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Subject: **Webinar on national Digital Skills Assessments - Preparing for current and future digital society in Asia and the Pacific, 13 July 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to invite you to the **Webinar on national Digital Skills Assessments- Preparing for current and future digital society in Asia and the Pacific** organized by International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on **13 July 2021**.

As you are aware, the ITU Digital Skills Assessment Guidebook was officially launched in May 2020, which aims at assisting the Member States in determining the existing national supply of digital skills, to assess the skills demanded from industry and other sectors to identify skills gaps, and to develop policies to address future digital skills requirements.

The countries in Asia and the Pacific are experiencing rapid digital transformation driven by broadband connectivity, adoption of digital strategies and implementation of digital applications. Digital skills is identified as key component to support this transformation in to narrow the digital divide particularly amongst vulnerable and marginalized communities.

An evidence-based approach is important to ensure that the implementation of digital skills programs in countries is based on accurate data and information available on the existing supply of a digitally skilled cohort at a national and community level.

In our effort to support digital transformation in Asia and the Pacific region, this webinar will present the ITU Digital Skills Assessment Guidebook as a practical tool for countries to assess the existing level of digital skills, and identify skills that are required to meet the current and future needs of member countries.

Detailed information of this webinar can be found here: <http://www.itu.int/go/DGJM>. The provisional agenda is available in **Annex 1** for your kind reference.

To take part in this webinar, you are invited to register online using the following link **by 9 July 2021 at the latest**: <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp>. No participation fee is required for this event.

Should you require any further information, Mr. Sean Doral (sean.doral@itu.int) and Mr. Christiono Andreas (andreas.christiono@itu.int) would be your focal points for the event.

I look forward to your positive response and participation at the webinar.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex 1: Provisional Agenda