Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2013
(Geneva, 13-17 May 2013)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Information and communication technologies (ICTs) continue to change the way we live, work and communicate and increasingly, they are playing an indispensable role in sustainable development. Every year, the WSIS Forum brings together key global players in the field of ICTs to network, discuss and exchange on future ICT developments and applications, as well as to engage in new partnerships.

ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP are pleased to invite you to the WSIS Forum 2013, which the ITU will host in Geneva (Switzerland) from 13 to 17 May 2013. This event builds upon the tradition of annual WSIS May meetings, and its format and thematic focus are the result of an open consultation process with the involvement of all WSIS Stakeholders.

The Forum will offer participants a series of high-level panels, a ministerial round table, facilitation meetings, thematic workshops and knowledge exchanges, as well as an exhibition addressing issues that are critical to WSIS implementation and follow-up in multi-stakeholder settings. It will include discussions on the Overall Review of the Implementation of the WSIS Outcomes (WSIS+10). The celebration of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day will take place during the Forum, on 17 May 2013.

Relevant documentation and the agenda for the meeting are constantly updated and are available at: www.wsis.org/forum

Registration and badge requests can also be done through this website. Participants are advised to book their accommodation as soon as possible. A list of hotels is available online, which you may wish to consult to this end.

We look forward to welcoming you at the WSIS Forum 2013.

Yours faithfully,

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