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- Arab Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members and Associates
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- Regional and International Organizations concerned
- Regional chairs and vice chairs of the Advisory Groups (TSAG, TDAG, RAG) and Study Groups

Subject: Invitation to the 2nd Meeting of the ITU Centres of Excellence (CoEs) Steering Committee for the Arab Region 10-11 December 2019, Khartoum – Sudan

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 2nd Meeting of the ITU Centres of Excellence (CoEs) Steering Committee for the Arab Region, which will take place from 10-11 December 2019 in Khartoum-Sudan. The meeting is organized by the International Telecommunication Union and kindly hosted by Sudatel Telecommunications Academy (SUDACAD).

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 2020.

According to the Governance structure outlined in the document "Operational Processes and Procedures for the CoE Network 2018" (available on the <u>ITU Academy</u> website), Steering Committees are composed of the Centres of Excellence, Member States hosting a CoE, two additional representatives from ITU regional member states and the ITU Secretariat, who are expected to attend the meetings. Other participants from the broader ITU membership are welcome to attend as observers to exchange their knowledge and experiences on ICTs capacity building.

Further information on the meeting, including the draft programme, registration details and all other logistical information will be posted on (<u>Click Here</u>).

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 <u>1 Dec. 2019</u>.

Should you require any further information, Eng. Mustafa Al Mahdi, Programme Administrator at ITU Arab Regional Office (<u>mustafa-ahmed.al-mahdi@itu.int</u>), and Eng. Mustafa Agab Seido, Planning & Development Senior Manager, SUDACAD, email: (<u>agab@sudatel.sd</u>) are at your full disposal.

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

Yours faithfully,

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