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**Subject: 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) and  
8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI)  
12-15 September 2017, Geneva, Switzerland**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Expert Group on ICT Household Indicators (EGH) and the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI), which will take place in Geneva from 12 to 15 September 2017.

The objective of these meetings is to examine the contributions received from members of the 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 15<sup>th</sup> World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS), which will be held in Tunisia, from 14 to 16 November 2017.

The topics that will be covered during the EGH will include: new indicators to better track e-commerce and how e-commerce contributes to international trade; response categories for the existing Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicator on ICT skills; indicators on smartphone use and ownership; discussion on how to best capture the location of Internet use made through Wi-Fi connections; and discussion on how to improve the data availability and disaggregation of ICT statistics to ensure “no one is left behind” in accessing and using ICTs. Countries will also showcase their experiences in planning, designing, and implementing household surveys.

The topics that will be discussed during the EGTI meeting are: revisions of the ITU ICT price baskets; new fixed-network coverage indicators; fixed-broadband speed tiers; the definition of broadband; OTT services and IP convergence; IoT indicators; cybersecurity indicators; improving the quality of international Internet bandwidth data; and indicators for wireless spectrum allocation.

The meetings will also include a joint session of the two expert groups to discuss two standing agenda items: use of big data in official statistics as well as data collection and visualization tools.

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 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: <http://www.itu.int/net4/ITU-D/forums/EGH> and <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ict/ExpertGroup/default.asp>, respectively.

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

Yours faithfully,



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