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To

- Administrations of ITU Member States
- Regulators
- ITU-D Sector Members, Associates, Academia
- Regional Organizations
in the Asia-Pacific Region

Subject: **Innovative Strategies for Development Summit 2016: “Accelerating inclusive and sustainable development through ICT”; 8-10 June 2016, Manila Philippines**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the Innovative Strategies for Development Summit 2016: (ISDS 2016) that will be held on 8-10 June 2016 in Manila, Philippines. ISDS 2016 is co-organized by International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Department of Science and Technology – Information and Communication Technology Office (DOST-ICTO) Philippines, who is also the host of this event.

ISDS 2016, under the central theme: “Accelerating inclusive and sustainable development through ICT” aims to provide a platform for high level participants from telecommunications/ICT policy makers, regulators, industry, SMEs, local governments, academia and development partners in the Asia-Pacific region, that fosters dynamic and strategic discussions, sharing of information, real experiences, practices and initiatives on promising solutions to address emerging challenges in accelerating inclusive and sustainable growth and development through ICTs. ISDS 2016 will present initiatives and opportunities for collaboration in the development and use of innovative ICT solutions for skills development and employment, education, health, agriculture, rural economic development including digital inclusion and empowerment.

A Provisional Programme for ISDS 2016 is attached for your reference. The Programme will be updated regularly and will be available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2016/June-ISDS16/home.aspx>. The registration form and other details on accommodation reservation and useful information for participants for the event will also be available at the same link. Please also note that ISDS 2016 will be conducted in English and will be paperless. You are invited to send your completed registration forms not later than 20 May 2016.

Ms. Aurora A. Rubio, Head of ITU Area Office for South East Asia (aurora.rubio@itu.int) is at the disposal of participants who require assistance in participating in the ISDS 2016.

I look forward to welcoming you in Manila and to your active participation and contribution to the success of ISDS 2016.

Yours faithfully,



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cc: Mr. Brahim Sanou, Director of BDT/ITU