To:

- **All Arab Administrations & Regulators**
- **ITU-D Sector Members, Associates and Academia**
- **Regional/International Organizations**
- **Critical National Sectors/National CERTs**

Subject: Invitation/ Regional Cybersecurity Week 2019 for the Arab Region

On behalf of the ITU Arab Regional Cybersecurity Centre (ARCC) in Oman and in collaboration with the ITU Arab Regional Office (ARO), we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2nd Regional Cybersecurity week from **27th to 31st October 2019 in Kempinski Hotel, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman.** This year' 2nd Regional Cybersecurity Week is kindly hosted by Information Technology Authority, Sultanate of Oman, represented by Oman National CERT (OCERT).

The cybersecurity week aims to share experiences, consolidate and enhance cooperation among Arab countries in the field of cybersecurity in general and identify clear mechanisms to tackle threats and attacks in the Arab and international cyber space. This week events will include:

✓ **The 8th Regional Cybersecurity Summit to be held from 27th – 28th October 2019** under the theme "Cybersecurity Revoluation" that aims to adreess the best preventive strategies to counteract cyber threats espcially with the 4th Indutrsial Revolution. For more information about and registeration for the Summit, please visit https://rcssummit.com, for Registration: http://rcssummit.com/module.php?module=registration

✓ **FIRST & ITU-ARCC Regional Symposium for Africa and Arab Regions to be held on 29th October 2019** The symposium provides an appropriate platform for senior ICT and cyber security officials from the African and Arab regions to discuss and formulate strategic directions and plans to tackle emerging threats to the global and regional cybersecurity sector. Followed by the symposium there will be a two day training conducted by FIRST on 30th - 31st October 2019. For more information about and registeration for the FIRST Symposium and training fees please visit: https://app.certain.com/profile/3014256

✓ **The 7th Regional Cyber Drill ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) On 30th – 31st October 2019.** The drill seeks to enhance communication and capacity building and boost emergency readiness and response to cyber threats and/or attacks through the Arab CIRTs. Countries that have their own national CIRTs are invited to participate with a team of three to four technical members in addition to one management member or a decision maker as an observer

(optional), while countries that have not yet completed the establishment of their National CIRT can participate as an observer (1 to 3 observers). Registration is available through arcc.om/registration

✓ **The 7ᵗʰ annual Arab Cybersecurity Cooperation Team meeting (ACCT)** for the Head or the representatives of Arab CIRTs to explore areas of cooperation in cybersecurity field in the Arab region which is scheduled to be held on **28ᵗʰ October 2019, at 15:00 pm** in parallel with the 8ᵗʰ Regional Cybersecurity Summit.

For more information about the events, please visit the ARCC website http://www.arcc.om or the link https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2019/Cyber/Cyber.aspx

You can register for both events (Regional Summit and Regional cyber Drill) via the following link: http://arcc.om/registration Please note that the deadline for registration is **23ʳᵈ September 2019.**

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Country (LICs) in this week, the ITU Arab Regional Office (ARO) is pleased to provide one full Fellowship to cover the travel and accommodation of one delegate from each Arab LDCs and LICs to participate in the All of the activities of the regional cybersecurity week, with preference to those applicants working in cybersecurity and who have technical expertise to participate in the Regional Cyber Drill, preferably who are members of their national CIRTs. 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 **23 September 2019.**

Participants are also advised to take the necessary steps to obtain an Omani visa before registration deadline. For further questions about the Regional Cybersecurity Week activities, please contact us at arcc@ita.gov.om or call +968 24166 856

Yours faithfully,

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