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**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics  
Manama – Bahrain, 26-27 March 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau of the ITU in collaboration with the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications in Bahrain, 26-27 March 2018 in Manama – Bahrain.

The workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of countries to produce the national statistics needed for the indicators on telecommunications and ICTs. Noting that this workshop is targeting the experts who are responsible for collecting or producing such statistics in ministries, regulatory agencies and national statistical offices.

The workshop will discuss the main groups of telecommunication/ICT indicators, their definitions and methodological issues, existing mechanisms of national coordination of ICT statistics, the dissemination and harmonization of ICT data at the international level, with a focus on the Information Development Index (IDI) issued by ITU and which has been modified some parts of its methodology which will come into effect in 2018. Also, the participants will have the opportunity to share the experience of their countries in the collection and harmonization of telecommunication/ICT indicators.

The Workshop will be conducted in English and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation. There is no participation fee for this event. However, all expenses related to the travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

Please note that all the information related to the above event and such as Draft Agenda, Fellowship Form, Online Registration link and Information Note will be available on the ITU Arab Regional Office website at ([Click Here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the above-mentioned link. Please note that the deadline for registration is **20 March 2018**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LIC) in this event, there will be a limited number of **Partial Fellowships** to cover the travel expenses of one delegate from each Arab LDCs. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the events website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **13 March 2018**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification on the above events, please do not hesitate to contact: Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail ([karim.abdelghani@itu.int](mailto:karim.abdelghani@itu.int)).

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

Yours sincerely,



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