



**Telecommunication  
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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To:  
Administrations of ITU Member States

Subject: **Release of the *ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database, 20<sup>th</sup> edition***

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you of the release of the *ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database (WTID), 20<sup>th</sup> edition*. The database, which is released biannually, is one of the flagship statistical products of the BDT.

The WTID contains time series data for the years 1960 to 2015 for more than 200 economies worldwide and more than 180 telecommunication/ICT statistics. The latest release includes end-2015 data for selected indicators such as fixed-telephone subscriptions, mobile-cellular telephone subscriptions, international Internet bandwidth, fixed broadband Internet subscriptions, mobile broadband subscriptions, prices of different ICT services, percentage of individuals using the Internet, percentage of households with Internet and percentage of households with computer. All these indicators will feature in the ICT Development Index (IDI) and ICT Price Basket (IPB), to be released later this year as part of the *Measuring the Information Society Report 2016*.

The data included in the WTID are collected through the annual questionnaires that ITU sends to the official statistical contacts in your country. I hope that you will continue supporting the ITU data collection by providing the latest data through the ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators questionnaires.

Further information on the WTID and how it can be obtained is available on the ITU/BDT statistics website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/publications/wtid.aspx>.

I would also like to inform you that the *ITU ICT Facts and Figures 2016* which features end-2016 estimates for key telecommunication/ICT indicators, including mobile-cellular subscriptions, Internet use, fixed and mobile broadband services, and home ICT access was recently released. Further information is available at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/facts/default.aspx>.

I trust that you will find the ITU statistics useful in your analyses.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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