to provide an international platform where all stakeholders can gather to share their experiences and identify common solutions and opportunities in sustainable digital transformation. It encourages a closer look at the role played by policies and international standards in the process and how these may facilitate positive change. Through meaningful exchanges of dialogues, the event will reshape the global narratives of digital transformation and create new opportunities for cooperation and collaboration.

3 The structure of the event will be as follows:

* **28 September 2021** 
  + **Sustainable Digital Transformation in Africa**: 0900 – 1200 hours, CEST
  + **Meeting of ITU-T SG5 Regional Group for Africa (SG5RG-AFR)**: 1400 –1730 hours, CEST
* **29 September 2021**
  + **Sustainable Digital Transformation in Arab**: 0900 – 1200 hours, CEST
  + **Meeting of ITU-T SG5 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG5RG-ARB):** 1400 -1730 hours, CEST
* **30 September 2021**
  + **Sustainable Digital Transformation in Latin America**: 1600 – 1900 hours, CEST
  + **Meeting of ITU-T SG5 Regional Group for the Latin America Region (SG5RG-LATAM):**   
    2000 – 2300 hours, CEST

4 The Sustainable Digital Transformation Dialogues in Africa and in the Arab region will be held in English while the Sustainable Digital Transformation in Latin America will be held in Spanish only.

5 The event is expected to be attended by top policymakers, business leaders and industry experts, representatives from the Africa, Arab, and Latin America regions, other UN agencies, academia, civil society, other regional organizations, NGOs, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders. Participation is free of charge and open to all interested stakeholders including 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.

6 All relevant information pertaining to the Sustainable Digital Transformation Dialogues (draft programmes, speakers, registration links, remote connection details) will be made available on the respective event websites found on the main landing page at: <https://itu.int/go/SDTD>.  
These websites will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates.

7 Kindly note that registration is mandatory for all participants to each event. More information on registration will be available on each event website found on the [main landing page](https://itu.int/go/SDTD).

8 **Please note that separate registration is required for the Regional Group Meetings.**   
More information on the regional group meetings is available on the respective regional group websites; Africa ([SG5RG-AFR](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgafr/Pages/default.aspx)), Arab ([SG5RG-ARB](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rgarb/Pages/default.aspx))and Latin America ([SG5RG-LATAM](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/studygroups/2017-2020/05/sg5rglatam/Pages/default.aspx)). The regional group meetings will be restricted to delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates of the ITU‑T Study Group 5 in the region, in conformity with clause 2.3.3 of WTSA Resolution 1 (Rev. Hammamet, 2016).

Yours faithfully,

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Standardization Bureau