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OPEN INVITATION

**Subject: Invitation to the Open Consultations in Preparation for the Fifth Arab IGF
WebEx, 16 July 2018**

I have the pleasure to invite you to participate in the **Open Consultations**, planned to be held on **Mon 16 July 2018** remotely through WebEx - <https://bit.ly/2KXpFce>.

The meeting would prepare for the programme of the Fifth Arab IGF, and is a start for a new phase of the Arab IGF process following a two-year review phase (2016-2017) that featured the implementation of the ESCWA-LAS AIGF2020 initiative, which aimed at reviewing the Arab IGF process and was concluded by producing a Charter for the Forum and a new Arab Roadmap for Internet Governance.

Remote participation in this Open Consultations would be open to the public, including all stakeholders in the Arab Internet governance community and experts who have contributed to the Arab IGF activities since its establishment in 2012. Participation would also include representatives from the main partners or donor institutions as well as potential partners who could contribute to the convening of the Fifth Annual Arab IGF.

The meeting is organized by ESCWA in partnership with the League of Arab States and is supported by financial contributions from the main partners who contributed to the 2014 Arab IGF: OGERO Telecom-Lebanon; the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); the Réseaux IP Europeans Network Coordination Centre (RIPE NCC); and the Kuwait Information Technology Society (KITS).

Your participation would be of great value to the consultations and intended outputs, and registration for the one-day Open Consultations can be made through the WebEx access link <https://bit.ly/2KXpFce>.

For further information, please check the event page:
<https://www.unescwa.org/open-consultations-arab-multistakeholder-advisory-group>

I look forward to welcoming you at this important event.

Sincerely,

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