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To: Administrations of ITU Member States
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National Statistical Offices (NSO)
ITU-D Sector Members

**Subject: 4th Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) and
7th Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI)
4-7 October 2016, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to the 2016 meetings of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) and the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) which will take place in Geneva from 4 to 7 October 2016.

The objective of these meetings is to examine the contributions received from members of the EGTI and EGH online discussion forums over the current working period, with a view to finalizing the items under discussion. The outcome of the discussions will be presented at the 14th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS), which will be held in Botswana, on 21-23 November 2016.

The statistical topics that will be covered during the EGH meeting include, among others: indicators on employment using ICT skills and tools; a new mobile phone metric; indicators on purchasing or ordering ICT goods or services; improving the data availability of ICT statistics (i.e. SDG indicators); national coordination among ICT data producers and users; and methodological issues related to data collection, verification and dissemination of ICT statistics.

The main statistical topics that will be discussed during the EGTI meeting are: the ITU price baskets; IoT indicators; the data collection on m-banking services; fixed network coverage indicators; and the guidelines for measuring international connectivity.

The meetings will also include a joint session of the two expert groups to discuss two standing agenda items: the use of big data in official statistics and the ICT Development Index (IDI).

The experience and expertise of your organization in the field of telecommunication/ICT statistics will greatly contribute to the success of these meetings. We therefore count on your presence and valuable inputs to the discussions.

Further details concerning the meetings (including the agenda, registration details and logistics) will be posted on the EGH and EGTI online discussion forums: <http://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/forums/EGH> and <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/ExpertGroup/default.asp>, respectively.

I hope your organization will be able to take part in these important meetings.

Yours faithfully,

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