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**To:** National Statistical Offices  
ICT Ministries  
Partnership on Measuring ICT for development  
National / Regional / International organisations involved in ICT measurement

**Subject: Third Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean**

Dear Madam/Sir

It is our pleasure to invite you to the Third Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurement in Latin America and the Caribbean that will take place from 22-24 November, 2006 in Panama City. The workshop is organized by OSILAC (initiative from UN ECLAC / ICA -IDRC / @LIS-EU) and promoted by the *Dirección de Estadística y Censo* of the *Contraloría General de la República* of Panama and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The objective of this workshop is to advance the process initiated with the Santiago First Regional Workshop on Information Society Measurement in November 2004 and continued in Santo Domingo last year in October. As we have expressed in the past, these workshops are a response to regional and international requests for having regional technical seminars, in order to discuss the issue of the information society measurement. These requests have been formulated in goal 26.3 of the Plan of Action eLAC, and are framed in the features of the regional work program of the Statistical Conference of the Americas (SCA) and of its working group on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), as well as in the purposes of the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development.

The main purposes of the forthcoming workshop are (1) to highlight the progresses made since the last two workshops, (2) to discuss and agree on a Compendium of Practices on the implementation of ICT questions in household and business surveys as well as other sectors, (3) to agree on a work plan for the dissemination of results from household and business surveys and to emphasize in ICT indicators in business surveys, (4) to discuss capacity building requirements and technical assistance and finally (5) to plan the future activities of the group, especially to support the monitoring of policies.

Sincerely yours,

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