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To: National Statistical Offices
ICT related Ministries
Partnership on Measuring ICT for development
National / Regional / International organisations involved in ICT measurement

Subject: Fourth Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean

Dear Madam/Sir:

It is our pleasure to announce the **Fourth Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean** that will take place on February 11 and 12, 2008 in San Salvador. The workshop is organized by OSILAC, the Observatory for the Information Society in Latin America and the Caribbean (initiative from UN ECLAC, with the support of ICA -IDRC / @LIS-EU), in collaboration with UNCTAD and the Dirección General de Estadísticas y Censos – DIGESTYC, an institution of the Ministry of Economics of El Salvador. Additionally, OSILAC is aligned with the regional and international cooperation program of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA) of ECLAC and with the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development.

This Fourth Workshop is part of a series of events that OSILAC organizes annually as a response to regional and international requests for having technical seminars with National and Regional Organizations in charge of statistics, in order to discuss the issue of the information society measurement. These requests have been stipulated in goal 26.3 of the Plan of Action eLAC2007, which will be reviewed during the Second Ministerial Conference on Information Society, to be held in San Salvador from February 6 to 8, 2008. OSILAC will develop the Fourth Workshop after the approval of the new Plan of Action eLAC2010, which will allow focusing our work and that of the Statistical Offices in the most relevant topics for the information society in the region.

The main purposes of the forthcoming workshop are: (1) to highlight the progress made in the elaboration and analysis of indicators on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) access and usage, in the countries of the region, (2) to present the first phase of the OSILAC information system which contains harmonized information on ICT from household surveys (<http://www.eclac.cl/tic/flash/default.asp?idioma=IN>), (3) to discuss difficulties in harmonizing defined core indicators and to agree on next steps to continue the implementation process of questions required to elaborate new indicators, (4) to agree on the delivery of business surveys information to the OSILAC information system, (5) to plan the future activities of the group, including relevant work in order to monitor advances towards Latin American and Caribbean information societies.

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