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| **Subject:** | **ITU-ETSI Symposium on ICT Sustainability: Standards Driving Environmental Innovation(Geneva, Switzerland,** **11-12 December 2024)** |

Dear Sir or Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), together with ETSI and its Technical Committee on Environmental Engineering (ETSI TC EE), are organizing the “**ITU-ETSI Symposium on ICT Sustainability: Standards Driving Environmental Innovation**”, taking place on **11‑12 December 2024**, at **ITU Headquarters** in **Geneva, Switzerland**.

2 The ITU and ETSI ICT Sustainability Symposium: Standards Driving Environmental Innovation will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, researchers and stakeholders to explore the crucial role of standards in promoting sustainable ICT practices. Standards guide the development of technologies that minimize environmental impact and enhance energy efficiency.

3 The objectives of the symposium include:

* Informing participants about the latest standardization activities for sustainable ICT.
* Education on leveraging environmental sustainability standards to support policies and regulations related to ICT products, networks and services.
* Showcasing cutting-edge innovations, case examples and research projects of ICT initiatives for sustainability.
* Facilitating networking opportunities with experts, speakers and stakeholders from various organizations.

4 The Programme Committee of the symposium is currently **calling for presentations on the following topics:**

* Energy efficiency.
* Circular design of ICT products and services.
* Lifecycle assessment of ICT products, networks and services.
* Environmental impact assessment reporting and the importance of data collection.
* ICT solutions enablement effect in other sectors.

5 Should you wish to submit a presentation proposal, please check the submission process available on the [event website](https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2024/1211/Pages/default.aspx). The deadline to submit your proposal is **22 September 2024.**

6 Participation in the Symposium is open to all. This includes ETSI members, ITU Member States, Sector Members, Associates and Academic Institutions, as well as any individual from a country that 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.

7 All relevant information pertaining to the event (i.e., draft programme, list of speakers, registration link, remote connection details) will be made available on the event website here: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/Workshops-and-Seminars/2024/1211/Pages/default.aspx>.

The website will be updated regularly as new or modified information becomes available. Participants are encouraged to check the website periodically for the latest updates.

8 Please note that registration to attend either in person or online is **mandatory**. To enable TSB to make the necessary arrangements concerning the organization of the symposium, I would be grateful if you would register as soon as possible at: <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/Registration.aspx?Event=C-00014355> no later than **6 December 2024**. Please note that pre-registration of participants to the symposium is mandatory and carried out online.

9 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 Switzerland. The visa must be obtained from the office (embassy or consulate) representing Switzerland in your country or, if there is no such office in your country, from the one that is closest to the country of departure. Visa processing and approval may take some time, it is therefore suggested to check directly with the appropriate representation and apply early.

Yours faithfully,

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