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Ministers
Director Generals of regulatory Agencies
National Statistical Offices (NSOs)

Subject: **ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-13),
Mexico City, Mexico, 4-6 December 2013**

Dear Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the 11th World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Symposium (WTIS-13) to be held in Mexico City, Mexico from 4 to 6 December 2013, organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and hosted by the Government of Mexico at the Cancilleria building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

WTIS-13 brings 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 and serves as the main international forum to discuss international ICT statistics. It will be preceded by a two-day meeting of the Expert Group on Telecommunication/ICT Indicators (EGTI) whose report will be submitted to the WTIS for adoption.

High-level Segment

WTIS-13 begins with a full day of high-level panels that will address a number of pertinent and timely questions, including: how do ICTs contribute to international development goals and targets such as those set by the Millennium Development Summit and sustainable development goals? What progress has been made and which lessons have been learnt in efforts to attain the targets set by the World Summit on the Information Society and the Broadband Commission for Digital Development? What innovative policies have helped to stimulate growth and investment in the ICT sector? What role do ICTs play in the post MDG period in support of the RIO+20 framework, including issues related to environmental sustainability, peace and security? How can the monitoring of goals, and official statistics, contribute to their effective implementation? What are emerging ICT data issues in the post 2015 development agenda?

Owing to your rich experience on these important topics, I hope you will positively consider being a discussant/panellist and share your insights during the high-level segment.

The outcome of the high-level segment is expected to feed into the international policy debate related to the post 2015 development agenda, as well as ITU's on-going work on measuring the information society and tracking trends in the ICT sector.

A VIP tour to some of the successful ICT projects implemented in Mexico is envisaged and under negotiation.

The remaining two days of WTIS-13 will focus on more technical issues related to measurement and statistics to which you are also invited to participate. These include topics such as the national coordination

of ICT statistics, data quality assurance, measuring ICT and gender and digital broadcasting. Evolving areas in the mobile sector, such as LTE-advanced services, will also be addressed.

Detailed information about the 11th WTIS is available on the event website: <http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Statistics/Pages/events/wtis2013/default.aspx>.

Yours faithfully,

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