



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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Geneva, 20 June 2023

To:

-Administrations of ITU Member States
-Head of Regulatory Authorities

Subject: Call for interest on geospatial infrastructure data availability to support connectivity projects and initiatives

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your country to join hands with us in an initiative that seeks to support Member States in organizing information on available telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and networks to support data-driven infrastructure investment for wider connectivity access. This involves making available geospatial ICT infrastructure datasets of your country, in line with the work developed by the International Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

This initiative is pursuant to the ITU Development Sector (ITU-D) priority on Affordable Connectivity, and in particular, Resolution 87 of the Kigali Action Plan adopted by the World Telecommunication Conference (WTDC), 2022 on '*Connecting every school to the Internet and every young person to information and communication technology services*' which requests us to continue exploring innovation in infrastructure and connectivity operating models, while reducing the cost of access and promoting the sharing of experiences.

Through this initiative, we will be able to provide easy access to infrastructure data which is crucial for deploying networks to support universal connectivity and access, as well as bridging the urban-rural gap. We will work with and assist your team in reviewing and revising the connectivity infrastructure data that would then be shared within the ITU broadband maps activities.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to inform you that recently, we released our certificated and free of charge ITU Academy self-pace training course on "Introduction to broadband mapping", available at: <https://academy.itu.int/training-courses/full-catalogue/introduction-broadband-mapping> which you may find useful. Please express your interest by 15 July 2023. Should you have any questions please contact the Future Networks & Spectrum Management (FNS) Division at fns@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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