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To ITU Member States,
Sector Members, Associates, and Academia
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UN System organizations and OECD

Subject: **Invitation to all stakeholders to participate in the Open Consultation of the CWG-Internet on "International internet-related public policy issues on harnessing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development"**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The 2019 session of the Council Working Group on International Internet-Related Public Policy Issues (CWG-Internet), decided on 20 September 2019 to hold an open consultation (online and physical) on the following topic:

"International internet-related public policy issues on harnessing new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development"

1. *How will new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs impact both the internet and sustainable development, including the digital economy?*
2. *What are the opportunities and challenges for the adoption and growth of the new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs and internet?*
3. *How can governments and the other stakeholders harness the benefits of new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs?*
4. *What are the best practices for promoting human skills, institutional capacity, innovation and investment for new and emerging telecommunications/ICTs?"*

You are kindly invited to submit your response by **3 January 2020**, through the following link: <http://www.itu.int/en/council/cwg-internet>, where you can also find **important information and instructions on the submission process**. You are further encouraged to inform other interested stakeholders, who might wish to participate.

All responses received will be made publicly available on the ITU website and a consolidated document will be submitted for consideration at the physical open consultation meeting, to be held on **3 February 2020** in Geneva, Switzerland. Further information on the meeting will be published in due course on the CWG-Internet website.

Please also note that the Chairman's report of the previous CWG-Internet meeting, held on 19-20 September 2019 is available through the following link <https://www.itu.int/md/S19-RCLINTPOL13-C-0013/en>.

We look forward to receiving your input to this consultation.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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