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Subject: **BYND2015 Global Youth Summit: Registration and Online Participation**

Dear Madam/Sir,

As you know, the BYND 2015 Global Youth Summit is rapidly approaching. We have just over one month left until the event takes place from 9-11 September 2013 in San José, Costa Rica. I kindly ask for your full support and urgent attention in the coming days to confirm the participation of youth from your country/organization and to register your delegation.

The profiles of the young participants to attend the Summit should include application developers, ICT engineers, entrepreneurs as well as community leaders who have a track record in developing innovative solutions in their communities related with the themes of the Summit. Youth delegates at the Summit will be between the ages of 18 to 25. We encourage delegations to be gender-balanced.

We have launched an online consultation to “crowdsource” the priorities of youth, which will be channeled into the Summit. The President of Costa Rica, H.E. Laura Chinchilla will take this voice of youth to the General Assembly in New York, just days after the Summit. We encourage youth under the age of 25 to participate online at: <http://ideas.itu.int>. To date, youth have submitted 500 ideas on how to address development challenges using ICTs. These ideas have generated 10,000 votes from peers, as youth select the most promising proposals. The online consultation will remain open until the Summit.

To support our members as they prepare for the Summit, we have established a Delegation Liaison Team in Geneva to provide the necessary information and answer any questions: bynd2015@itu.int.

The Summit programme and practical information can be found at: www.bynd2015.org.

We look forward to working together for a successful summit.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary-General