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WSIS+10 High-Level Event: An Extended Version of the WSIS Forum (Sharm el-Sheikh, 13-17 April 2014) – Invitation to Contribute to the Open Consultation Process

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is my great honour to invite you to the WSIS+10 High-Level Event scheduled to be held from the 13 to 17 April 2014 in Sharm el-Sheikh, and to the six-phase preparatory process leading towards this unique event.

The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will be an extended version of the WSIS Forum. It is designed to review the progress made in the implementation of the WSIS outcomes under the mandates of participating agencies, and to take stock of achievements in the last 10 years based on reports of WSIS Stakeholders, including those submitted by countries, Action Line Facilitators and other stakeholders.

The WSIS+10 High-Level Event will review the WSIS Outcomes (2003 and 2005) related to the WSIS Action Lines with the view of developing proposals on a new vision beyond 2015, potentially including new targets. This process will take into account the decisions of the 68th Session of the UN General Assembly.

The preparatory process is an open and inclusive consultation among WSIS Stakeholders (governments, private sector, civil society, international organizations and relevant regional organizations) focused on developing multistakeholder consensus on two draft Outcome Documents, the thematic aspects, and innovations on the format of the Event. The two draft Outcome Documents, to be developed during the open consultation process by 1 March 2014 and submitted for consideration by the WSIS+10 High-Level Event are:

- Draft WSIS+10 Statement on Implementation of WSIS Outcomes
- Draft WSIS +10 Vision for WSIS Beyond 2015 under mandates of the participating agencies

The Open Consultation Process for the WSIS+10 High Level Event is structured in six phases as follows:

- **Phase One:** July 2013 - Initiation of the Open Consultation Process: stakeholders are invited to submit inputs for the Draft Outcome Documents and proposals on themes & innovative approaches at the Event (www.wsis.org/review)
- **Phase Two:** 7-8 October 2013 - First Physical Meeting (with remote participation facilities)
- **Phase Three:** 16-17 December 2013 - Second Physical Meeting (with remote participation facilities)
- **Phase Four:** 17-18 February 2014 - Third Physical Meeting (with remote participation facilities)
- **Phase Five:** 1 March 2014 - Outcomes of the open consultation published on the website.
- **Phase Six:** 12 March 2014 - Final Brief on the WSIS+10 High Level Event

On behalf of ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP, I am pleased to invite you to contribute to the Open Consultation Process on the WSIS+10 High-Level Event. We look forward to your active and enthusiastic engagement in the preparatory process.

Further information on the preparatory process and the WSIS+10 High-Level Event is available at www.wsis.org/review and www.wsis.org/forum.

Yours faithfully,

[originally signed]

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