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To: All WSIS stakeholders

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Invitation to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)+20 High-Level Event 2025
7-11 July 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the pleasure to invite you to the WSIS Forum in 2025, branded as the **WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025**, which will take place from 7 to 11 July 2025 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Event will be co-hosted by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the Swiss Confederation, and co-organized by ITU, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

WSIS is an existing multistakeholder United Nations (UN) process on digital governance and cooperation with a vision of fostering people-centered, inclusive, and development-oriented information and knowledge societies.

The WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 is strengthened by the collaborative engagement of other United Nations entities with the mandate of implementing the WSIS Action Lines, including FAO, ILO, ITC, UN DESA, UNEP, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNITAR, UNODC, UPU, UN Women, UN Tech Bank for LDCs, UNU, WFP, WHO, WIPO, WMO, and UN Regional Commissions.

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) Resolution [A/70/125](#) resolved to conduct an overall review of the implementation of the WSIS in 2025. Ahead of the UNGA's twenty-year review, the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025 will facilitate multistakeholder dialogue and drive action by assessing achievements, key trends, and challenges since the 2003 Geneva Plan of Action. It will also provide a crucial platform for the international community to build on the outcomes of the Summit of the Future and strengthen global digital cooperation for a renewed, forward-looking vision.

As customary for the annual WSIS Forum, the agenda and programme of the event will be shaped through an [Open Consultation Process](#) (deadline for submission: 14 March 2025) with the involvement of all WSIS stakeholders. Relevant documents, agenda and registration can be accessed at www.wsis.org/forum. Participants are advised to secure accommodation as early as possible. The event will also offer options for remote participation.

To ensure gender balance at the WSIS+20 High-Level Event 2025, we invite all WSIS stakeholders to support and encourage the participation of women in their delegations, as well as the participation of youth.

We look forward to your participation and contribution to this important event, which will emphasize our shared commitment to advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and building an inclusive, resilient, and sustainable digital future for all.

Yours faithfully,

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