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To: Arab Administrations of ITU Member States,
Regulators, ITU-D Sector Members,
Associates, Academia and Regional and
International Organizations concerned

Subject: High Level Regional Meeting for Building Partnership with Academia in the Field of Cybersecurity
Amman – Jordan, 4 December 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the implementation of the ITU Arab Regional Initiative adopted in the World Telecommunication Development Conference 2017 (WTDC-17), and the ITU Arab Regional Office Operational Plan, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the **High Level Regional Meeting for Building Partnership with Academia in the Field of Cybersecurity** to be organized in collaboration with the **Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN)**, in **Amman – Jordan, 4 December 2018**, back-to-back with their annual conference [e-AGE18](#), 2-3 December 2018.

The meeting's main objective is to establish a partnership between Academia Sector and other ITU Members in order to build confidence and security in the use of ICTs, and to shed light on the importance of creating academic professionals in cybersecurity in the Arab Region. Among the topics to be discussed at this meeting are:

- The Arab cybersecurity landscape: challenges and opportunities.
- Why cybersecurity? Why is it important to invest in it?
- The role of Academia in enabling environment for building trust and security in the use of ICTs.
- Cultivating research and innovation in cybersecurity.
- Round table: mechanism to strengthen the cooperation amongst academia entities and between them and the involved stakeholders.
- The way forward: towards Arab collaborative mechanisms.

ITU members are invited to this meeting, especially officials from the Academia, Ministries of information and communications technologies, regulators, industry, and CIRTs in Arab Countries. In addition, all stakeholders relevant to cybersecurity in the Arab region are also invited.

Please note that all the information related to the Meeting such as draft Agenda, Fellowship Form, Information Note and the Online Registration link, will be available on the event website ([Click Here](#))

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the link mentioned above.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Country (LICs) in this event, ITU is pleased to provide one **full Fellowship** to cover the travel and accommodation of one delegate from each Arab LDCs and LICs, with preference to those applicants working in the target areas of the meeting. The successful applicants would be expected to contribute to the sessions of the meeting. Applicants requesting fellowships are required to submit their Fellowship Request Forms, which is available on the meeting's website mentioned above, duly signed by their respective Administrations by no later than **20 November 2018**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Rouda Alamir Ali, Programme Officer, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (rouda.alamirali@itu.int).

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. A. H.', with a horizontal line underneath.

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