



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Administrations of ITU Member States

Subject: Release of the *ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database, 21st edition*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you of the release of *the ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database (WTID), 21st edition*. The database, which is released biannually, is one of the flagship statistical products of the Telecommunication Development Bureau.

The WTID contains time series data for the years 1960 to 2016 for more than 200 economies worldwide and more than 180 telecommunication/ICT statistics. The latest release includes end-2016 data for selected indicators such as fixed-telephone subscriptions, mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions, international Internet bandwidth, fixed broadband Internet subscriptions, mobile broadband subscriptions, prices of different ICT services, percentage of individuals using the Internet, percentage of households with Internet and percentage of households with computer. Most of these indicators will feature in the ICT Development Index (IDI), to be released later this year as part of the *Measuring the Information Society Report 2017*.

The data included in the WTID are collected through the annual questionnaires that ITU sends to the official statistical contacts in your country. I hope that you will continue supporting the ITU data collection by providing the latest data through the ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators questionnaires.

Following the ITU Council 2017 decision, this database is now made available free of charge to ITU Member States. Further information on how to obtain the WTID is available at: <https://www.itu.int/pub/D-IND-WTID.OL-2017>.

I would also like to inform you that the ITU statistical newsletter *ICT Facts and Figures 2017*, which features end-2017 estimates for key telecommunication/ICT indicators, is now available. Further information is available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/facts/default.aspx>.

I trust that you will find the ITU statistics useful in your work.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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