Dear Participant,

This session will explore the important role accessible information and communication technology can play in ensuring the inclusion of persons with disabilities. It will start by exploring the global frameworks that support e-inclusion, such as Article 9 on Accessibility of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Second, it will explore the interlinkages between research, universities, and industry in driving innovation for social and digital inclusion. Third, examine digital inclusion in the Arab region, some of the challenges and opportunities Arab countries face, especially in the context of the global COVID19- pandemic. Lastly, it will showcase some of the Arab regional initiatives to support digital inclusion, including ESCWA’s “Arab Digital Inclusion Platform”.

We look forward to your participation.
Together, let us shape our digital future!

Best regards.

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