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To:

- ITU Member States (ASP Region)
- ADB Developing Member Countries
- ITU Sector Members
- Regional and International Organizations including financing and development institutions
- United Nations system

Subject: Invitation to participate in the follow-up meeting of the Connect Asia-Pacific Summit and the launch of the ADB/ITU initiative on ICT for Development for the Asia-Pacific region 29-30 April 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to participate in the follow-up meeting of the Connect Asia-Pacific Summit and the launch of the ADB/ITU initiative on ICT for Development for the Asia-Pacific region which will be jointly organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and kindly hosted by the Department of Science and Technology Technology – Information and Communication Technology Office (DOST-ICTO), Government of the Philippines. The meeting will be held at ADB Headquarters in Manila, Philippines from 29 to 30 April 2014.

A number of projects and partnerships were identified as market opportunities by the ITU, relevant partners, and stakeholders at the Connect Asia Pacific Summit which was held in Bangkok, Thailand on 18 November 2013 among them the ADB/ITU initiative on ICT for Development for Asia-Pacific region (ICTD-ASP). This follow-up meeting of the Connect Asia-Pacific Summit is aimed at:

- Launching the ADB/ITU initiative on ICT for Development for the Asia-Pacific region (ICTD-ASP) which is a multi-stakeholder platform for cooperation and coordination on ICT-related activities in the region;
- Discussing implementation frameworks for initiatives and projects already announced by ITU and its partners of which some might have commenced already;
- Agreements and commitments from Member States, international organisations, private sector and any interested partners wishing to participate, promote, and support the initiatives/projects;
- Partners' dialogues for potential new projects in the region.

The meeting targets **senior officials** of ministries/regulators in charge of ICTs and telecommunications, and **senior management** of private sector organisations, international organisations, NGOs and agencies interested in participating in the meeting.

To register for the meeting, participants are kindly requested to complete the attached registration form (Annex 2) and send it by email directly to Ms Tanitta Virayavanich (tanitta.virayavanich@itu.int) by **28 March 2014** at the latest.

Subject to the available financial resources and in order to encourage participation, ITU and ADB are pleased to provide one full fellowship per each eligible Member State, on a first-come, first-served basis to participate in the event. The last date for fellowship application is **28 March 2014**. The fellowship application form (Annex 3) as well as other details are available on the ITU website: <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/asp/CMS/index.asp>.

Those participants requiring an entry visa to the Philippines are requested to contact their local Philippine Embassy for information well in advance. For ease of reference, useful information for participants is attached in Annex 4.

We look forward to your active participation and contribution to the success of these events.

Yours faithfully,



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Director