



PARTNERSHIP ON

MEASURING ICT

FOR DEVELOPMENT

**To: National Statistical Offices
ICT Ministries and Regulatory Authorities**

Subject: 2008 Global Event on Measuring the Information Society

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Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development* we are pleased to invite your organization to the **2008 Global Event on Measuring the Information Society**, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 27 to 29 May 2008.

The 2008 Global Event is organized jointly by the members of the *Partnership*: ITU, OECD, UNCTAD, the UNESCO Institute for Statistics, the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic and Social Commission for Asia-Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), Eurostat and the World Bank. The event will discuss the latest progress made in ICT measurement worldwide and consider the policy aspects of ICT measurement. It will further review the existing core list of ICT indicators, discuss proposals for new core ICT indicators in the area of education and impact measurements, and discuss the development of a global ICT database, as well as technical capacity building needs.

The 2008 Global Event is aimed at government representatives responsible for collecting and disseminating ICT statistics, including telecommunication authorities, National Statistical Offices, ICT-related Ministries, as well as users of ICT statistics and other stakeholders interested in the measurement of the Information Society. Participants are expected to cover their own expenses, including accommodation, daily allowances, insurance, and travel. There will be limited funds available to finance participants from least developed and developing countries. Applications for funding should be sent to the address provided in the information note no later than 14 April 2008. Requests for funding will be dealt with in accordance with the rules applied by the funding organization.

The outcome of the 2008 Global Event will provide recommendations to enhance the availability of ICT statistics to support ICT for development policies. It will also contribute to determining the *Partnership's* future work to complement country efforts, including technical assistance. The report of the event will be presented at the fortieth session of the UN Statistical Commission and will be widely disseminated to the international community.

For further details, please see the attached information note. Additional information about the meeting is available on <http://measuring-ict.unctad.org>.

We look forward to your valuable participation in this event and to meeting you in Geneva.

On behalf of the *Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development*, the *Partnership* Steering Committee,

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