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**ITU Member States,  
Sector Members,  
Associates and Academia**

Subject: **World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD), 17 May 2023, 'Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies'**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Further to [Circular letter sent in March 2023 \(CL-23/5\)](#), I am pleased to invite you to join us in the celebration of the World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023 (WTISD-23), which will take place on **Wednesday, 17 May, from 14:30 to 16:30 (CEST)**, at ITU's Headquarters (Room Popov). The event will also allow remote participation to those of you who cannot join us physically in Geneva.

This year's theme, '**Empowering the least developed countries through information and communication technologies**', is a unique opportunity for ITU to present the work carried out by the Union (together with its members and partners) to support Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The theme also highlights the need to increase and accelerate efforts towards the achievement of the SDGs by 2030.

ITU will celebrate WTISD-23 with a global event to bring awareness on the importance of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to help address LDCs' development challenges. The event will also feature key ongoing efforts from ITU's Development Bureau to support LDCs through technology, as well as selected Partner2Connect pledges aimed specifically at advancing universal and meaningful connectivity in LDCs. We thank all of you who have already submitted pledges through the P2C platform and encourage those who have not done so, to click [here](#) or contact the P2C team at: [partner2connect@itu.int](mailto:partner2connect@itu.int).

For more information about ITU's anniversary celebrations, you can consult the WTISD dedicated website [www.itu.int/wtisd](http://www.itu.int/wtisd) and social media channels. There you will also find [my video message](#) as well as the [promotional material](#) for WTISD-23.

To register for this event please click [here](#) and indicate whether you intend to participate physically or remotely. Should you require interpretation for this event, please notify the ITU secretariat at: [strategy@itu.int](mailto:strategy@itu.int) no later than 20 April 2023.

I thank you in advance for your contribution and look forward to celebrating World Telecommunication and Information Society Day 2023 together, around the world.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Secretary-General