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Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing an additional episode of the **Digital Transformation for Cities and Communities** webinar serieswhich aims to discuss emerging topics related to digital transformation, facilitate collaboration among city stakeholders, and explore the role of standardization in the process. The series also acts as a new platform for highlighting the latest work and outcomes of [ITU-T Study Group 20 “Internet of things (IoT) and smart cities and communities (SC&C)”](https://www.itu.int/go/tsg20).

This episode on “**Procurement for Smart and Sustainable Cities: Innovative mechanisms for Digital Transformation**” will take place virtually on **9 September 2022** from 1500 to 1630 hours, Geneva time.

2 This webinar will be held in English only.

3 Strategic procurement practices within the smart city ecosystem need to be employed in a fair, open, transparent manner to secure digital products and services across sectors such that the benefits of digital transformation percolate to all sections of society.

This webinar will elaborate on the relevant smart city procurement mechanisms alongside the key challenges. The webinar will also present the ongoing work on the U4SSC deliverable – “Procurement Guidelines for Smart Sustainable Cities”, which focuses on the public spending lifecycle for smart and sustainable cities - from planning, informing the market, evaluation and award and managing delivery of services.

4 Participation in the webinar 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.

5 Information relating to this webinar including the draft programme, speakers, remote connection details, registration link, etc. will be available on the event website at the following address: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/webinars/DT4CC/20220909/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates. Kindly note that registration to the webinar is mandatory.

6 For the previous episodes in this **Digital Transformation for Cities and Communities** webinar series, kindly view the recordings by following the respective links available on the main landing page found [here](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/webinars/dt4cc/Pages/default.aspx).

Yours faithfully,

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