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**Subject: 2<sup>nd</sup> ITU-Academia Partnership Meeting: Developing Skills for the Digital Era  
Atlanta, United States, 2-3 December 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your institution to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ITU-Academia Partnership Meeting: Developing Skills for the Digital Era, which will take place in Atlanta, United States, from 2 to 3 December 2019. The meeting is organised by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech). The meeting is organized in conjunction with the 11<sup>th</sup> ITU Kaleidoscope Academic Conference, which will take place from 4 to 6 December 2019, in the same venue. Information on the Kaleidoscope Conference is available at: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-T/academia/kaleidoscope/2019/Pages/default.aspx>.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> ITU-Academia Partnership Meeting brings together representatives from universities and higher education institutions from all over the world who have an interest in the topic of digital technologies. The event will cover debates around the digital transformation and required skill sets, the role of universities in shaping the digital agenda, as well as challenges academic institutions are facing in moving towards 21<sup>st</sup> century universities. The meeting will also feature an academia-industry dialogue, explore the role of universities as drivers of technology research and innovation and present some concrete examples of those. A major objective of the event is to identify ways and means to strengthen collaboration between ITU and the academic community in developing capacities and skills for the digital future.

The meeting, which is open to any individual from an ITU Member State who wishes to participate, will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

Documents related to the event, including the draft agenda, visa requirements, hotel reservation and other practical information for participants, as well as registration process, will be available at <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Capacity-Building/Pages/events/academia2019.aspx>.

Although there is no participation fee for this meeting, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and meals should be covered by participants.

Should you have any questions or need clarification concerning logistics such as the venue, accommodation, entry visa etc., please contact Ms Marilú Suárez ([marilu.suarez@inta.gatech.edu](mailto:marilu.suarez@inta.gatech.edu); tel. +1 404-894-4452).

For any other questions concerning this meeting, please contact Ms Susan Teltscher, Head, Human Capacity Building Division, ITU/BDT (e-mail: [hcbmail@itu.int](mailto:hcbmail@itu.int)) or Professor Michael Best (e-mail: [mikeb@cc.gatech.edu](mailto:mikeb@cc.gatech.edu)), Georgia Tech focal point for this meeting.

I look forward to active participation from your institution in this important meeting.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed)

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