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To:

- Communication Administrations of ITU Member States from CIS region
- Regulators, Sector Members, Associates, Regional Organizations, Academia from CIS region

Subject: ITU Cyber Drill - ALERT (Applied Learning for Emergency Response Teams) for CIS Region, Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, 3-7 September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ALERT – (Applied learning for Emergency Response Teams) cyber drill for CIS Region, from 3 to 7 September 2018 in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, at the kind invitation of the Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

This cyber drill is open to national CIRTs/CSIRTs, ministries, regulators, telecommunication operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders of the ITU Member States, Sector Members and Associates from CIS. It is strongly recommended that at least two technical team members and one management level staff be present. This capacity building exercise aims to enhance the communication and incident response capabilities of the participating teams as well as to ensure a continued collective effort in mitigating cyber threats among the regions' national Computer Incident Response Teams (CIRTs)/ Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs).

The first two days are dedicated to a training on CIRTs/CSIRTs management which will be organized in collaboration with the Forum of Incident Response and Security Teams (FIRST). To ensure the quality of courses, places are limited to 40 persons.

The third day is dedicated to a series of workshops on current cybersecurity issues which is an open forum for ICT professionals and decision makers in government, industry, academia and NGOs to discuss their ideas for improving cybersecurity and resiliency for security in CIS region. The conference topics of interest include: incident response, Forensic and Malware Analysis, Threat Intelligence, Internet Resilience, Internet Security Policies...

The two last days are dedicated to the cyber drill exercises structured around various scenarios involving the most common types of cyberattacks while the sharing sessions provides a platform for cooperation and discussions on cybersecurity.

The draft agenda is attached hereto (Annex 1).

In line with the collaboration between ITU and FIRST, FIRST is pleased to support applications for FIRST membership from participants of ITU cyber drills.

The cyber drill will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous interpretation.

The event will be paperless. All materials will be available on the ITU website:

https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2018/09_Baku/09_Baku.aspx

There is no participation fee for this event, however all expenses related to travel, accommodation and insurance of participants should be covered by your Administration/Organization.

Participants are requested to complete the Registration Form (Annex 2) and send it to the event coordinators **no later than 28 August 2018**.

To encourage the participation of low-income developing countries and subject to the availability of funds, the ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS Region (Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan). An application for a fellowship must be authorized by the relevant Administration. Those intending to apply for a fellowship are required to complete the Fellowship Form (Annex 4) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **no later than 6 August 2018**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation etc., regarding the cyber drill, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Fuad Mushag oglu Mushtagov, Consultant, International Events and Protocol Division, International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technologies of the Republic of Azerbaijan (email: International-fm@mincom.gov.az; phone: +99412 493 2152). For any other questions concerning this cyber drill please contact Mr. Farid Nakhli, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office for CIS (email: farid.nakhli@itu.int; phone: +7 495 926 60 70).

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annexes:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Registration Form
3. Practical Information
4. Fellowship Request Form
5. Visa Support Form