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- Ministries of Environments (MoEs)
- National Statistics Offices (NSOs)

**Subject: Regional Training Workshop on E-Waste Statistics in the Arab Region
Tunis-Tunisia, 16-18 Dec. 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the above-mentioned training workshop, which is kindly hosted by Tunis International Centre of Environmental Technologies (CITET) and is being organized in collaboration with the United Nations University (UNU) and its specialized Sustainable Cycles (SCYCLE) Programme and part of implementation of the activities of ITU-UNU regional project on E-Waste monitor in the Arab region. The event is supported by Global E-Waste Partnership, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and UN-ESCWA.

The workshop is to strengthen the capacity of Arab countries on electronic waste (e-waste) collection, assist them in the compilation of international comparable e-waste statistics, learn about the methods of e-waste statistics, as well as to share experiences, knowledge and challenges, and to improve national coordination.

Among other issues related to E-waste statistics, the programme of the workshop will cover the following topics:

- New Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) and used EEE put on the market;
- E-waste generated;
- Environmental sound management of e-waste (formal collection);
- Other e-waste recycling;

- Imports and exports of used EEE and e-waste.

The event targets specialists in the field of ICTs ministries and regulators, national statistics offices, ministries of environments, mobile network operators and other government agencies dealing with e-waste data (municipalities, ministries and customs). The participants should bring their laptops with EEE Put on market Tool and E-waste Generated Tool which are available on the event homepage (the tools are provided by UNU) and should understand the basics of e-waste, waste statistics and e-waste legislation.

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

Please note that all the information related to the workshop, including the draft agenda, fellowship form, practical information for participants, online registration link, visa requirements, etc. will be available on the event website ([Click here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register in this important event through the above-mentioned link. Please note that the deadline for registration is **1 December 2019**.

In order to facilitate the participation of delegates from the Arab Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Low Income Countries (LICs) of ICTs administrations, there will be a limited number of full fellowships provided by ITU to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of one delegate of these countries. Interested countries should fill in the fellowship request form, which is available on the event website mentioned above and return it to ITU no later than 15 November 2019. Fellowships are also available to participants from the Ministries of Environment, which can be requested through the UNEP Focal Points, and also for the National Statistical Offices, which can be requested through the United Nations University Focal Point, by filling the fellowship request form available on the website and return it no later than 15 November 2019.

Should you require any further information or need clarification on the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact: Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator, ITU Arab Regional Office, E-mail: (mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int), Dr. Kees Baldé, Senior Programme Officer, UNU-ViE-SCYCLE, E-mail: (balde@vie.unu.edu), Mr. Abdouraman Bary, Regional Office for Africa, E-mail: (abdouraman.bary@un.org), Mr. Iyngararasan Mylvakanam, Regional Office for West Asia, E-mail: (iyngararasan.mylvakanam@un.org) and Mr. Jawhar Abdelkrim, CITET, E-mail: (financement@citnet.nat.tn).

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

Yours sincerely,



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