



Santiago, February 8, 2008

To: Partnership on Measuring ICT for development
Subject: **First Workshop on ICT Indicators in Education in Latin America**

Dear Sir/Madame,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the First Workshop on Indicators of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in Education, which will be carried out on March 4th, 2008 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The workshop is organized by OSILAC, the Observatory for the Information Society of Latin America and the Caribbean (initiative of CEPAL, United Nations, with the support of ICA-IDRC and @LIS-EU) and the Working Group on ICT measuring of SCA-ECLAC, jointly with RELPE, the Latin-American Network of Educational Portals (project that is provided with the support of International Development Bank - IDB and International Development Research Centre-IDRC) in collaboration with the Office of Statistics and the Secretariat of Education of the Dominican Republic.

This Workshop is framed in a series of events that the OSILAC carries out regularly with the target to give a response to the regional and the international calls to realize technical seminars with the national and regional organisms in charge of the statistics, to tackle the topic of the measurement of the information society. Those calls have been specified in the goal 66 of the Plan of Action eLAC2010 that has been just approved during the Second Ministerial Conference on the Information Society, held in San Salvador, from February 6 to 8, 2008. OSILAC will develop this Workshop after the approval of the new Plan of Action eLAC2010, which will allow focusing his work and that of the Offices of Statistics and Ministries of Education in one of the priority topics in the construction of the information society in the region, as it is that of education.

The targets of the workshop are: (1) to deepen the knowledge about the potentialities of the ICT in the educational sector and the targets of politics in this matter; (2) to present the advances achieved by the countries of the region, and the challenges and future commitments in the frame of eLAC2010; (3) to know about the international and regional experiences in the production and analysis of indicators of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in educational and capacity building topics; (4) to agree on specific indicators of ICT in education, (5) to plan the activities to be held in order to provide indicators to monitor the advances of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in the incorporation of the ICT in education. The workshop is realized in the frame of the technical annual meeting of RELPE, institution that has been involved on these topics since its creation, in the middle of 2004. Eighteen ministries of education in Latin America belong to this network.

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Sincerely,

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