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     Arab Administrations and Regulators of ITU
     Member States,
     ITU Sector Members,
     Associates and Academia Members in Arab
     Region
     Regional and International Organizations
     concerned in the Arab Region

Subject: **Invitation to the 1st Steering Committee Meeting of the ITU Centres of Excellence (CoEs) Network for the Arab Region**
19-20 Feb. 2019, Riyadh – Saudi Arabia

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 1st Steering Committee Meeting of the ITU Centres of Excellence (CoEs) Network for the Arab Region, which will take place from **19-20 Feb. 2019** in **Riyadh – Saudi Arabia**. The meeting is organized by the **International Telecommunication Union** and kindly hosted by **Naif Arab University of security Sciences (NAUSS).**

This will be the first Steering Committee Meeting of the new CoE network cycle, which starts in January 2019 and lasts until December 2022.

The main objective of the Steering Committees is to govern and provide oversight to the CoE network functioning and operations. The Steering Committee meetings provide CoEs with the opportunity to present and discuss their activities, exchange experience, learn from each other and strengthen collaboration. A key outcome of the meeting is the agreed training catalogue for the CoE network in the region for the year 2019.

According to the governance structure outlined in the document "**Operational Processes and Procedures for the CoE Network 201**8" (Click here to download), Steering Committees are composed of the selected Centres of Excellence and Member States hosting a CoE, two additional SC members from ITU members from the Arab region and ITU. Other participants from the broader ITU membership are welcome to attend as observers and share their experiences and knowledge on ICTs capacity building.

Further information on the meeting, including the draft programme, registration details and all other logistical information, which can be downloaded from the ITU Academy Portal (Click here).

Although there is no participation fee charged for this meeting, participants are expected to meet their own costs of travel and accommodation.

Registration for the meeting should be made online at the aforementioned link no later than **1 Feb. 2019**.

Should you require any further information, Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator at ITU Arab Regional Office (mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int), and Mr. Raid Al-Rashidi (NAUSS) Email (alrashidi@nauss.edu.sa) are at your full disposal.

I look forward to your valuable participation in this important meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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