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**Subject: Invitation to the ITU Regional Strategy Workshop on Child Online Protection for the Arab Region: Empowering the future digital citizens Cairo - Egypt, 25-26 October 2015**

Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to join us at the ***“ITU Regional Strategy Workshop on Child Online Protection (COP) for the Arab Region: Empowering the future digital citizens”***, which will be held in Cairo – Egypt, from 25 to 26 October 2015. The workshop will be organized by the ITU Arab Regional Office as part of its operational plan for 2015, kindly hosted by and organized with the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology in Egypt (MCIT) and under the umbrella of the League of Arab States (LAS).

With a strong emphasis on shared responsibility for our children and youth, the workshop will raise awareness of challenges concerning the Child Online Protection (COP), as well as facilitate sharing of related knowledge and experience in making the online world safe for our most vulnerable citizens.

The event will provide a platform for different stakeholder groups – policy makers, the private sector, law enforcement agencies, International Organizations and others – to discuss issues and opportunities pertaining to the protection of children and youth online.

Together we will establish a pan-Arab network of key stakeholders dedicated to the development of Child Online Protection across the Arab Region, and guidelines for national strategies' formulation.

Registration will be carried out online. Participants are encouraged to register through the Registration link available at the event's website mentioned below. Noting that the deadline for Registration is **15/10/2015**.

The agenda and other relevant documentation about the Arab COP workshop are available online at: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2015/COP.aspx>



In order to encourage the participation from LDCs in this event; there are limited number of **Full Fellowship** covering the accommodation and the air tickets for one delegate from each Arab LDCs. Administrations who are wishing to benefit from this fellowship, should fill in the Fellowship Request Form (which is available on the webpage of the workshop) at least before **1 October 2015** and to send it to ( [bdtfellowship@itu.int](mailto:bdtfellowship@itu.int) ) with copy to ( [rania-refaat.danial@itu.int](mailto:rania-refaat.danial@itu.int)). The Fellows are kindly requested to provide a paper on the status of child online protection in their countries.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Rouda Alamir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office, Tel.: +202 3537 1777, Fax: +202 3537 1888, E-mail: [rouda.alamirali@itu.int](mailto:rouda.alamirali@itu.int) ; or Ms. Yomna Omran, MCIT Egypt, Tel: +202 35342238 , Fax: +202 35371010 , E-mail: [yshawky@mcit.gov.eg](mailto:yshawky@mcit.gov.eg)

Looking forward to your kind participation and fruitful contribution in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Al Haddad'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

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