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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: ITU Arab Regional Workshop on “Furthering IMT Development: Policy, Spectrum Valuation and Auctions” in the Arab Region
Riyadh – Saudi Arabia, 18-19 December 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Arab Regional Workshop on “Furthering IMT Development: Policy, Spectrum Valuation and Auctions”**, which is organized by the ITU Arab Regional Office in collaboration with the Communications and Information Technologies Commission (CITC) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The workshop will be held at CITC premises in Riyadh on **18-19 December 2018**.

This workshop is designed to be of interest for mid- to senior-level managers from national policy makers, spectrum regulatory agencies, corporate executives and managers dealing with spectrum management responsibilities in their respective companies and organizations and especially concerned with economic aspects of most efficient utilization of radio spectrum resource for public mobile communications networks. The workshop will enable participants to:

- understand the process and approaches to national Spectrum Management (SM), its recent international trends and developments in the applied context of developing the International Mobile Telecommunication (IMT) networks and services;
- observe the state-of-the-art with the development of IMT, 4G/5G networks and relevant spectrum use trends in the Arab region;
- become familiar with the main economic principles underpinning the efficient SM and learn best practices in spectrum valuation and applying market-based mechanisms for spectrum awards;
- learn the specific case studies and share experiences regarding conduct of recent IMT spectrum auctions as well as applying administrative spectrum pricing;
- get introduced to other relevant regulatory policy initiatives that aim to facilitate the development of IMT services and networks infrastructure from 4G towards future 5G.

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

We encourage you to participate and to register for this event at the earliest convenience by using the link provided 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 **Full Fellowships** to cover the travel and accommodation costs of one delegate from each Arab LDCs and LICs, with preference to those relevant applicants who are working in the target areas of the workshop. The successful applicants would be expected to contribute to the sessions of the workshop. Interested countries are requested to fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the Workshop's website mentioned above and return it duly signed by their respective Administrations to the ITU no later than **15 November 2018**.

The participants requiring an entry visa to Saudi Arabia are requested to fill the attached form and send it along with a copy of their passport biographical data page to the email address (intaff@citc.gov.sa) and to contact their local Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for information well in advance.

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,



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