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To:

Panelists

Subject: **13<sup>th</sup> ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS)  
Hiroshima, Japan, 30 November – 2 December 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have great pleasure in inviting you as a panellist in the 13<sup>th</sup> World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS), which will take place in Hiroshima, Japan, from 30 November to 2 December 2015. WTIS-2015 is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Government of Japan.

WTIS-2015 will bring together telecom/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 experts from around the world. WTIS-2015 serves as the main international forum to discuss international ICT policy and measurement. Thought leaders from Academia, business as well as other public and private organizations will also participate. A number of visionary keynote addresses will be delivered to provide insights into future trends and impacts on sustainable development.

WTIS-2015 will feature high-level debates addressing key questions related to ICT policy and measurement, including the role of ICT as a driver of innovation and entrepreneurship, in both developed and developing countries. Owing to your rich experience on these important topics, I would like to invite you to join the “Leaders’ Dialogue: Future ICT trends, policies and measurement challenges”, which will take place on the first day of the Symposium, and share your insights on the importance of data for future ICT policy making.

Other sessions of WTIS-2015 will focus on pertinent topics such as big data from the ICT sector and the data revolution, measuring the impact of ICT, ICT indicators and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) monitoring framework. The results of the work of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on Household indicators (EGH) will also be presented for adoption by WTIS-2015.

Further information on the meeting, such as registration details and 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/wtis2015/default.aspx>.

For any enquiries, please write to [wtis@itu.int](mailto:wtis@itu.int) or call +41 22 730 5410.

I hope you will be able to participate and enrich the discussions at this event.

Yours faithfully,

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