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| **Subject:** | **Eighth Meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative**  **(Madrid, Spain, 19 September 2024)** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 I am pleased to inform you that the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), is organizing the **Eighth Meeting of the United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) Initiative.** This meeting will take place in conjunction with The Spanish Network of Smart Cities (RECI) congress on smart cities, jointly co-organized by ITU and RECI in Madrid, Spain on **19 September 2024**. These events will be hosted by City of Madrid and the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FEMP).

2 The U4SSC meeting will be held in English and Spanish.

3 The United for Smart Sustainable Cities (U4SSC) initiative is a UN initiative supported by 19 UN agencies and programmes to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including SDG11: "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable". The U4SSC serves as the global platform to drive dialogue on the topic of smart sustainable cities and facilitate the use of ICTs and digital technologies to drive smart sustainable cities transitions. More information about this initiative can be found at <https://u4ssc.itu.int/>.

4 The main objectives of this meeting are to:

* Provide an update on the work of the U4SSC Thematic Groups;
* Present the activities of the U4SSC Hub;
* Discuss new U4SSC activities and approve the U4SSC Annual Work Plan (2024-2025).

5 Participation in the meeting 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.

6 Information relating to this meeting including the draft programme, speakers, remote connection details, registration link, etc. will be available at: <https://u4ssc.itu.int/latest-meetings/8th-meeting/>. 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 meeting is mandatory to attend the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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Standardization Bureau