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-Regional Organisations in Asia-Pacific
-Industry, private sector, academia dealing with
 telecommunications/ICTs

Subject: **Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on "e-Government, Smart Cities, and Digital Societies for Sustainable Development", Bangkok, Thailand, 19-20 August 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on "e-Government, Smart Cities, and Digital Societies for Sustainable Development" to be organised by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), in collaboration with the United Nations Project Office on Governance (UNPOG) and the World e-Governments Organization of Cities and Local Governments (WeGO). The Forum will be held at the Plaza Athénée Bangkok Hotel from 19-20 August 2015 and will be followed by the ITU Regional Development Forum for the Asia-Pacific Region on "Smartly Digital Asia-Pacific" from 21-22 August 2015 at the same venue. Both forums are hosted by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, Thailand with support from the Australian Government's Department of Communications.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Forum on "e-Government, Smart Cities, and Digital Societies for Sustainable Development" provides a great opportunity for high-level dialogue among development partners, policy makers, decision makers, and executives of the industry. The Forum is also a platform for knowledge sharing and formulating and strengthening partnerships and collaboration between various stakeholders. More importantly, in view of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, the Forum is geared to facilitating inputs and discussions about ways to move toward Sustainable Development Goals.

The Forum will also provide an opportunity for companies and organisations to showcase innovations, products and services in an exhibition area by the meeting room. Participation and contributions from the private sector and the industry are encouraged. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For further information about the Forum, please visit:
http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/AsiaPacific/Pages/Events/2015/August-EGOV2015/home.aspx

The Forum will be conducted in English. No participation fee is required. To participate, please register online using the aforementioned link.

ITU is pleased to provide full fellowships to eligible countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, subject to available budget. The last date for receipt of fellowship application is 21 July 2015. The fellowship application form as well as other details will be soon available on the ITU event website mentioned above.

Mr Wisit Atipayakoon, Programme Officer, ITU Regional Office, is at your full disposal should you require any further information: E mail: wisit.atipayakoon@itu.int Tel: +66 2 575 0055, Fax +66 2 575 3507.

I also take this opportunity to inform you that ITU, together with the Host Country and its Members and Partners, will hold an ITU 150th anniversary event during these Forums.

I look forward to your active participation and contribution to the success of events.

Yours faithfully,

Brahima Sanou
Director