

Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)

Ref.: Circular BDT/DKH/IDA/009

Geneva, 21 April 2023

Administrations of ITU Member States Palestine (Resolution 99 (Rev. Dubai, 2018))

Subject: Invitation to comment on the methodology of the ICT Development Index (IDI)

Dear Sir/Madam,

In the context of the development of the ICT Development Index (IDI), as announced in my <u>circular letter</u> <u>BDT/DKH/IDA/005</u> of 9 March 2023, I am pleased to invite Member States to comment on <u>the methodology</u> <u>of the IDI</u>, in accordance with Plenipotentiary Conference of 2022 (<u>PP-22</u>) <u>Resolution 131</u> (Rev. Bucharest, 2022). The methodology, referred to as "Version 1", has evolved from the zero draft, following the consultations with members of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) held in February and March 2023.

I am pleased to inform you that we have now opened a consultation with Member States that will run for the next four weeks and is scheduled to end on 19 May 2023, 23:59 CEST. Further, consistent with the working methods of the EGTI and EGH, the consultations will take place exclusively on the IDI discussion forum.

ITU focal points of Administrations are invited to register <u>here</u> to access the IDI forum and post comments on behalf of their respective Administrations. On the IDI forum, a message by the Secretariat provides detailed instructions on how to post comments. Validation of registrations will be based on the official list of <u>ITU focal</u> <u>points</u> (TIES protected). A focal point wishing to delegate the task is kindly requested to email the Secretariat with the name and contact details of that individual to <u>indicators@itu.int</u>. The designated person will then need to register to access the forum and post comments. For any technical issue or query, please write to the same address above for assistance.

At the end of the consultations, the Secretariat will produce a new version of the IDI methodology, "Version 2", based on all comments received. A list of outstanding issues on the IDI will be discussed at the virtual joint meeting of EGTI and EGH from 13 to 15 June 2023, as stated in my <u>circular letter</u> <u>BDT/DKH/IDA/007</u> of 21 March 2023. The agenda of the meeting will be available online at the end of May on the <u>meeting's webpage</u>.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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