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Subject: Young ICT Policy Leaders at PP-14

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am proud to announce the *Young ICT Policy Leaders* programme during the upcoming PP-14 conference. This programme is kindly supported by the City of Busan.

The programme seeks to inform and empower the next generation of ICT policy makers, assist Member States in developing the capacity of their young professionals, ensure that the Union benefits from new and innovative ideas, and nurture knowledge and skills exchange at an international level.

ITU is inviting Member States to nominate one young male and female under the age of 35 from their national delegations to the PP-14, to participate in this initiative. In addition to the main PP-14 agenda, the *Young ICT Policy Leaders* will participate in information and networking sessions to expand their engagement with the conference, further enhance their ability to represent their countries in ITU processes, as well as to expand their knowledge of the ICT sector in Korea, one of the world's ICT champions. **PP-14 focal points from National Delegations may nominate candidates by completing the e-application form at http://bit.ly/YIPLform.**

I am also pleased to announce that the City of Busan has made limited funding available for fellowships, to cover travel and accommodation expenses for *Young ICT Policy Leaders* from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDs). Fellowships will be allocated on a first come, first served basis for candidates that meet the following criteria:

- Must be under 35 years of age;
- Must be part of a national delegation at PP-14 (but may not be the Head of Delegation);
- Must have an undergraduate degree in ICT, telecommunications, IS/IT, economics, international relations or a related field;
- Must commit to participate in the Young ICT Policy Leaders programme.

For funding purposes, PP-14 focal points from National Delegations may nominate candidates by completing the e-application form at http://bit.ly/YIPLform no later than 29.09.2014. Successful candidates will be notified via email. Further information is available at http://bit.ly/pp14yipl.

We count on your support, and look forward to seeing you at PP-14.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Hamadoun I. Touré Secretary-General