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## Subject:Accessible Americas 2022: Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for ALL<br/>Brasilia, Brazil, from 16 to 18 November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our great pleasure to invite your organization to participate in the ninth edition of the regional event "Accessible Americas: ICTs for ALL", which will take place in Brasilia, Brazil, from 16 to 18 November 2022. The event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the National Telecommunications Agency (ANATEL), the Brazilian regulatory authority.

Accessible Americas is a multistakeholder knowledge development platform aiming at supporting ITU members and stakeholders in their efforts to implement the overarching goal of digital inclusion of all people regardless of their age, gender, ability, or location and thus ensure that no one is left behind.

Therefore, it is expected with this event to leverage regional capacity on the topic of ICT accessibility, promote the tools, resources and solutions to foster national and regional implementation, and enable interactive discussion to share good practices, challenges and solutions. The event also aims at strengthening regional collaboration, incentivizing the formulation of national policies and strategies toward achieving digital inclusion of everyone, including persons with disabilities, or persons in vulnerable situations. Finally, the participants will be able to identify actions initiatives to create equal and equitable opportunities to enable everyone's participation in the digital economy and society.

Furthermore, **Accessible Americas** is the flagship regional event in ICT accessibility that brings together all involved stakeholders and therefore provides a unique networking opportunity for the development of strategic cooperation and collaboration in the field of digital accessibility and inclusion in our region.

Accessible Americas will be conducted in English and Spanish and will count on sign language interpretation. Further information on the event such as agenda, the training session on ICT Accessibility, as well as on the logistics and registration, will be posted soon on the ITU website dedicated to the event.

We look forward to seeing you in Accessible Americas.

Yours faithfully,

(Original signed) Bruno Ramos, Regional Director