



Department of Information Technology
Ministry of Communications & Information Technology
(Govt. of India)

**Seminar on ICT measurement and Indicators
THE ASHOK, Chanakya Puri
NEW DELHI, INDIA
12-14 MAY 2009**

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Background:

To take advantage of the rapidly changing Information Society, Governments need to monitor and benchmark progress in order to design and review national policies and strategies. In order to do so, reliable data and indicators on the access and use of ICTs, and their impact on development have to be defined and collected. Such data and indicators help governments design and evaluate ICT policies and strategies, compare their ICT developments with those in other countries, and adopt solutions to reduce the digital divide. In order to do so, different agencies need to work together to identify priority areas and to examine ways of coordinating activities, to maximize available resources and achieve optimum results.

2. Objective

The *Seminar on ICT measurement and Indicators* is addressed to national ICT policy makers, Industry Associations, Academia, Ministries regulatory agencies and statisticians. It will cover issues related to indicators for infrastructure and access, households, business, education, and e-government; benchmarking the information society; measuring impact; measuring ICT and gender; security and trust in the online environment; statistics on ICT-enabled services; and capacity building for ICT measurement.

The seminar will provide a forum for national experts and stakeholders to discuss ICT indicators and topics that will be important to national policymaking and will make suggestions and recommendations to improve the availability of ICT statistics in India.

3. Provisional agenda

See attachment.

4. Documentation and methods of work

The meeting will consist of presentations and background documents supplied by national and international experts working on the topics. Participants are welcome to contribute brief papers related to the agenda. Such papers should be submitted before 24th April 2009. The seminar will be conducted in English and documentations will be available in English.

5. Logistics

Registration

Invitees who wish to participate in the meeting should complete the registration form on-line and/or return it to contact detail & email given below, not later than 24th April 2009.

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Venue

The meeting will take place at the Ashok Hotel, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi, India from 12 to 14 May 2009. The complete address of venue is given below

The Ashok,
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N.Delhi –110021, India
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Travel and Accommodation

Participants are expected to cover their own expenses and arrange for their own travel including local transfer at New Delhi from airport to the venue of the seminar and back. The accommodation expenses are also born by the participant.

For invitees who wish to stay at the venue, information on accommodation can be obtained

at Ashok Hotel, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi. Further information and suggestions on practical matters and accommodation, you can call on 91-11-261 10101 and ask for Room Reservation department, or mail at roomreservation@theashok.com.

6. Further information

Further information about the seminar can be obtained at our website mit.gov.in under news & event section 'Seminar on ICT Measurement and Indicator'. or from the contacts given below:

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Logistical information:

The venue of the Seminar Ashoka Hotel is 15 km From International Airport, 12 km From Domestic Airport and 9 km From New Delhi Railway Station. In the month of May the weather of the Delhi is quite hot.
