



The Secretary-General

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ITU Academia and invited university
guests

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my pleasure to invite your university to participate in a special consultation on the future of ITU – Academia collaboration. Taking advantage of the participation of numerous academics in ITU's [Kaleidoscope](#) conference on "**Trust in the Information Society**" in Barcelona, Spain, from 9 to 11 December 2015, this consultation will take place just prior, on 8 December 2015.

This consultation on the future of ITU-Academia collaboration will provide an opportunity for us to exchange views on what ITU can do to best meet the needs and expectations of Academia. The format will be informal and interactive. A draft programme will follow.

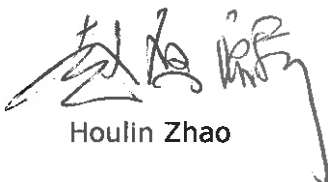
We have made some significant progress so far in our effort to increase Academia participation in ITU, including the decision of the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-14) to allow Academia to participate in the work of all three Sectors of ITU for a single fee of CHF 4,000 for institutions in developed countries, and CHF 2,000 for those in developing countries. PP-14 also confirmed the right of Academia to make their interventions in certain ITU meetings via video conference, recognizing that universities are not always able to travel to participate in person, but may still wish to contribute remotely. And, we have launched a pilot project whereby professors can now receive recognition for their contributions to new global standards.

Looking ahead, I believe that there is great potential for ITU to work with its member universities on joint initiatives, including partnering on publications and reports, capacity-building and training, as well as providing meaningful internships for students.

I hope that you or your colleagues can join us for this special consultation on ITU-Academia collaboration, as well as participate in Kaleidoscope 2015. Please note that the deadline for submission of papers for Kaleidoscope has been extended to 20 July 2015.

If you require any information or wish to make suggestions regarding topics of discussion for the consultation, please contact our membership team at: academia@itu.int.

Yours sincerely,



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