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Subject: Invitation to an online information session for Europe region on “Progress update on the ICT Development Index”, 10 September 2020, 8:30-9:30 (CEST)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in an online information session for Europe region on “Progress update on the ICT Development Index (IDI)” on 10 September 2020 from 8:30 to 9:30 (CEST). The ICT Development Index (IDI) is a composite index that assesses countries’ level of digital development. It was published annually between 2009 and 2017. Since then, attempts at publishing a revised version of the IDI have been unsuccessful. In 2020, the Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) sought guidance from Council on the way forward.

During the virtual consultation of Councilors in June 2020, the Councilors encouraged the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Secretariat to work with experts to find a solution, while waiting for a physical meeting of Council. Accordingly, the Secretariat has worked on a new version of the IDI as a possible way forward. This work will be presented for the consideration of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) at their annual meetings on 14 September 2020.

Ahead of the session, noting the high level of interest in the IDI among ITU members in the Europe region, the information session on 10 September 2020 is an informal engagement opportunity, which will feature a presentation by the ITU Secretariat on the IDI, followed by questions and answers.

The meeting will be held in English. The draft agenda and connection details are provided in Annex. An information document prepared by the ITU Secretariat was made available on the pages of the EGTI and EGH Meetings (<https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/egti2020/> and <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/egh2020/>) on 4 September. Participants are encouraged to consult that document ahead of the information session.

More information on this session is available at the following website: <https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/Europe/Pages/Events/2020/IDI/Remote.aspx>.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the ITU Office for Europe (eurregion@itu.int) or Mr Thierry Geiger, Head, Data and Analytics Division, ITU (thierry.geiger@itu.int).

We look forward to your active participation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ponder', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jaroslav Ponder
Head of the ITU Office for Europe

Annex

International Telecommunication Union



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Information Session for Europe Region: Progress Update on the ICT Development Index

Thursday, 10 September 2020 | 8:30 – 9:30 | Online Meeting

Online networking and testing of audio and video will take place between 8:00 and 8:30
Session will be held back-to-back with the CEPT Com-ITU Meeting.

To log in to the Zoom Platform, please use the following hyperlink
<https://itu.zoom.us/j/92627686629?pwd=Z2pXTG94UnpoTzBJY3UvUDZ5aHRKUT09>
or use **Meeting ID:** 926 2768 6629 and **Meeting Password:** 141329

AGENDA

[8:00 – 8:30]	Virtual networking and testing of audio and video connections
[8:30 – 8:40]	Welcome and setting the context <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jaroslav Ponder, Head of the ITU Office for Europe
[8:40 – 9:00]	Progress update on the ICT Development Index <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thierry Geiger, Senior Economist & Head of ICT Data and Analytics Division, ITU
[9:00 – 9:20]	Questions & Answers and informal discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All stakeholders
[9:20 – 9:30]	Closing remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eun-Ju Kim, Chief a.i., Digital Knowledge Hub Department, ITU