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| **Subject**:  | **ITU Regional Workshop on “Economic & Policy Issues of Digital Transformation”(Manama, Bahrain, 29 January 2023)** |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) is organizing a regional workshop on **“Economic & Policy Issues of Digital Transformation**” on **29 January 2023 in Manama, Bahrain**. The workshop will be kindly hosted by Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of Bahrain. The workshop will be followed by the meeting of the [ITU-T Study Group 3 Regional Group for the Arab Region](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/regionalgroups/sg03-arb/Pages/default.aspx) taking place from 30 to 31 January 2023, at the same venue.

2 The main objective of the workshop is to provide an open forum for exchanging views on a number of topics related to digital transformation under discussion in ITU-T Study Group 3 (Tariff and accounting principles and international telecommunication/ICT economic and policy issues). The workshop will also highlight activities related to the Bridging the Standardization Gap (BSG) Programme including the work of Regional Groups. The target audience includes ITU Member States, national standards bodies, ICT regulators, ICT companies, ICT research organizations, service providers, and academia.

3 Participation in the workshop is open to ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates, and Academic Institutions and to any individual from a country which 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. Participation is free of charge.

4 The draft programme and all relevant information pertaining to the workshop will be made available on the event website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2023/0129/Pages/default.aspx>. This website will be regularly updated as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are requested to check periodically for new updates.

5 To enable ITU to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the workshop I should be grateful if you would register via the online form at:
<https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/registration.aspx?Event=C-00012184>

as soon as possible, but **no later than 22 January 2023.** **Please note that pre-registration of participants for our events is carried out exclusively *online.***

7 I would like to remind you that citizens of some countries are required to obtain a visa in order to enter and spend any time in Bahrain. The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Bahrain in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Additional information on visa requirements will be available on the event website under the section “***Practical Information***”.

Yours faithfully,

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Standardization Bureau