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Subject: **5G, IoT, m-Payment — Emerging Technologies, Eco-Systems, and Regulatory Aspects”
Workshop, 17-19th October 2018, St. John, Antigua and Barbuda.**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the “5G, IoT, m-Payment - Emerging Technologies, Eco-Systems, and Regulatory Aspects” Workshop which will take place from 17 to 19 October 2018 in Antigua and Barbuda. The venue of the event is the Trade Winds Hotel. The event is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

A technological revolution that represents the future of computing and communications is taking place worldwide. This workshop seeks to give a thorough introduction to the emerging technologies and eco-systems of 5G and Internet of Things (IoT), m-Payment which are aspects of this revolution. The workshop will therefore cover the next major phase of wireless and mobile telecommunications standards beyond the current 4G/IMT-Advanced standards, introducing the most dominant technologies and architectures. Issues related to the regulation of these new eco-systems will also be discussed i.e., technological landscape aspects and inherent challenges.

The targeted Caribbean stakeholder audience will include:

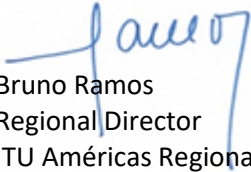
- Policy makers & Leaders seeking greater participation in digital economy
- Financial and telecommunications/ICT regulators
- Academia and Institutions critical to research and development of innovation sector
- Entrepreneurs seeking to develop and use innovative financial solutions
- Mobile Network Operators, Banks, Financial Service Providers, Mobile Financial Services Platform Providers
- International Organizations, NGOs involved in financial inclusion programmes and Civil Society

The draft preliminary working agenda and Practical information for participants are attached hereto. Instructions for registration and a link to the event webpage will be provided in the near future.

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I look forward to your positive response and active participation to this important event.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bruno Ramos', is written over the typed name and title.

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Annexes:

- 1- Preliminary Working Agenda
- 2- Practical Information