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To: All WSIS Stakeholders

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Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society Forum 2015 *Innovating Together: Enabling ICTs for Sustainable Development* (ITU and WIPO Headquarters, Geneva, 25-29 May 2015)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) are pleased to invite you to the WSIS Forum 2015, which the ITU will host in Geneva (Switzerland) from 25 to 29 May 2015. The WSIS Forum is co-organized by ITU, UNESCO, UNCTAD and UNDP with the engagement of other United Nations Agencies, including, World Intellectual Property Organization, the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labour Organization, the International Trade Centre, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Universal Postal Union, the World Meteorological Organization, the World Health Organization, the World Food Programme, United Nations Women and the United Nations Regional Commissions.

The overall theme of the Forum is *Innovating Together: Enabling ICTs for Sustainable Development*. The Forum will build upon two tracks, the *High-Level Track*, consisting of policy statements, WSIS prize ceremony, ministerial round table and the *Forum Track* that will offer participants a series of high-level dialogues, action line facilitation meetings, country workshops, thematic workshops and knowledge exchanges, as well as an exhibition addressing issues that are critical to WSIS implementation and follow-up in multi-stakeholder settings. The agenda of the WSIS Forum is the result of an open consultation process with the involvement of all WSIS Stakeholders.

Relevant documentation and the agenda for the meeting are updated constantly and are available at: <u>www.wsis.org/forum</u>. Participants are invited to register on this website and are advised to book their accommodation as soon as possible. A list of hotels is available online, which you may wish to consult to this end.

We look forward to welcoming you at the WSIS Forum 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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