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## Consultation for the GSR-24 Best Practice Guidelines and call for participation of young Subject: innovators on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in action - Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24)

## Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to launch the consultation for the 2024 Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24) Best Practice Guidelines. Contributions will be coordinated by the GSR-24 Chair, Mr George William Nyombi Thembo, Executive Director, Uganda Communications Commission (UCC).

The overall theme of the GSR-24 Consultation is *Charting the course of transformative technologies for positive impact*. Concretely, you are invited, as part of the GSR-24 consultation process, to provide your ideas, views and experiences on the following topical areas:

- What are the challenges and opportunities faced by policy makers and regulators in embracing transformative technologies for greater impact?
- What are the **key regulatory measures and guiding principles** to follow to foster positive and inclusive impact of transformative technologies?
- How to drive positive behaviours of market players? How to minimize risks while maximizing benefits?

Please submit your contribution to gsr@itu.int (maximum two pages) no later than **15 April 2024.** Recalling the series of GSR Best Practice Guidelines since 2003 that capture established regulatory mechanisms and tried and tested practices, I encourage you to focus your 2024 contribution on ground-breaking approaches for positive impact of transformative technologies.

The final GSR-24 Best Practice Guidelines will be presented and adopted at the GSR-24 Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2024. All drafts as well as individual contributions will be posted online on the GSR-24 website.

This edition of GSR will include a side event on *Artificial Intelligence and Robotics in action* to be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024, providing young innovators with a unique opportunity to showcase their innovative solutions and projects. I therefore invite you to identify and consider including in your delegation young innovators who would be willing to actively participate in this side event. My team stands ready to provide you with more information on the running of this session.

I look forward to receiving your contributions and I take this opportunity to encourage you to register for GSR-24 as a participant, panellist or moderator. Further information is available at: <u>www.itu.int/gsr24</u>.

Yours faithfully,

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