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- To Administration of ITU Member States of the Americas(AMS) region
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates
- Academia Institutions
- Regional and International organizations

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)-2019, which will take place on 30 September 2019 in Asuncion, Paraguay at the kind invitation of CONATEL, Paraguay. The RDF serves as a regional coordination meeting for ITU members to review its 2019 operational plan, in addition to the strategic and future directions of the implementation of ITU regional operational plan 2019-2022 including, the proposed programs and activities for the implementation of the Americas Regional Initiatives (RIs). Moreover, it provides an opportunity for high-level dialogue between the ITU members and other stakeholders from the Americas region to synergize efforts, seek new partnerships and agree on priority areas for the coming period.

This year's RDF is organized back to back to CITEL's 35th PCC I Meeting which will take place October 1 to 4 in the same venue. Cooperation between ITU and CITEL has been utmost in the region since the agendas of both organizations coincide practically in all their objectives.

The event will be conducted in English and Spanish. Further information on the event agenda, logistics, as well as registration, will be posted soon at the [event website](#).

We encourage you to participate and to register through the link mentioned above. Please note that the deadline for registration is 20 September 2019.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Americas Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs) in these events, there will be a limited number of Full Fellowships to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of one delegate from each LDCs/LICs covering the period from 30 September to 4 October 2019. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the RDF's website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than 30 August 2019.

Should you require any further information on the Forum and the above events, please do not hesitate to contact ITU Americas Regional Office (telephone +55 61 2312 2730 or e-mail: ITU-RO-Americas@itu.int) Looking forward to your active participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Sincerely yours,

(original signed by)

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