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## ITU Secretary-General to serve as co-Vice Chair of World Health Organization Commission on women's and children's health

- ITU will participate in a new high-level United Nations Commission charged with tracking tangible improvements in women's and children's health. The *Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health* will also examine whether donations are made on time and resources are spent wisely and transparently.

ITU Secretary-General Hamadoun I. Touré and WHO Director-General Dr Margaret Chan will serve as co-Vice Chairs of the Commission. Dr Touré will contribute his expertise in the field of information and communication technologies (ICT) as tools to advance and improve health care for infants and their mothers. "As co-Vice Chair of this important Commission, I look forward to sharing our knowledge and actively collaborating with partner agencies and ITU's unique mix of government and private-sector

members. Together, we can harness the power of technology to make a real and lasting difference to child and maternal health worldwide," said Dr Touré.

The World Health Organization will lead the Commission, which will be co-chaired by Tanzania's President Jakaya Kikwete, and Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The Commission will hold its first meeting in January 2011. One goal of the Commission will be to create an accountability mechanism, which will help countries monitor where resources go and provide the evidence needed to show which programmes are most effective in saving women and children who are dying from preventable diseases.

Commissioners comprise experts from developed and developing countries, drawn from academia, civil society and the private sector. ■