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Subject: Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20

High-Level Event 2025 and the AI for Good Global Summit 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the <u>WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 (7-11 July 2025)</u> and the <u>AI for Good Global Summit 2025 (8-11 July 2025)</u> taking place in Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland.

This year marks twenty years of the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) which has played a critical role in ensuring that the benefits of digital and technology are dispersed equitably to individuals and communities in all corners of the globe.

It is a multistakeholder United Nations process on digital governance and cooperation with more than 40 UN partners involved in implementing the <u>WSIS Action Lines</u>. Ahead of the United Nations General Assembly's (UNGA) twenty-year review of WSIS, the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will assess achievements, key trends, and challenges since the 2003 Geneva Plan of Action towards charting the next phase of WSIS beyond 2025.

WSIS also provides the international community with a vital platform to continue building on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, and the Pact for the Future including the Global Digital Compact. More importantly, to strengthen global digital cooperation for a renewed, forward-looking vision.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the **High-Level Track**, **scheduled from 9 to 11 July**, **featuring a regulators roundtable on Tuesday 8 July**. It will be an opportunity for you to renew your country's commitment to accelerate the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by harnessing the power of digital technologies.

Simultaneously, the **AI for Good Global Summit will be held from 8 to 11 July** at the same venue in Geneva. It is the leading UN platform on AI, with a mission to identify trustworthy AI applications, build skills and standards, and advance AI governance for sustainable development. The Summit will also host the International AI Standards Exchange.

Moreover, following the success of the first **AI Governance Day in 2024,** both the AI for Good and WSIS stakeholders will convene on 10 July to address the need for guardrails and global AI governance frameworks. Ministers, policymakers, technology experts, industry innovators, UN partners and thought leaders will come together in invitation-only roundtables. The afternoon sessions will be open to the public.

Kindly submit your speaking slot request for the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 and your confirmation of participation in the AI Governance Day using the following <u>link</u>, no later than 30 April 2025.

As we celebrate <u>ITU's 160th anniversary</u> this year, we sincerely look forward to your participation in these flagship events which will mark this significant milestone.

Registration is open and available on www.wsis.org/forum

Yours faithfully,

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