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To ITU Member Administrations , Regulators,
ITU-D Sector Members and Academia Members
in the Asia-Pacific Region

Subject: **ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Accelerating Broadband Access
8-10 September 2015, Jakarta, Indonesia**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Accelerating Broadband Access to be held on 8-10 September 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Forum is kindly hosted by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of Indonesia and will be in conjunction with Indonesia's celebration of ITU's 150 years anniversary.

Several researches and cases have demonstrated how broadband networks, services and applications can be effective means of implementation to advance social development, economic growth and environmental protection, among others. It is in this regard that government agendas and broadband plans should envision ICTs and broadband not just as a standalone industry sector but as a powerful means of connecting and interlinking all sectors involved in meeting national, regional and global development objectives.

The Forum aims to provide a platform for participants coming from policy makers, regulators, strategy planners, industry, academia, development partners and other stakeholders to actively hold strategic discussions, share information, real experiences, practices and lessons learned in relation to accelerating broadband access and uptake in countries of the Asia-Pacific region. The Forum will attempt to come up with possible solutions and recommendations in the areas of policy, regulations, investment, operations and capacity building to address related emerging challenges and opportunities towards broadband for all.

The Forum will be conducted in English and will be paperless. The Draft Agenda is attached as Annex 1, for your consideration. Other information about the Forum, including regularly updated programme, accommodation booking, registration and fellowship forms are available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/Sep-WABA/Home.aspx> . Interested participants are requested to submit their registration forms no later than 15 August 2015.

ITU is pleased to provide one full fellowship to one participant duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from eligible countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget and full participation in the Forum. The last date for fellowship application is 15 August 2015.

Ms Aurora A. Rubio, Head of ITU Area Office for South East Asia, is at your full disposal should you need further information and/or assistance related to the Forum (email: aurora.rubio@itu.int ; telephone: +62 21 3802322).

We look forward to your active participation in the Forum and to welcoming you and your colleagues in Jakarta.

Yours faithfully,



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Director