Subject: WSIS Stocktaking: 2016-2017 Call for Update and New Entries

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to contribute to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Stocktaking process undertaken in support of the WSIS Implementation and Follow-up.

The WSIS Stocktaking process has been maintained by ITU since 2004 as requested by the WSIS Outcomes (TAIS, Para 120). This publicly accessible WSIS Stocktaking database (www.wsis.org/stocktaking), currently with 8,000 plus entries and a growing community of 200,000 stakeholders, is a unique global tool for collecting information and regular reporting on information and communication technology related initiatives and projects, carried out by governments, international organizations, the business sector, civil society, academia and other entities, in the context of 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

As in 2015, the UN General Assembly within the framework of the ten year review of the WSIS (Res. A/70/125) called for a close alignment between the WSIS process and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Res. A/70/1). The WSIS Stocktaking process responded by highlighting the contribution of 11 WSIS Action Lines to the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 2015/26 on "Assessment of the progress made in the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society" reiterates the importance of sharing best practices at the global level, and, while recognizing excellence in the implementation of the projects and initiatives that further the WSIS goals, encourages all stakeholders to submit ICT-related projects and initiatives to the WSIS Stocktaking platform.

Therefore, I am pleased to invite you to update and submit new entries online at www.wsis.org/stocktaking. Submitted activities will be reflected in the WSIS Stocktaking Report 2017, which will be released at the WSIS Forum 2017 to be held from 12 to 16 June 2017 at ITU Headquarters, Geneva.

We look forward to receiving your responses by 15 February 2017. Should you have any questions or need for assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the WSIS Stocktaking Team at wsis-stocktaking@itu.int.

Yours faithfully,

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