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- Regional and International Organizations concerned
- Regional chairs and vice chairs of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and Study Groups

**Subject: ITU Regional Workshop on “Strengthening Capacities in International Internet Governance” for the Arab Region
Manama-Kingdom of Bahrain, 1-3 October 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Workshop on “**Strengthening Capacities in International Internet Governance**” for the Arab Region, which will be held in Manama-Kingdom of Bahrain, from 1 to 3 October 2019. The workshop is organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Arab Regional Office and hosted by the Regional Centre for Information and Communication Technology (RCICT) of Kingdom of Bahrain.

The objective of the workshop is to strengthen capacities of the ITU membership in the field of international internet governance and to provide a general overview of key aspects related to international internet governance discussions. This corresponds to the outcomes of the ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-2017), where ITU Member States agreed that capacity building of the ITU membership in international internet governance is one of the priority issues to be addressed by ITU’s capacity building programme.

The workshop will therefore be broad in scope, covering a multitude of internet governance related aspects, including:

- Internet governance in a changing environment brought by automation and the digital transformation;
- Priorities in capacity development in internet governance for ICT policy makers, regulators, telecom operators, and academia from the Arab region;
- Issues on cybersecurity, privacy and data protection in the digital.

This workshop is the third in a series of regional internet governance capacity development events that the ITU is organizing in collaboration with other stakeholders. The experience from these workshops will lead to further development of ITU's capacity development and training programmes in the field of internet governance, which are offered under the umbrella of the ITU Academy. This workshop is organized in partnership and active participation of Diplo Foundation, ICANN, ISOC and RIPE NCC.

Please note that the workshop will be conducted in English and will be paperless.

Documents related to the event, including the **draft agenda**, **registration link**, **visa requirements** and **other practical information for participants**, will be posted at ([click here](#)).

We encourage you to participate and to register in this event through the link mentioned above. Please note that the deadline for registration is **20 September 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 accommodation expenses of one delegate from each LDCs/LICs. The interested countries should fill in the fellowship request form, which is available on the workshop's website mentioned above and return it to the ITU no later than **10 September 2019**.

For any other questions concerning this workshop, please contact Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator, ITU Arab Regional Office (e-mail: mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int) and Ms. Aysha Khalid Alqattan, RCICT Specialist (email: aysha.alqattan@gmail.com).

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

Yours sincerely,



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