

## The Secretary-General

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To Members of the Civil Society

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**Subject:** Invitation – WCIT Briefing Session for Civil Society Stakeholders

Sir / Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that in accordance with the decision of ITU Council, the <u>Draft of the future ITRs</u> is now publicly available on the ITU website. A publicly accessible webpage (<a href="http://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Pages/public.aspx">http://www.itu.int/en/wcit-12/Pages/public.aspx</a>) has also been established where all stakeholders can express their views and opinions on the content of the Draft of the future ITRs or any other matter related to the 2012 World Conference on International Telecommunications (WCIT). In this regard, I would like to encourage all Civil Society members to send in their views and opinions.

Additionally, a special Briefing Session for members of the Civil Society will be held on 9 October 2012 from 15h00 to 16h30 at ITU Headquarters, Room K, Montbrillant Building, Geneva.

The objective of this session is to brief members of the Civil Society on WCIT. The session will provide an overview of the conference, the preparatory process, and some of the main principles and issues being discussed. The briefing will be followed by an interactive Q & A Session.

Please note that the meeting will be conducted in English. Owing to room capacity constraints, announced participants are requested to arrive early for the event. Access to the meeting room will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis. Remote participation is available on request.

If you are able to join us, please register online at <a href="http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-sg/misc/edrs.registration.form?">http://www.itu.int/online/regsys/ITU-sg/misc/edrs.registration.form?</a> eventid=1000076 by Friday, 5 October 2012.

I look forward to seeing you in Geneva.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

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