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- Arab Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates
- Academia Institutions
- Regional and International Organizations concerned
- Regional chairs and vice chairs of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and Study Groups

Subject: **Regional Forum on Emerging Technologies**
                   Tunis – Tunisia, 23-24 April 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the Regional Forum on Emerging Technologies, which will take place in Tunis-Tunisia, 23-24 April 2019 organized jointly in collaboration with the INTT of Tunisia.

The overall objective of this regional forum is to shed light on the opportunities, advantages and challenges associated with the development, implementation and use of key ICT emerging technologies: 5G, Internet of Things, Big Data, Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing.

The forum will grant an opportunity for ITU membership, regional partners and stakeholders to network, promote collaboration and knowledge sharing, and seek partnerships with each other's.

Furthermore, the forum will discuss regional challenges and opportunities that should be addressed across the region to promote the deployment of such new technologies with the ultimate goal of contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation of ITU International experts who will present the latest developments in these technologies will be an opportunity for knowledge sharing with local and regional professionals.

The Forum will be conducted in French and English. Please note that all the information related to the Forum such **as draft Agenda, Online Registration link**, **Fellowship Request Form, Information Note** and the **Hotel Reservation Form** will be available on the ITU website (Click here).

The Forum is targeting the specialists in the field of ICTs from ITU Member States, ICT regulatory bodies, private sector (telecommunication operators and services providers).

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the link mentioned above. Please note that the deadline for registration is **15 April 2019**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs) in this event, there will be a limited number of **Partial Fellowships** to cover the travel or accommodation expenses of one delegate from each LDCs/LICs. The interested countries should fill in the Fellowship Request Form, which is available on the website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than **31 March 2019**.

Should you require any further information or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact: Mr. Slaheddine Maaref, Senior Advisor, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail (slaheddine.maaref@itu.int).

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

Yours sincerely,

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