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Subject: 11th Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and 8th Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH), to be held in virtual format, 14-18 September 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to nominate experts to participate in the 11th meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the 8th meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) from 14 to 18 September 2020.

In view of the continued global concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to ensure business continuity in the ITU Development Sector, while protecting the health and well-being of our delegates and staff, it has been decided to hold EGTI and EGH as fully virtual meetings. Taking account of the time differences across the regions, daily sessions will be held within the three-hour period from 1300h to 1600h, Geneva time.

The objective of these meetings is to examine the contributions received from members of EGTI and EGH online discussion forums over the current working period, with a view to finalizing the items under discussion. The outcome of the discussions will be presented at the 17th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS) to be held on 1-3 December 2020.

The topics to be discussed during the EGTI meeting will include indicators of 5G, ICT prices, quality of service and international roaming. Furthermore, the revised *ITU Handbook for the Collection of Administrative Data on Telecommunications/ICT* will be formally launched in all ITU languages.

The topics to be covered during the EGH meeting will include the measurement of ICT skills, and how to measure the number of Internet users accurately. The revised *ITU Manual for Measuring ICT Access and Use by Households and Individuals* will be formally launched in all ITU languages.

The experience and expertise of your organization in the field of telecommunication/ICT statistics will greatly contribute to the success of these meetings. We therefore count on your experts' presence and valuable inputs to the discussions.

Further details concerning the meetings (including the agenda, registration details, and logistics) will be posted on the EGH and EGTI online discussion forums at the following links: <http://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/forums/EGH> and <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/ExpertGroup/default.asp>, respectively.

Registration to these virtual meetings is mandatory, and will be carried out exclusively online. Registration will open on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 via the following link: <https://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/CDS/meetings/registration/index.asp>.

Interpretation will be provided using Interprefy (a simultaneous interpretation platform) and will be based on the requests of participants. At the time of registration, participants who require a language other than English must select their choice from the list on the form (Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish). The deadline for requests for interpretation through the registration system is by **31 July 2020 (23:59 hours Geneva time)**.

Participants with TIES access can register using their TIES login credentials (username and password).

Participants who do not have TIES access can create their user account at the following link: <https://www.itu.int/en/ties-services/Pages/login.aspx>.

For participants who have already created a TIES user account when they registered for the previous EGTI and EGH meetings or any other recent ITU meeting, their user account is still valid.

Instructions on how to connect to the platform for these virtual meetings will be sent to duly registered participants in a confirmation of registration letter via e-mail.

For assistance, please contact: BDTMeetingsRegistration@itu.int.

I hope your organization will be able to take part in these important meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your understanding and flexibility, and for your continued support. In the meantime, stay healthy, stay safe, and I wish you all courage in navigating this very difficult period.

Yours faithfully,

[Original signed]

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