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- Academia Institutions
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- Regional chairs and vice chairs of the Advisory Groups and Study Groups
- UN Organizations in the Arab Region
- UN Resident Coordinators of Countries in the Arab Region
- All stakeholders non-members of ITU

Subject: ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region (RDF-ARB)

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the annual **"ITU Regional Development Forum for the Arab Region (RDF-ARB)",** under the theme **"Setting Course Towards the Digital Decade of Action",** organized by the Regional Office of the International Telecommunication Union for the Arab States and to be held virtually on **25th and 26th November 2020** from **12:00** to **15:00 Cairo Time.** The Forum will be delivered in Arabic with translation services available in English and French.

This year's RDF for the Arab region comes at an extremely challenging time not just for the region but the world at large. The COVID-19 pandemic impacted the Arab region on unprecedented levels.

The objectives of this year's RDF are as follows:

1. Shape a vision for regional digital transformation to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda in a post-COVID-19 environment.

2. Highlight opportunities for collaboration through the UN Sustainable Cooperation Frameworks.

3. Raise awareness and promote coordination to implement the outcomes of the World Radiocommunication Conference and prepare for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly and World Telecommunication Development Conference.

4. Promote opportunities for collaboration with relevant stakeholders in line with the ITU Arab Regional Office planned activities for 2021.

The event targets the participation of a variety of stakeholders in the Arab region including representatives from ministries of communication and information technology, telecom regulators, telecom operators, academic institutions, UN organizations, UN resident coordinators, as well as other relevant stakeholders.

Detailed information including the draft agenda, registration link and related documents can be accessed from the event homepage at the following link: (Click here)[1]· Please note that the deadline for registration is **24th of November 2020.** For more inquiries or further information, kindly contact: Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, Arab Regional Office at (karim.abdelghani@itu.int).

I look forward to your participation and invaluable contribution towards the success of this important event.

Yours faithfully,

Adel M. Darwish
Regional Director
Arab Regional Office

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[1] https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/ArabStates/Pages/Events/2020/RDF/default.aspx