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Subject: 11th ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS), Mexico City, Mexico, 4-6 December 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 11th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS), which will take place in Mexico City, Mexico, from 4 to 6 December 2013. The WTIS is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Federal Commission of Telecommunications of Mexico (Cofetel).

The WTIS 2013 will feature an international high-level panel debate on the topic of monitoring international development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and information and communication technologies (ICTs).

The other sessions of the WTIS 2013 will address topics such as the national coordination of ICT statistics, data quality assurance, measuring ICT and gender and digital broadcasting. It will also discuss evolving areas in the mobile sector, such the measurement of machine-to-machine connections and LTE-advanced services. Countries are invited to present their data collection and dissemination platforms during the event.

The results of the work of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on Household indicators (EGH) will be presented for adoption by the WTIS. The WTIS will be preceded by a two-day meeting of the EGTI, in the same location. Separate invitations will be sent to members of the EGTI discussion forum concerning the EGTI meeting.

The WTIS, open to all the membership, is primarily targeted at those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant Ministries, regulatory agencies, telecommunication operating companies and national statistical offices. Experts interested in the subject of information society measurements are also welcome to attend the meeting.

Within the budget available, one fellowship per country may be granted to participants from countries with a GDP per capita of less than 2'000 USD. Priority will be given to applicants who submit a paper of direct relevance to an agenda item. Due to budgetary constraints, the countries benefiting from ITU fellowships may be required to partly contribute to expenses associated to their nominee's participation. Please note that both the contribution/paper and fellowship form must be received at ITU no later than **18 October 2013**.

Please indicate on the registration form whether you require languages other than English before **6 September 2013**. Based on the requests made by this deadline and provided there are a minimum number of requests for a given language, interpretation will be provided in the requested languages.

Participants are encouraged to submit papers relevant to the agenda items of the meeting, by e-mail, to wtis@itu.int. These papers will only be available in the languages in which they are submitted.

Further information on the meeting, including registration details, fellowship forms and all other logistical information such as accommodation and visa arrangements, can be found on our website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/wtis2013/default.aspx>.

Should you require any further information, please contact Ms Susan Teltscher, Head, ICT Data and Statistics Division, ITU/BDT, Geneva, by email wtis@itu.int or phone +41 22 730 6090.

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

Yours faithfully,

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