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**ITU Member States, Sector Members,
Academia, and Related Stakeholders in the
Project Countries**

Subject: Invitation to Southeast Asia Webinar Series on Artificial Intelligence

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to a multi-stakeholder webinar series on gender-sensitive and socially inclusive artificial intelligence (AI) policies and standards, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific under the project “Enhancing the Development of Standards and Frameworks for Critical Technologies in Southeast Asia”, supported by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The series consists of five webinars:

- May 21: Gender Equality, Social Inclusion and Artificial Intelligence – What’s the Connection?
- June 20 (date to be confirmed): Recent Global Governance Developments in AI
- August 22 (tbc): Bridging the AI Standardization Gap
- November 7 (tbc): Industry Engagement with AI Standards to Advance Gender Equality and Social Inclusion
- December 3 (tbc): The Role of Civil Society in Mitigating Gender and Social Biases

The first webinar will take place on Tuesday, May 21 @ 2-3pm Bangkok time (GMT+7). It builds upon previous trainings carried out under the project in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and the Philippines in February-March 2023, and reviews the link between AI and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) and highlights the risks AI can pose to women and marginalized groups in society. It touches upon subjects like gender, algorithmic bias, the feminization of AI, and real-world implications of discriminatory AI systems. It also shows how gender-blind and gender-neutral approaches to AI can contribute to gender inequality, and advocates for approaches that are gender-sensitive and transformative.

The speaker for the webinar is Associate Professor Joyee S. Chatterjee from the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) in Bangkok, Thailand.

The webinar will take place on Zoom. Please register for the webinar by May 20 using this link: <https://www.itu.int/net/CRM/js/sr/C-00014017>

For more information about the subsequent webinars, please visit the webinar series website:
<http://itu.int/go/RHRR>

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I look forward to seeing you online for our webinars.

Yours sincerely,



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