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Subject: **Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on Digital Inclusion for All  
Singapore, 21 – 23 June 2011**

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I have the pleasure to invite your Organization to participate in the ***“ITU Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on “Digital Inclusion for All”*** which will be held in Suntec Convention Center, Singapore on 21 – 23 June 2011. The Forum is kindly hosted by Singapore’s InfoComm Development Authority and the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS), with the support of the Government of Australia through the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have the potential to enhance the quality of life for persons with disabilities, elderly persons and disadvantaged women, men and youth and support them to enjoy independent living and participate in and contribute to society. However, for ICT-enabled solutions, barriers such as accessibility, availability and affordability need to be addressed.

The Forum is organized and designed to contribute to global activities related to ensuring that people with special needs are targeted by efforts to bridge the digital divide in line with Programme 4 of the 2010 ITU World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC) Hyderabad Action Plan, WTDC Res.58 (Hyderabad, 2010): “Access to ICTs for persons with disabilities (PwDs), including persons with age-related disabilities”, Res. 55 (Doha, 2006): “Promoting gender equality towards and all-inclusive information society”, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). The focus will be on ICT accessibility and the use of telecommunication/ICTs for the social and economic development for all, including persons with disabilities, the ageing society, women and girls, and other disadvantaged people. The Forum is essentially targeted at senior officials from policy makers, regulators, industry and international organizations that are involved in ICT policies, regulations, operations, strategies and development activities promoting digital inclusion for all.

Please find enclosed herewith the Forum’s draft agenda (**Annex 1**), for your perusal.

The Forum will be conducted in English only and will be paperless. The latest information on the Forum including its updated agenda, hotel reservations, visa requests, as well as participant's information, and required forms are available at the event website: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/Events/2011/DigitalInclusion/index.asp>.

We are pleased to inform you that within the available fellowship funds, ITU will provide one fellowship to one delegate duly authorized by the respective ITU Administrations from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in the Asia Pacific region to facilitate their participation in the Forum.

Completed event registration and fellowship request forms (both available at the abovementioned website) should be returned to us as soon as possible but not later than **20 May 2011**. Hotel registration forms (also available at the abovementioned website), indicating early registration discounts, should be returned to the respective hotels.

Organizations that are interested in contributing, sponsoring, or exhibiting at the Forum are welcome to contact **Ms. Aurora A. Rubio** ([aurora.rubio@itu.int](mailto:aurora.rubio@itu.int)) for any further information.

I look forward to your positive response and active participation in this Forum.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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Encl. Annex 1 – Draft Programme