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- Administrations of ITU Member States in the CIS and Arab regions
- National Statistic Offices (NSOs) in the CIS and Arab regions
- Regulators, ITU Sector Members, Associates, and Academia in the CIS and Arab regions
- Regional organizations from CIS and Arab regions

Subject: ITU Joint Workshop on ICT Statistics for CIS and Arab Regions, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, 12-14 February 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), I am pleased to invite you to the ITU Joint Workshop on ICT Statistics for CIS and Arab Regions, which is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the ITU in collaboration with the Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan and will be held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 12 to 14 February 2019.

This Workshop is interregional between the CIS and Arab regions to provide cross regional experiences and expertise. It is addressed to the executives and experts responsible for measurement of telecom/ICT development from ministries, national statistics offices (NSOs), regulators, telecom operators, universities and general education institutions, telecommunication equipment manufacturers, research and design institutes, software developers and other interested stakeholders from the CIS and Arab regions. The Workshop is aimed at discussing the following questions:

- Overview of ITU's work on ICT statistics
- Understanding composite indices, in particular the ICT Development Index (IDI)
- Collecting supply-side ICT/telecommunication indicators
- Collecting demand-side ICT data through household surveys
- Mechanisms of national coordination of ICT statistics
- ITU expert groups
- How to report your survey data to ITU

The draft programme is attached hereto (Annex 1).

The Workshop will be conducted in English, Russian and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation.

Registration for the event will be exclusively online until 5th February 2019 at

https://www.itu.int/online/edrs/REGISTRATION/edrs.registration.form?_eventid=4000440

The event will be paperless. All materials of the Workshop will be available on the ITU website:
https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2019/02_Tashkent/02_Tashkent.aspx

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

In accordance with Resolution 25 (Rev. Dubai, 2018) of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference, and in order to promote the participation of developing countries in ITU activities, ITU will grant one full or two partial fellowships per eligible country of the CIS and Arab Regions, subject to the availability of funds.

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 3) and send it to the ITU Fellowships Service by email: fellowships@itu.int or by fax: +41 22 730 57 78 **not later than 14th January 2019**.

For visa support, participants are kindly requested to complete the visa support form, which is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan:
http://evisa.mfa.uz/evisa_en/?action=vvod and send it along with copy of the passport to the event coordinator Ms. Umida Musayeva at the email: u.musaeva@mitc.uz by **14th January 2019**.

Should you have any questions or need clarifications concerning the venue, accommodation, visa etc., please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Umida Musayeva, Senior Specialist of the International Department, Ministry for Development of Information Technologies and Communications of the Republic of Uzbekistan (email: u.musaeva@mitc.uz, tel.: +998 90 371 83 88). For any other questions concerning this Workshop please contact Mr. Karim Abdelghani, Programme Coordinator, ITU Arab Office (email: karim.abdelghani@itu.int, Tel.: +20 2 353 71777) and 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 sincerely,



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Director

Annexes:

1. Draft programme
2. Practical information
3. Fellowship request form