PRESS INFORMATION

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in partnership with the Nicaraguan Institute of Telecommunications and Postal Services (TELCOR), is conducting a **Regional Workshop on ICT Statistics** to be held on **5-6 June 2018**, in Managua, Nicaragua.

The objectives are:

a. To strengthen the capacity of countries in the Americas to produce ICT indicators and statistics according to international standards and methodologies.
b. To communicate to official ICT data producers in the Americas the revision of the ICT Development Index (IDI) and to support efforts of countries in the region to submit the revised set of IDI indicators.

For the main indicators required to monitor ICT developments, the workshop will discuss the definitions, methodologies and data gaps in the Americas. The focus will be on the indicators related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and the revised set of IDI indicators.

The workshop is intended for and therefore welcomes participants who are responsible for collecting and/or producing ICT statistics in ministries, regulatory agencies and national statistical offices. The workshop will present an overview of the work on ICT measurement undertaken globally by the ICT Data and Statistics Division, ITU/BDT, including the ICT Development Index and the ICT Price Basket; discuss the main groups of telecommunication/ICT indicators collected by ITU, their definitions and methodological issues; the dissemination and harmonization of ICT data at the international level; data collection/ITU questionnaires.

ITU assists governments in developing countries in their ICT data collection and dissemination efforts. Support is provided for the production of statistics in the areas of ICT infrastructure, access, and use by household and individuals. Technical workshops are carried out at the national and regional levels to exchange experiences and discuss methodologies, definitions, survey vehicles and other issues related to the collection of ICT statistics.

About ITU and ITU's ICT Data and Statistics (IDS) Division

ITU is the United Nations specialized agency for information and communication technologies – (ICTs) and, as such, ITU is the official source for global ICT statistics. ICT Data and Statistics (IDS) Division is part of ITU's Projects and Knowledge Management Department within the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT). One of the core activities of the Division is the collection, verification and harmonization of telecommunication/ICT statistics for about 200 economies worldwide. ITU publishes regional and global statistical reports, including the Measuring the Information Society (MIS) Reports which include the ICT Development Index (IDI) and the ICT Price Basket (IPB). ITU also produces statistical manuals and framework documents to help guide countries in their data collection efforts.