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**Subject: Invitation to the 17th ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)  
Geneva, Switzerland, 15 - 17 April 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 17th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-20), the main global forum on ICT data and measurement. The symposium is organized and hosted by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 April 2020.

WTIS-20 brings together government ministers, business leaders, regulators, national statisticians, academics, data producers, analysts, and partners to discuss the latest trends in digital development and the related data aspects. The symposium will feature high-level, multi-stakeholder debates on how to reach an inclusive digital society with the objective of leaving no one behind, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. WTIS-20 will also focus on measurement approaches using big data, a thematic list of ICT indicators for the SDGs, and the progress made in developing an ITU index. The work of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on Household Indicators (EGH) will also be presented for adoption by WTIS-20. Through these expert groups, which are open to the ITU membership and to statistical experts, ITU develops international standards and guidelines on ICT statistics.

WTIS-20 is open to all the membership and is primarily targeted at those responsible for telecommunication/ICT statistics in relevant ministries, regulatory agencies, telecommunication operating companies and national statistical offices. Other experts interested in the subject of information society measurements are also welcome to attend the symposium.

Within the budget available, one full fellowship, air ticket and subsistence allowance, may be awarded per eligible country. Priority will be given to the candidates who submit a written contribution of direct relevance to an item of the agenda. Note that such written contributions should be submitted concurrently with the fellowship candidature. Fellowship applications, limited to one person per eligible country, must be authorized by the relevant administration of the ITU Member State and submitted by **2 March 2020 at the latest**. Member States are encouraged to consider gender balance and the inclusion of delegates with disabilities and with specific needs when proposing candidates for fellowships.

Further information on the symposium, including the programme, registration details, fellowship form and all other logistical information such as accommodation and visa arrangements, can be found on our [WTIS-20 website](#).

For any enquiries, please write to [wtis@itu.int](mailto:wtis@itu.int) or call +41 22 730 5410.

I hope your organization will be able to participate in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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