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Subject: **13th ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium
Hiroshima, Japan, 30 November - 2 December 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite your organization to participate in the 13th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-2015), which will take place in Hiroshima, Japan, from 30 November to 2 December 2015. WTIS-2015 is organized by the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and hosted by the Government of Japan.

WTIS-2015 will bring together ICT ministers, heads of national telecom/ICT regulatory authorities and national statistical offices, heads of international organizations, chief executive officers of private sector companies, and statistical experts from around the world. WTIS-2015 serves as the main international forum to discuss international ICT statistics.

WTIS-2015 will feature several high-level debates addressing key questions related to ICT policy and measurement, including the role of ICT as a driver of innovation and entrepreneurship, in both developed and developing countries.

Other sessions of WTIS-2015 will focus on pertinent topics such as big data from the ICT sector and the data revolution, progress in measuring the impact of ICT, ICT indicators and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) monitoring framework. The results of the work of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) and the Expert Group on Household indicators (EGH) will also be presented for adoption by WTIS-2015.

The ICT Development Index (IDI) 2015 will be released during WTIS-2015. The IDI is a global benchmarking tool that tracks countries' progress in the development of their information societies. The IDI 2015 will rank around 160 economies globally based on official, internationally comparable ICT statistics.

A limited number of side events will be organized during the event for countries to present their data collection and dissemination platforms.

The WTIS-2015, open to all the membership, is primarily targeted at those responsible for ICT statistics in relevant Ministries, regulatory agencies, telecommunication operating companies and national statistical offices. Experts interested in the subject of information society measurements are also welcome to attend the Symposium.

Within the budget available, one fellowship per country may be granted to participants from countries with a GDP per capita of less than 2'000 USD. Priority will be given to applicants who submit a paper of direct relevance to an agenda item. Due to budgetary constraints, the countries benefiting from ITU fellowships may be required to partly contribute to expenses associated to their nominee's participation. Please note that both the contribution/paper and fellowship form must be received at ITU no later than **2 October 2015**.

Further information on the meeting, including registration details, fellowship forms and all other logistical information such as accommodation and visa arrangements, can be found on our website at <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/wtis2015/default.aspx>.

Ms Susan Teltscher, Head, ICT Data and Statistics Division, ITU/BDT, Geneva, email: wtis@itu.int, phone: +41 22 730 5410 is at your disposal should you require any further information.

I hope your organization will be able to participate in this important event.

Yours faithfully,

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