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- ITU-D Sector Members,
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- United Nations specialized agencies, and
- Regional and other International Organizations in the Americas region.

Subject: Invitation to the Accessible Americas 2024 event on Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for ALL. Mexico City, Mexico from 12 to 14 November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the event "**Accessible Americas: ICTs for ALL**" to be held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 12 to 14 November 2024. This event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFT), the national regulatory authority of Mexico.

Accessible Americas event serves as ITU's main regional platform dedicated to promoting ICT accessibility, aiming to ensure digital inclusion and empowerment for all individuals, regardless of age, gender, ability, or location. The main objective is to enhance knowledge of stakeholders on digital inclusion policies and strategies; to foster the sharing of best practices on ICT digital accessibility and promote networking opportunities.

This event represents a unique opportunity for all interested stakeholders to advance the implementation of an inclusive digital ecosystem. It will focus on interactive discussions on emerging technologies and how these can enhance ICT accessibility. Special attention will be addressed to the needs of Indigenous and rural communities considering that these communities are the most in need and encompass all groups, including persons with disabilities, women, youth and older persons. The event will also promote the exchange of experiences on affordable access to ICT equipment and services, as well as address issues related to the Internet usage gap, since part of the population in urban and remote areas of the region lives in places with Internet coverage but does not access it. Participants will benefit from an Executive Training session offered by ITU on how to include everyone in the digital space, ensuring that no one is left behind.

Further details about the event will be available soon on the event website (http://itu.int/go/AccesibleAmericas2024). Should you require further information, Ms Caroline Brandao, Programme Administrator at the ITU Regional Office for Americas (Caroline.Brandao@itu.int) is at your full disposal.

I look forward to active participation from your Administration/Organization in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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