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**Subject: Invitation to the 21st ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-26)  
Geneva, Switzerland, 7-8 September 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 21st World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-26), the main global forum on digital development statistics. The event is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and will take place on 7 and 8 September 2026 at ITU headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Under the theme "Guiding digital policy through statistics", the 2026 edition will explore how data can better inform decision-making in a fast-evolving digital landscape. It will bring together policymakers, statisticians, and industry experts to examine emerging areas of measurement including digital inclusion, integration of new data sources to address persistent data gaps, the use of artificial intelligence, and indicators to measure the sustainability of digital transformation. Through keynotes, interactive discussions, and case studies, the symposium will highlight innovative approaches to data and strengthen the link between evidence and policy, while fostering dialogue on emerging priorities for digital development.

WTIS-26 will be followed by the [14th Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators \(EGH\)](#) and the [17th Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators \(EGTI\)](#), which will take place from 9 to 11 September 2026, also in Geneva. An invitation will be sent separately for these meetings, which will conclude with a hands-on workshop for digital development statistics practitioners. The three events will form a full week dedicated to digital development statistics.

WTIS-26 is open to all members. It primarily targets policymakers responsible for digital connectivity strategies, as well as professionals working on digital development statistics in ministries, regulatory authorities, national statistical offices, and the private sector. Other experts in digital development data are also welcome to attend.

Registration to the event is mandatory and must be completed exclusively online via this [registration link](#). Participants are required to fill out the online registration form and subsequently, the registration request will be submitted to the corresponding [Designated Focal Points \(DFPs\) for ITU-D event registration](#) for evaluation and approval. An [ITU user account](#) is required to complete this process. For assistance with the registration procedure, please contact: [BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int](mailto:BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int).

Remote participation will be available to participants who are duly registered for the event. All participants are encouraged to register early and to indicate whether they intend to attend in person or remotely.

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AI-enabled interpretation in the six official languages of the Union and captioning will be used for this event. Although technology is still evolving and may not fully match traditional interpretation, it allows us to maintain a broad level of multilingual access within the available resources.

The [WTIS-26 website](#) provides information about logistics and will be updated with the detailed programme, speakers, and additional information in due course. For any enquiries about the symposium, please write to [wtis@itu.int](mailto:wtis@itu.int).

I hope your organization will be able to participate in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

*(signed)*

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Director