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| **Subject:** | **ITU Workshop on “Reducing your carbon footprint – A guide to Scope 3 GHG reporting for telecommunication operators” (Fully virtual, 11 July 2023)** |
| Dear Sir/Madam,1 The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with GSMA and GeSI, are organizing a workshop on **“Reducing your carbon footprint – A guide to Scope 3 GHG reporting for telecommunication operators”** taking place virtually on the **11 July 2023 from 15h00 to 16h30 CEST.** 2 The telecommunication industry plays a critical role in connecting people and enabling digital transformation. However, this industry also contributes to greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, not only from its own operations, but also from its supply chain and product use. Scope 3 GHG emissions, which are indirect emissions from the value chain, are becoming increasingly important for companies to address as part of their sustainability efforts. With COP28 fast approaching, now more than ever the telecommunication industry must act to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. To help support the industry, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the GSMA (mobile industry association) and the Global Enabling Sustainability Initiative (GeSI) are organizing this event to launch its new guidance on Scope 3 for telecommunication operators.3 This event will bring together experts in the field to discuss the challenges and opportunities for telecommunication companies in calculating and reducing their scope 3 emissions. This event will provide a high-level overview of the newly released guide on Scope 3 Guidance for telecommunication operators. This Guidance harmonizes methods for telecommunication operators to allocate, calculate and report their scope 3 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, in order to improve accuracy, coverage and transparency. This guidance is intended to supplement, not supersede, existing standards. 4 This event is expected to be attended by representatives from around the world including, top policymakers, private sector practitioners, UN agencies, academia, civil society, other regional organizations, NGOs, and other relevant stakeholders. 5 Participation in the workshop is free of charge and open to all.6 All relevant Information pertaining to the workshop including the draft programme will be made available on the event website here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2023/0711/Pages/default.aspx>. The event webpage will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the webpage periodically for updates.7 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/net/CRM/js/sr/C-00012823) available on the website page as soon as possible**. Please note that pre-registration of participants for workshops is mandatory and carried out online.** Yours faithfully,Seizo OnoeDirector of the TelecommunicationStandardization Bureau |