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To ITU Member Administrations and ITU Sector
Members in the Americas Region; Academia
and Regional and International Organizations

Subject: **Accessible Americas III: Information and Communication for ALL
Mexico City, Mexico, from 28 to 30 November 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is our great pleasure to invite your organization to participate in the "**Accessible Americas III: Information and Communication for ALL**" event that will take place in Mexico City, Mexico, from 28 to 30 November 2016. This regional event for the Americas is being organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in partnership with the Federal Telecommunications Institute (IFT) of Mexico.

The IFT has kindly offered to host the third edition of this important regional event, which will focus on the importance of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) to empower People with Disabilities (PwD) and promote accessibility policies. The event will highlight the relevance of joining efforts to remove barriers and enable human development and social inclusion of the PwD, either through cooperation, development of policies and strategies, tools and training.

In line with this, the ITU and the IFT have joined forces to encourage Governments, industry, Academy and other stakeholders to promote ICT accessibility in order to create fair and equal opportunities for PwD and support a regional development agenda by treating ICT accessibility for persons with disabilities as a cross-cutting development issue. The organizers of the event are planning an effective integration of the participants in the activities of the programme.

Registration for the event will be exclusively on line from 25 September until 25 November 2016 at <http://www.itu.int/go/regitud>.

For more details, we invite you to visit the event website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Americas/Pages/EVENTS/2016/15526.aspx> where information on the agenda, registration, fellowships, logistics, and other useful links will be soon available and constantly updated. Please be informed that there is no participation fee.

We are also pleased to inform you that ITU will award partial or full fellowships, subject to available funding, to facilitate participation from eligible countries (Least Developed (LDC) or Low Income Developing Countries (LIC)) in the Americas Region. Applicants requesting fellowships, limited to one person per eligible country, are required to submit their fellowship request form duly signed by their respective Administration

together with their registration form no later than 30 September 2016.

The ITU and the IFT will be sending a questionnaire to the relevant actors in the Americas for the development, up to the date of the event in Mexico, of a regional assessment to be presented to participants. The effective participation of all to collaborate in this survey will be very much appreciated and of great value to the success of this important event.

We trust that you or a representative of your organization will attend the event to share your experiences and support the dissemination and implementation of best practices in the Americas region aiming at contributing for the future definition of strategies and implementation of policies, regulations and industry codes of conduct to promote the equal inclusion of PwD in the Information and Knowledge Society.

Atentamente,

(original signed by)

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Annexes:

1. Provisional Agenda
2. Fellowship Request Form