



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To: Administrations of ITU Member States  
National Regulatory Authorities  
ITU-D Sector Members

**Subject: Global Cybersecurity Index**

Dear Sir/Madam

The International Telecommunication Union has initiated the development of a Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI), a project that aims to effectively measure each nation state's level of cybersecurity development. The project is based on the current mandate of the ITU and the related projects and activities of the ITU's Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT).

The ITU is the lead facilitator for World Summit on the Information Society Action Line C5 which encourages stakeholders in "building confidence and security in the use of information and communication technologies" at national, regional and international levels. In this framework, the Global Cybersecurity Agenda was launched by the ITU Secretary-General as ITU's framework for international multi-stakeholder cooperation towards a safer and more secure information society, and focuses on the following five work areas:

- Legal Measures
- Technical and Procedural Measures
- Organizational Structures
- Capacity Building
- International Cooperation.

These five designated areas will form the basis of the indicators for the GCI. The GCI project will be a joint effort between the ITU, specifically the Cybersecurity and ICT Applications Division of the BDT and ABI Research, a market intelligence company specializing in global technology markets through quantitative forecasting and analysis of key metrics and trends. ITU will act as focal point and owner of the project, and ABI Research will bring in its core skill sets in strategy development, competitive intelligence, business planning, technology assessment, and industry benchmarking for the realization of the project.

The index will allow nation states to better address their cybersecurity needs and drive development of national capabilities in all five areas. The ultimate goal is to help foster a global culture of cybersecurity and its integration at the core of information and communication technologies.

You are kindly invited to participate in the benchmarking exercise aimed at assessing the current situation of your country against the GCI. A questionnaire for data collection is available on the GCI website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/GCI.aspx>. Please fill out the questionnaire via the website or email your responses to the contact points for the project:

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**Ms. Michela Menting**, ABI Research - [menting@abiresearch.com](mailto:menting@abiresearch.com)

Your responses are much appreciated. The deadline for receipt of the responses is end of December 2013. In the event that we do not receive a reply before the stipulated deadline, we will pre-populate the questionnaire for you and submit this for your review for inclusion into the benchmarking process.

Both contact points are available to respond to any questions or to provide further information about the project.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brahima Sanou', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brahima Sanou  
Director