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To

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- Other Regional or International Organizations
- Foundations
- Private Sector

**Subject: Meeting of Senior Experts on Financing Information and Communication Technology  
Projects: 21-22 February 2018, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to invite your Organisation to a Meeting of Senior Experts on Financing Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Projects, which will take place at the Headquarters of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland, from 21 to 22 February 2018.

Information and Communication Technology play a catalytic role in the successful implementation of the 2030 agenda for sustainable development by countries. However, financing of ICT related projects has become a challenge for most of the development partners. This meeting seeks to provide a platform for experts to exchange views based on their experiences, on challenges and opportunities for financing and implementing of ICT projects in the current socio-economic environment.

The event will be attended by representatives of the private sector, development banks, national and regional development agencies, and foundations. The meeting will have a number of interactive roundtable sessions composed of diverse panelists who will share their perspectives, knowledge, and experience gained from implementing ICT projects under co-financing mechanisms based on partnerships. The experts are expected to propose concrete recommendations on how to avoid duplication, attract funds for ICT projects through co-financing arrangements based on win-win outcomes.

Please find hereto attached the draft programme. Further information on the meeting, including practical information, registration and other logistical information can be found on our website at: <http://itu.int/go/MEFICT2018>. In addition, for any inquiries or any document submission to the meeting, please send to [bdtpjrhq@itu.int](mailto:bdtpjrhq@itu.int).

I look forward to the presence and active participation of your designated expert at this important meeting.

Yours faithfully,

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Director

