

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

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Geneva, 23 October 2023

Administrations of the ITU Member States

Subject: Consultation on the approval of the ICT Development Index (IDI) methodology

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am very pleased to submit the ICT Development Index (IDI) methodology for your approval. The IDI methodology was developed over several months and followed an inclusive and transparent process. The process was initiated in February 2023 and concluded in September 2023, with an extraordinary meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) held on 18-19 September to discus the IDI methodology. The summary report of the meeting is available <u>here</u>.

In accordance with PP Resolution 131 (Rev. Bucharest, 2022), the IDI methodology will be adopted if 70 percent of replying Member States approve it. The methodology submitted for approval is presented in the document "ICT Development Index methodology for approval" available in <u>Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian</u> and <u>Spanish</u>. Details about the process and background information on the methodology is available in <u>Version 3.1</u> of the IDI methodology document.

You are kindly invited to indicate your decision on the methodology by <u>using this online tool¹</u> (preferred method) or by returning the <u>consultation form</u> by e-mail to <u>indicators@itu.int</u>. The deadline to submit your response is <u>7 November 2023, 23:59 CET</u>.

Kindly note that the result will only be based on the received responses. I therefore encourage you to participate in the consultation to ensure that the results are as representative of membership as possible.

We will communicate the results of the consultation through a circular letter shortly after its conclusion.

¹ Online tool: each Administration Focal Point can directly access the online tool by using her/his ITU User account with TIES access login credentials (username and password). Any Administration Focal Point wishing to designate another person to respond to the consultation through the online tool is invited to inform ITU via <u>indicators@itu.int</u>. Please note that the online tool is in English only.

For further information, please contact the Telecommunication Development Bureau's ICT Data and Analytics Division at indicators@itu.int.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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