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- Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organizations

Subject: **Regional Multi-stakeholder Workshop on the Role of Telecommunications/ICTs for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management for Arab Region
Riyadh-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 26-28 November 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the above-mentioned Workshop. The workshop is organized by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) and the Arab Red Crescent and Red Cross Organization (ARCO) in collaboration with the Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC) of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and will be hosted in ARCO premises.

The multi-stakeholder workshop aims at paving the way for enhancing the use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) for disaster management in the region and address key questions related to the best use of ICTs for disaster risk reduction. It will also serve as a platform to exchange new experiences and best practices in the use of modern technologies for monitoring and early warning.

The workshop targets policy makers from ministries of ICTs, disaster management organizations, the telecommunication regulatory authorities, red crescent and red cross organizations, private sector entities, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organizations and other participants from humanitarian organizations, as well as academic institutions and media.

The workshop will be conducted in Arabic and English with simultaneous interpretation.

Please note that all the information related to the workshop, such as the draft agenda, fellowship request, practical information note, online registration and visa information, will be available on the event website ([click here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register to this event on-line through the link mentioned above. Please note that the deadline for registration is 15 November 2019.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs), there will be a limited number of Partial Fellowships to cover the accommodation expenses of one delegate from the ICTs Administration of the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs). Interested countries should fill in the fellowship request form, sign, validate it, and return it to ITU no later than 30 October 2019.

Should you require any further information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator, ITU ARO, E-mail (Mustafa-Ahmed.Al-Mahdi@itu.int) and Dr. Ibraheem A. El-Dowy, Director of Research and Information Center, ARCO, E-mail (ibraheemildowy@arabrcrc.org).

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

Yours sincerely,

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