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Subject: **ITU Regional Conference on ICT for Women in the Arab Region: ICT for Women's Empowerment**
Beirut – Lebanon, 26-27 November 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **ITU Regional Conference on ICT for Women in the Arab Region: ICT for Women's Empowerment,** which is organized by the ITU Arab Regional Office at the kind invitation of OGERO Telecom, under the Patronage of the Ministry of Telecommunications of Lebanon, and in collaboration with the Arab Women Organization (AWO), Internet Society (ISOC), World Bank Group (WB), and the Lebanese League for Women in Business (LLWB), in **Beirut – Lebanon, 26-27 November 2018,** at the Movenpick Hotel.

This conference aims to shed light on the importance of digital skills for women's empowerment and link it to the employment opportunities by showcasing success stories from the region. It will be providing a platform for key stakeholders in the region to share knowledge, successful initiatives and best practices in the field. It will also help in identifying the main challenges and obstacles that hinder women's participation in the digital transformation while exploring the opportunities offered by the ICT sector and highlighting good practices developed by some actors in the region.

The conference is targeting specialists from public authorities, international organizations, private sector, civil society organizations, donors facilitating Gender inclusion and use of ICT in the Arab region.

Please note that all the information related to the Conference 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 through the link mentioned above, noting that the deadline for registration is **15th October 2018**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Country (LICs) in this event, there will be a limited number of **Full Fellowships** to cover the travel and accommodation costs of one delegate from each Arab LDCs and LICs. Interested countries are requested to fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the conference's website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **22 October 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,

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