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Addis Ababa,

To:

- Member States and ITU-D Sector Members;
- Regional and Sub-Regional regulators' associations;
- Telecommunication/ICT operators;
- Financial and development institutions;
- Regional and sub-Regional organizations
- Academia

Subject: ITU Annual regional human Capacity building workshop for Sub-Saharan countries in Africa, Lilongwe, Malawi, 18-20 July 2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Government of the Republic of Malawi are pleased to invite you to the ITU annual regional human capacity building workshop for Sub-Saharan African countries to be held at the Bingu International Conference Centre (BICC) in Lilongwe, Malawi, from 18 - 20 July 2016. The event will run back to back with the annual general meeting of the association of information and communication service regulators of East and Southern Africa (ARICEA),

This year's theme is titled **"Ensuring child online safety (COS) in a digital world: building human capacity in COS policy formulation and implementation."** This theme focuses on child online safety, in an African context where several initiatives and measures are being taken to bridge the digital gap and reach social and economic development through the use of ICT.

This annual human capacity building workshop is organized by ITU Regional Office for Africa in collaboration with the Human Capacity Building Division in Geneva, and in partnership with the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) and Malawi Communication Regulatory Authority (MACRA) hosting the event.

The main objective of this workshop is to provide a platform to African countries to share experiences, strengthen their knowledge and raise awareness on children and youth safe digital inclusion through a multi-stakeholders approach involving the role of government, educators, ICT/telecoms regulators and ministries, industry civil society, NGO and other organizations dealing with children and youth to develop, adapt and implement strategies, mechanisms and guidelines as well as national Child online protection plan in all layers of the society to make a real difference.

Participants will also understand the necessity of fostering regional cooperation, but also tighten collaboration between stakeholders involved in children and youth safety and security to develop a national and regional framework for children and youth online protection.

Participation to this annual workshop is open to senior managers and managers dealing with policy and strategy formulation and programs implementation within Ministries in charge of telecommunications/ICT, Ministries in charge of education, academia, regulatory agencies, telecommunications operators, service providers, devices manufacturer, International organizations and NGO dealing with children and youth.

Documents relating to the event and regular updates thereto (information note, provisional programme, and registration and hotel reservation) will be available on the ITU website at: www.itu.int/ITU-D/afr/events/2016. Registration will be done preferably online at the same web address not later than 11 July 2016. The detailed provisional agenda will be also available on the ITU website.

The meeting will be paperless. Participants are therefore invited to download and print the needed documents before and during the event. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French during the meeting.

A practical information note concerning the workshop can also be found at the above web address.

In order to benefit from the preferential hotel rates negotiated by the national coordinator for this event, participants are requested to complete the form and return it directly to the selected hotel.

The host country will provide transportation between the airport and hotels, and between the hotels and the Forum venue, and vice versa, for all delegates.

To facilitate the planning and coordination of airport transfers, delegates are requested to fax or e-mail the same form, indicating their flight numbers, dates and times (both arrival and departure) to dg-macra@macra.org.mw a copy to Ms. Anna Barboza and Ms. Oumou Niang (Tél: +221 33 859 70 10/21, fax: +221 33 868 63 86), e-mails: itu-dakar@itu.int).

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I look forward seeing you at the workshop.

Yours faithfully

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