

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 10314]****Meeting of the United States-Bahrain Joint Forum on Environmental Cooperation and Request for Comments on the Meeting Agenda and the 2017–2021 Work Program****AGENCY:** Department of State.**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting; solicitation of comments; invitation to public session.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is providing notice that the governments of the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain (the governments) intend to hold a Joint Forum on Environmental Cooperation (Joint Forum) and a public session in Manama, Bahrain, on March 7, 2018, pursuant to paragraphs 2–5 of the Memorandum of Understanding on Environmental Cooperation between the Governments of the United States and the Kingdom of Bahrain, which was signed September 14, 2004. During the Joint Forum, the governments will discuss how the United States and Bahrain can cooperate to protect the environment, review past bilateral environmental cooperation, and identify priority projects pursuant to the 2017–2021 Work Program on Environmental Cooperation (Work Program), approved in August 2017. The Department of State invites members of the public to submit written comments on items to include on the meeting agenda or in the 2017–2021 Work Program.

The Department of State also invites interested persons to attend a public session to learn more about the work of the Joint Forum and the new Work Program, and to provide advice or comments on its implementation.

DATES: The public session will be held on March 7, 2018. Information about the venue and time is available from the contact below. Comments on the Joint Forum meeting agenda and/or the 2017–2021 Work Program should be provided no later than March 1, 2018, to facilitate consideration.

ADDRESSES: Persons interested in attending the public session or in submitting comments and suggestions should contact Marko Velikonja, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, U.S. Department of State, by electronic mail at Velikonjamg@state.gov or fax at (202) 647–5947 with the subject line “United States-Bahrain Joint Forum.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marko Velikonja, Telephone (202) 647–4828 or email at Velikonjamg@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In preparing comments, submitters are encouraged to refer to:

- 2017–2021 Plan of Action, <https://www.state.gov/documents/organization/273263.pdf>.

- Other useful documents are available at: <https://www.state.gov/e/oes/eqt/trade/bahrain/>.

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Acting Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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BILLING CODE 4710–09–P**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice 10315]****Notice of Public Meeting of the International Telecommunication Advisory Committee and Preparations for Upcoming International Telecommunications Meetings**

This notice announces a meeting of the Department of State’s International Telecommunication Advisory Committee (ITAC). The ITAC will meet on March 9, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. EST at 1101 K Street (NW), Suite 610 to review the results of recent multilateral meetings, update on preparations for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP–18), and discuss preparations for upcoming other multilateral meetings at the ITU. The meeting will focus on the following topics:

1. ITU Council Working Groups
 - a. Experts group on International Telecommunication Regulations (ITRs)
 - b. Council Working Group for Strategic and Financial Plans
 - c. Council Working Group on Financial and Human Resources
 - d. Council Working Group on Implementation of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) Outcomes
 - e. Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues
2. Preparations for the ITU 2018 Plenipotentiary Conference (PP–18)
3. ITU Radiocommunication Sector (ITU–R) meetings
4. ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU–T) meetings
5. Internet Governance Forum (IGF)
6. Regional PP–18 Preparatory Groups
7. WSIS Forum

PP–18 will take place in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from October 29 to November 17, 2018. The

Plenipotentiary Conference, which takes place every four years, is the highest policy-making body of the ITU. PP–18 will determine the overall policy direction of the ITU; adopt the strategic and financial plans for the next four years; elect the 48 members of Council, 12 members of the Radio Regulations Board, and five senior ITU elected officials; and consider and adopt, if appropriate, amendments to the ITU Constitution and Convention.

Attendance at this meeting is open to the public as seating capacity allows. The public will have an opportunity to provide comments at this meeting at the invitation of the chair. Further details on this ITAC meeting will be announced on the Department of State’s email list, ITAC@lmlist.state.gov. Use of the ITAC list is limited to meeting announcements and confirmations, distribution of agendas and other relevant meeting documents. The Department welcomes any U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident to remain on or join the ITAC list by registering by email via ITAC@state.gov and providing his or her name, email address, telephone contact and the company, organization, or community that he or she is representing, if any. Persons wishing to request reasonable accommodation during the meeting should send their requests to ITAC@state.gov no later than March 1, 2018. Requests made after that time will be considered, but might not be able to be fulfilled.

Please send all inquiries to ITAC@state.gov.

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Acting Director, Multilateral Affairs, Cyber and International Communications and Information Policy, U.S. Department of State.

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BILLING CODE 4710–AE–P**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD****[Docket No. MCF 21079]****Academy Bus, LLC and Franmar Leasing LLC—Purchase of Certain Assets of Daniel’s Charters & Tours LLC****AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.**ACTION:** Notice tentatively approving and authorizing finance transaction.

SUMMARY: On January 23, 2018, Academy Bus LLC (Academy), a motor carrier of passengers; Franmar Leasing LLC (Franmar), a non-carrier; and Daniel’s Charters & Tours LLC (Daniel’s Charters), a motor carrier of passengers (collectively, Applicants) jointly filed an