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To:

— Member states and ITU-D Sector
   Members for Africa Region
— International , Regional and sub-regional
   organizations

Subject: Cyber Drill - ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) sixth edition for Africa
          Region, Kampala, Uganda, 18th -21st November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the fifth ITU ALERT - **Applied learning for Emergency Response Teams (ALERT)** international cyber drill for Africa Region that will be held in Kampala, in Uganda, from 19th to 21st November 2019, at the kind invitation of Uganda Communications Commission (UCC).

This event will be organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and hosted by UCC within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiatives for Africa on Building Confidence and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs agreed by the World Tele communication Development Conference 2017.

The purpose of the event is to enhance the communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective effort in mitigating cyber threats among the Region's national Computer Incident Response Teams .

The two first days are dedicated to Technical capacity building workshop on CIRT operations.

The two last days are dedicated to the cyber drill exercises structured around various scenarios involving the most common types of cyberattacks while the sharing sessions provides a platform for cooperation and discussions on cybersecurity. This Cyberdrill is open to the CIRTs of Africa region who want to participate.

Since one of the important features of this event is to conduct cyber drills/simulations on a number of practical cyber threats scenarios, the participation of at least two team members from your national CIRT and one senior manager in cybersecurity in your country is highly recommended.

Please note that the event will be paperless. Documents related to the event, including the Agenda, registration form, hotel reservation form and practical information for participants will be posted on the ITU website at https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/africa-Cyberdrill-2019.aspx

Participants are invited to download and print the documents needed for the event.

Participants are also requested to complete the online registration form available on the cyber drill website **not later than November , 12th 2019**

Participants are strongly advised to take care, as early as possible, of their entry visas to Uganda as the approval procedure may take some days and they may be requested to present to the Ugandan Embassy/Consulate in their countries an invitation letter from the local host UCC.

Although there is no participation fee for this meeting, please note that all expenses concerning travel, accommodation and insurance of your experts should be defrayed by your Administration / Organization / Company.

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Yours faithfully,

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