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Subject: Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24), 1-4 July 2024, Kampala, Uganda

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 2024 Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-24) under the theme: ***Regulation for impact.*** GSR-24 will be organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the Government of Uganda. The event will be held from 1-4 July 2024 at the Speke Resort and Conference Centre Munyonyo, Uganda and be chaired by Mr George William Nyombi Thembo, Executive Director of the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC).

Built around interactive high-level panels on topical and cutting-edge policy and regulatory issues, GSR-24 provides regulators and policy makers from around the world with a unique platform for discussions among peers and with other digital stakeholders. As part of GSR-24, we will hold the Executive Heads of Regulators' Roundtable (upon invitation only) and the Regional Regulatory Associations Meeting (RA) on 1 July, and the Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) meeting on 2 July.

The proposed topics for the discussions consider suggestions by the membership following GSR-23. They include maximizing digital opportunities with a focus on financing and collaborative regulatory approaches; space economy; connecting everyone, everything, everywhere, all at once; mastering digital transformation; Artificial Intelligence (AI) and robotics for positive impact; safe and inclusive digital financial services; regulatory sandboxing for innovation; harnessing digital for climate action. Should you have any further suggestions, please let us know at gsr@itu.int. The GSR-24 consultation to identify best practice guidelines on ***Charting the course of transformative technologies for positive impact*** will follow shortly. More information is available at: https://www.itu.int/gsr24/.

I hope that you will be able to participate and make a valuable contribution to a successful Global Symposium for Regulators 2024.

Yours faithfully,

Cosmas Luckyson Zavazava
Director

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Panel participation
In line with past procedures, there will be no formal presentations apart from those made by keynote speakers, as appropriate. Active participation of **executive level** participants in panels is welcomed and encouraged. Those wishing to participate as panellists in one of the sessions identified in the provisional programme will be requested to complete the online panellist registration form, presenting an outline of their potential contribution to the topic, and selected participants will be informed.

Registration
Registration to participate in GSR-24 is mandatory.

An ITU User Account is required to register. If you don't already have one, please follow the instructions here by selecting "I am a new user". For participants who already have created an ITU User Account when registering to another ITU meeting, login with your credentials.

- For **ITU Member States Administrations, Palestine** (**Resolution 99** (Rev. Dubai, 2018)) **and Regulatory Associations,** please register here.
- For **ITU-D Sector Members, Regional and International Organizations, ITU affiliated academic and research Institutes, and United Nations Funds and Programs, Specialized Agencies, and IAEA,** please register here.

All registration requests for participation in these meetings must be validated by the Designated Focal Points (DFPs) of administrations and entities entitled to participate.

The list of Designated Focal Points is available here. If your Entity does not have a Focal Point, or wishes to modify the contact details and/or change a focal point, you are kindly requested to provide details of his/her last name, first name and e-mail address and submit this information on your organization's letterhead by e-mail to BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

The participation of women and young people in delegations is encouraged.

For assistance, please contact: BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

Interpretation
Interpretation for the GSR core sessions from 1 to 4 July 2024 will be provided based on the requests from participants. At the time of registration, participants who require a language other than English must select their choice from the list on the registration form (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). The deadline to request interpretation through the registration system is **14 April 2024** (23h59 Hours, Geneva Time).

Practical information
Please note that participants shall cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. Practical information on accommodation, including logistical details, will soon be available on the GSR-24 website.

Due to visa requirements, and in order to ensure that your visa is processed in time for the meeting, I encourage you to follow the visa instructions available on the GSR-24 website. The Regulatory and Market Environment Division (e-mail: gsr@itu.int or tel.: +41 22 730 6256/5443) is at the disposal of participants who require assistance.

Regulation for Impact

1-4 July 2024, Kampala, Uganda

Overall Programme

Monday 1 July	Tuesday 2 July	Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July
9h00-12h00 **Regional Regulatory Associations/Digital Regulation Network (DRN) Meeting** **Development of harmonized national broadband mapping systems across Sub-Saharan Africa**	9h00 -10h30 **Industry Advisory Group on Development Issues and Private Sector Chief Regulatory Officers' (IAGDI-CRO) meeting** *10h30-11h00 Coffee break*	9h00-10h15 **Session 3 - Connecting everyone, everything, everywhere, all at once** *10h15-10h45 Coffee break*	9h00-10h15 **Session 7 - Regulatory sandboxing for innovation** *10h15-10h45 Coffee break*
	11h30-12h00 **GSR Opening Ceremony** *Group photo* *Press conference*	10h45-12h00 **Session 4 - Mastering digital transformation**	10h45-12h00 **Session 8 - Harnessing digital for climate action**
12h00-14h00 Lunch	*12h00-14h00 Lunch*	*12h00-14h00 Lunch* *12h45-13h45 NoW (tbc)*	12h00-12h30 **Closing**
14h00-16h00 **Heads of Regulators Executive Roundtable: Charting the course of transformative technologies** **(by invitation only)** Adoption of the GSR-24 Best Practice Guidelines	14h00-15h15 **High Level Segment: Maximizing digital opportunities for impact** - Ministerial conversation - Regulators and digital stakeholders' conversation *15h15-15h45 Coffee break*	14h00-15h15 **Session 5 - AI and robotics for positive impact** *15h15-15h45 Coffee break*	
	15h45-17h00 **Session 2 - Space economy**	15h45-17h00 **Session 6 - Safe and inclusive digital financial services**	
Cocktail for Heads of Regulators (by invitation only)	*17h00 Side event (Space Workshop, tbc)* *19h00 Gala dinner (tbc)*	*17h00 Side event (GovStack Initiative, tbc)*	