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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

**Subject: 16<sup>th</sup> Forum on Telecommunication/ICT Regulation and Partnership in Africa (FTRA-2018),  
Hotel The Capital on the Park , Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa, 6-8 June 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Government of the Republic of South Africa are pleased to invite you to the 16th Forum on Telecommunication/ICT Regulation and Partnership in Africa (FTRA 2018), to be held at the Hotel The Capital on the Park, Sandton, Johannesburg, South Africa, 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

The themes for the Forum this year are:

- Collaborative Regulation for Emerging Technologies and Cross Sector Applications.
- Foundations for secure and effective Big Data & Data Sovereignty,
- Infrastructure development and Quality of Service roadmaps for IoT and Smart City developments
- National security issues
- Rural development strategies

These important themes were selected on the basis of proposals made by participants in the 15<sup>th</sup> FTRA, held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 23 - 25 March 2016. The Forum is organized by the ITU in collaboration with the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA).

The main objective of the Forum is to share experiences and identify best practices conducive to attracting investments in ICT infrastructure, applications and services for socio-economic development.

An exciting development at this year's FTRA event is the inclusion of private sector solution partners who can share insights, best practices and technology innovations to the opportunities presented during the agenda and your development objectives. Based on feedback and requests from previous attendees, we have evolved the programme from a simple discussion forum, to an interactive format enabling direct engagement opportunities including solution showcases and one to one meeting opportunities.

Participation in FTRA 2018 is open to ITU Member States and ITU-D Sector Members, regional and sub regional regulators' associations, telecommunication/ICT operators, financial and development institutions and regional and sub regional organizations.

Documents relating to the event and regular updates thereto (information note, provisional agenda, registration and hotel reservation forms) will be available on the ITU website at:

<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Africa/Pages/default.aspx> Registration will be done online at the same web address not later than 27 May 2018. The detailed provisional agenda is attached in Annex.

The meeting will be paperless. Participants are therefore invited to download 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 Forum can also be found at the above web address. Please pay particular attention to the section on entry visa requirements for South Africa.

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 e-mail the same form, indicating their flight numbers, dates and times (both arrival and departure) to Ms. Zanele K. Ntuli, ICASA , email: [zntuli@icasa.org.za](mailto:zntuli@icasa.org.za) with a copy to Ms. Cynthia Mapisire, email: [Cynthia.mapisire@itu.int](mailto:Cynthia.mapisire@itu.int) and [ftra2018@itu.int](mailto:ftra2018@itu.int). Ms Chali Tumelo, email: [chali.tumelo@itu.int](mailto:chali.tumelo@itu.int) and Mr. Jean-Jacques Massima email: [jean-jacques.massima@itu.int](mailto:jean-jacques.massima@itu.int) members of the ITU team in charge of the FTRA-2018, will follow up with your focal point on requested areas of interest.

I look forward to seeing you at the Forum.

Yours faithfully,

[Original Signed]

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