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Subject: ***Accessible Americas 2019: Information and Communication Technologies for ALL***
Quito, Ecuador, from 20 to 22 November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our great pleasure to invite your organization to participate in the sixth edition of the regional event “**Accessible Americas: ICTs for ALL**” that will take place in Quito, Ecuador, from 20 to 22 November 2019. The event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Ministry of Telecommunication and Information Society (MINTEL) from Ecuador.

Accessible Americas is the main ITU event focused on Digital Inclusion and Information and Communication Technologies’ (ICTs) Accessibility, which play a role of vital importance in the empowerment of persons with disabilities, women and girls, youth, the elderly, indigenous people and other persons with specific needs. The main purpose of the event is to present good practices in digital inclusion in order to encourage stakeholders to join efforts in seeking solutions to eliminate barriers of access to ICTs, enabling human development and promoting accessibility policies that will improve the quality of life of all individuals, with no discrimination.

The sixth edition of Accessible Americas is expected to further advance on discussions capable of stimulating and guiding the development of ICT accessibility’s policies and practices, especially in developing countries, highlighting the importance of strategic cooperation amongst stakeholders through projects and initiatives that aim to strengthen the full participation of all persons in society, creating more fair and equitable opportunities.

Accessible Americas will be conducted in English and Spanish. Further information on the event agenda, logistics, as well as registration, will be posted soon at the [event website](#).

We count on your participation to share your experiences and contribute for development of the Americas region towards a more inclusive and sustainable society.

Sincerely yours,

(original signed by)

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Regional Director