



**To:** National Statistical Offices  
ICT Ministries

**Subject: Joint UNCTAD-ITU-UNESCAP Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurements in Asia-Pacific**

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Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to invite your organization to participate in the joint *UNCTAD-ITU-UNESCAP Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurements in Asia-Pacific*, which will take place on 26-28 July 2006 in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting is hosted by UNESCAP and sponsored by UNCTAD and ITU.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the need for internationally comparable data on information society developments and to share best practices in ICT measurement at the regional level. This is in keeping with the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), which call for the periodic evaluation of information society developments based on appropriate indicators and benchmarking, and which request countries and international organizations to produce official statistics in this regard. During the event, the list of core ICT indicators that was agreed upon at the 2005 global meeting organized by the *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development* and presented in Tunis during phase two of WSIS will be presented and discussed, along with definitions, methodologies and data collection issues. The workshop will also address challenges related to information society measurements in the Asia-Pacific region, present possible solutions and identify technical assistance needs.

The workshop is addressed primarily to representatives of the national statistical system responsible for information society measurements. Representatives of ministries and regulatory agencies who are producers and/or users of ICT statistics are also encouraged to attend.

The participation of your organization is of high importance and we count on your presence in the event. We are pleased to inform you that UNCTAD and ITU will cover the cost of the participation of a limited number of representatives from developing countries and economies in transition, in accordance with their respective rules and procedures in that respect. For further details, please see the attached information note, draft agenda and registration form. Additional information about the meeting is available on <http://measuring-ict.unctad.org>.

Yours faithfully,

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