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Subject: **Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022
15 March (virtual) - Final Week 30 May to 3 June 2022 (physical with enhanced remote participation)**

Sir/Madam,

The World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2022 started on 15 March and will progress in a virtual format, culminating with a final week from 30 May - 3 June 2022, which will take place physically, with enhanced remote participation, at the ITU Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. WSIS Forum 2022 theme is "ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion and Resilience: WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs". The Forum is hosted by the ITU and co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP.

The WSIS Forum builds upon the outcomes of the UN General Assembly Overall Review of the implementation of the WSIS outcomes (UNGA Resolution 70/125) that recognized the necessity of holding this Forum on an annual basis and called for close alignment between WSIS and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In this context, the WSIS Forum will leverage the WSIS-SDG Matrix and serve as a platform for discussing the role of ICTs as a means of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals, with due regard to the global mechanism for follow-up and review of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda (UNGA Resolution A/70/1). The format, agenda, and thematic focus are the result of an open consultation process with the involvement of all WSIS Stakeholders and is available on [wsis.org/forum](https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum)

Considering your country's significant efforts in fostering the development of information and knowledge societies, a policy statement during the High-Level Policy Sessions scheduled from 31 May – 2 June would be most welcome. Furthermore, the final week will consist of an opening segment, WSIS Action Lines meetings, WSIS Prizes ceremony, knowledge cafés, WSIS TalkX, High-Level dialogues, a Ministerial round table, networking events, and an exhibition space.

I would be grateful if you could kindly confirm your acceptance before **15 April** by correspondence or by visiting our website and submitting an online speaking slot request

<https://www.itu.int/net4/wsis/forum/2022/HighLevel>

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the opportunities for enhanced visibility at the Forum through the *WSIS Forum 2022 Partnerships*, as presented at <https://www.itu.int/go/wsisfund>

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(original signed)

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