



**Telecommunication
Development Bureau (BDT)**

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All Member State Focal Points

Subject: Invitation to participate in the 2016 Edition of the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI)

Dear Sir/Madam

In 2013 the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) launched the Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI) in partnership with ABI Research, an initiative aimed at measuring the commitment of Member States of the ITU to cybersecurity. The results of the GCI were published in 2014 (see <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/GCI.aspx>). A total of 105 countries responded to this first iteration of the GCI, a significant engagement for an effort of this type and an indication of interest in measuring cybersecurity.

Following the support expressed by Member States of the ITU for the GCI at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2014 in Busan, Korea, I am happy to inform you that a second iteration of the Index has been initiated, and I hereby invite you to participate. Key outputs planned for this next round of the GCI include index values for each of the 193 Member States of the ITU, updates to their cyber-wellness profiles, and the publication of best practices and regional reports with focused analysis. For this next iteration, as well as for the ones that will surely follow, I am also happy to inform you that I have expanded the partnership and taken a multi-stakeholder approach that leverages the expertise of different organizations, with the objectives of improving the quality of the GCI, instigating international cooperation, and promoting knowledge exchange on this topic.

In order to proceed efficiently, I kindly request you to appoint by **18 January 2016** a focal point who will be responsible for completing the online 2016 GCI questionnaire for your country. Our GCI team will contact your assigned focal point and provide further instructions on how to access the online questionnaire, which will close on 11 March 2016. You will find attached a guide to the questionnaire to give you a better appreciation of the scope of the GCI to assist you in identifying your focal point. Additional information and details can be found on the dedicated GCI 2016 website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Cybersecurity/Pages/GCI.aspx>.

Furthermore, with a view to promoting synergy and helping optimise your information gathering efforts, we wish to apprise you of a complementary annual endeavour from our colleagues at the United Nations Office in New York performed under Resolution 69/28 "Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security". We expect the "note verbale" inviting all

Member States to continue to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations on the matters highlighted in the resolution to be issued in February 2016. Hopefully your efforts for the GCI will facilitate this complementary process.

To support your focal point in answering the GCI questionnaire, I have appointed as ITU focal points for the GCI Mr Marco Obiso (marco.obiso@itu.int) and Mrs Rosheen Awotar-Mauree (rosheen.awotar@itu.int).

I firmly believe that the GCI is a very important tool for the fulfilment of the ITU-D's mandate. I wish to thank Member States that have contributed to the GCI 2014 and I hope to receive even greater support from you for the GCI 2016.

Yours faithfully

[Original Signed]

Brahima Sanou
Director

Annex: Guide to the 2016 GCI Questionnaire

