



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Subject: **12<sup>th</sup> ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-2014),  
Tbilisi, Georgia, 24-26 November 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 12<sup>th</sup> World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-2014), which will take place in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 24 to 26 November 2014. The WTIS-2014 is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Government of Georgia.

WTIS-2014 brings together ICT ministers, heads of national telecom/ICT regulatory authorities and national statistical offices, heads of international organizations, chief executive officers of private sector companies, and statistical experts from around the world and serves as the main international forum to discuss international ICT statistics.

WTIS-2014 begins with a full day of high-level panels that will address a number of pertinent and timely questions related to ICT policy and measurement, including the use of big data for development, as well as the results of the WSIS+10 review process and future ICT goals.

The other sessions of WTIS-2014 will focus on a revision of broadband metrics, examine new data sources from online service providers, discuss approaches towards open data policies, present new indicators to measure machine-to-machine connections and LTE-advanced services, and review progress of the work carried out by the Partnership on Measuring ICT for Development. The results of the work of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on Household indicators (EGH) will be presented for adoption by the WTIS-2014.

A limited number of side events will be organized during the event for countries to present their data collection and dissemination platforms.

The WTIS-2014, open to all the membership, is primarily targeted at those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant Ministries, regulatory agencies, telecommunication operating companies and national statistical offices. Experts interested in the subject of information society measurements are also welcome to attend the Symposium.

Within the budget available, one fellowship per country may be granted to participants from countries with a GDP per capita of less than 2'000 USD. Priority will be given to applicants who submit a paper of direct relevance to an agenda item. Due to budgetary constraints, the countries benefiting from ITU fellowships

may be required to partly contribute to expenses associated to their nominee's participation. Please note that both the contribution/paper and fellowship form must be received at ITU no later than **6 October 2014**.

Please indicate on the registration form whether you require interpretation in languages other than English before **25 July 2014**. Based on the requests made by this deadline and provided there are at least five requests for a given language, interpretation will be provided in the requested languages.

Participants are encouraged to submit papers relevant to the agenda items of the meeting, by e-mail, to [wtis@itu.int](mailto:wtis@itu.int). These papers will only be available in the languages in which they are submitted.

Further information on the meeting, including registration details, fellowship forms and all other logistical information such as accommodation and visa arrangements, can be found on our website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/wtis2014/default.aspx>.

Ms Susan Teltscher, Head, ICT Data and Statistics Division, ITU/BDT, Geneva, email: [wtis@itu.int](mailto:wtis@itu.int), phone: +41 22 730 6090 is at your disposal should you require any further information.

I hope your organization will be able to participate in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

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