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To:

- ITU Member States (ASP Region)
- ITU Sector Members (ASP Region)
- Telecom/ICT Regulators and National Statistical Offices (ASP Region)
- Regional and International Organizations
- Industry and telecom operators and service providers (ASP Region)

Subject: ITU Regional Forum on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators: *Measuring the Information Society* and ITU/ASEAN Meeting on Establishing National ICT Statistics Portals and Measuring ASEAN ICT Targets, 13-16 October 2014, Bangkok, Thailand

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the ITU Regional Forum on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators: *Measuring the Information Society* and the ITU/ASEAN Meeting on Establishing National ICT Statistics Portals and Measuring ASEAN ICT Targets, which will be held from 13 to 16 October 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Forum is jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission of Thailand (NBTC), with support from the Department of Communications, Government of Australia.

The objective of the Forum is to strengthen the capacity of countries in the region, particularly ASEAN and Pacific countries, to produce national indicators and statistics on telecommunication/ICT, based on internationally agreed standards and methodologies. The Forum targets officials and national experts, especially from Ministries, regulatory agencies, national statistical offices, service providers, regional and international organizations, as well as other stakeholders who are involved in the production, dissemination and extensive utilization of ICT data and statistics.

Please find enclosed herewith the Forum's provisional programme for your perusal. The Forum's latest information, including its updated agenda, practical information for participants and request for fellowship form are available at the forum website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2014/October-MIS/home.aspx>.

To register for the Forum, participants are requested to complete the online registration form at the website mentioned above **before 19 September 2014**.

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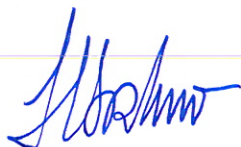
ITU is pleased to provide fellowships for eligible **ASEAN Member Countries** as well as **Pacific Island Countries**, subject to availability of funds and on first-come-first-serve basis. Priority will be given to those who will prepare and present related county case(s)/report(s) in the Forum. Applicants requesting fellowships are required to submit their fellowship request forms duly signed by the designated official of their respective Administration no later than **19 September 2014**. Countries are encouraged to nominate one delegate from the telecommunication/ICT ministry or national telecom/ICT regulatory authority and another delegate from the National Statistical Office, as appropriate.

Please also be informed that ASEAN will be offering sponsorships (e.g. airfare, lodging and per diem) to some participants and speakers from ASEAN Member States (AMS). The ASEAN Secretariat will be contacting the relevant Administrations' focal points for more details.

Ms Aurora A. Rubio, Head of ITU Area Office for South East Asia is at your disposal should you have any question regarding the event (aurora.rubio@itu.int).

We look forward to your active participation in this important event.

Yours faithfully,



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Director

Annex: Provisional Programme